

The Gloria

We say or sometimes sing the Gloria to give praise to God for all that he is and all he has done for us.

Who do we praise in life? Who deserves to be praised?

Do we like being praised ourselves?

What sort of things do we think are deserving of praise?



Some of the words we have been saying in the past have now been changed in the new translation.

Practise saying this prayer of praise together as a family using the new words. Perhaps each line or phrase spoken by one or both parents could be repeated by the children.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Which lines do you like?

Can you think of something special in your life for which you would like to praise God?

Does this help you to pray with more meaning?