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A. Fill in the blanks.

- 1. Children have the **obligation** to look after their parents.
- 2. Our parents are the great gift we have received from God.
- 3. The best prayer is that which comes straight from the heart.
- 4. God looks at the **sincerity** of our hearts and not at the **sweetness** of our words.
- 5. Meditation engages **thought**, **imagination**, **emotion** and **desire**.
- 6. **Meditation** is the search for understanding.
- 7. Contemplation also means hearing the words of God.
- 8. The **Te Deum** is another popular hymn of thanksgiving to God.
- 9. God's kingdom is one of justice, peace and love.
- 10. The "Our Father" is also called the prayer of the Church.

CHAPTER – 27 WE PRAY IN DIFFERENT WAYS

1. Which are the three expressions of prayer in the church?

Ans: The three expressions of prayer in the church are Vocal prayer, Meditation and Contemplation.

2. What is vocal prayer?

Ans: Vocal prayer is that which is expressed through the words that we say. Vocal prayer is an essential element of Christian life.

3. What is Meditation?

Ans: Meditation is a search for understanding. We meditate by reflecting the passages from scripture, spiritual books and looking at God's creation, the natural environment itself in order to respond to what the Lord is asking us to do.

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4. What is contemplation?

Ans: Contemplation is seeking union with god. It is fixing our eyes on Jesus and being lost in him. It is prayer that seeks to unite us with whom our souls, love and desire.

5. Is silence also a prayer?

Ans: Not every silence is prayer but silent in front of God, which seeks communion with him, is always a prayer.

LESSON-29 PRAYER IS THANKING GOD

- 1. Why do you think we need to be grateful to anyone who is good to us? Ans: We need to be grateful to those who are good to us because to be grateful is a sign of goodness of a person.
- 2. Is God happy when we are grateful to Him?

Ans: Yes, God is happy when we are grateful to Him.

3. What did Jesus say when the other nine lepers did not come to thank Him?

Ans: Jesus said "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?"

4. What does St. Paul say about being grateful to God?

Ans: St. Paul says, "First, I thank god through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the World".

5. What is the best way to show gratitude to God?

Ans: We can express our thanks to God in the best way if we live according to his laws and let "his image" shine out in us.

6. Which is the best thanksgiving prayer in the church?

Ans: The best thanksgiving prayer in the church is the Holy Eucharist.

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LESSON- 31 WE PRAY LIKE JESUS

1. What do we learn from Jesus about prayer?

Ans: We learn from Jesus that it is not the length but the intensity that is important in prayer. The Our Father is one of the shortest prayers but yet the best of all prayers.

2. Why is Our Father the best prayer?

Ans: The Our Father is the best of all the prayers because it is the summary of whole Gospel. It presents to us the core of Christ's message and in it we find all the important elements of prayer.

3. Which are the four things that we ask God in Our Father?

Ans: The four things that we ask God in Our father are our daily bread, forgiveness, liberation from temptations and liberation from the power of the evil one.

4. What do we learn from the Our Father?

Ans: From Our Father we learn to address God as "Our Father". Firstly, this is to tell us that God is the common Father of all people. Secondly, it reminds us that we are all children of God. Thirdly, that when we say this prayer, we do so in the name of all the people.

5. Why is the Our Father called the prayer of the Church?

Ans: The Our Father is called the prayer of the Church because it forms part of the church's liturgy. It is present in Divine Office and in the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

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