

# Year C - Third Sunday of Lent

## Luke 13:6-9

*Things that help me grow*



This prayer is based on the Responsorial Psalm that accompanies the Gospel, Psalm 103.

God never gives up on us! He is always kind and merciful to us. Even when we make choices that don't help us to grow, God is always there to forgive us and help us make better choices next time.

### Set up:

- Prepare this prayer by printing the response and the responsorial psalm readings on the following page.
- Choose children to read the psalm and show the children the response sign. Read it together a couple of times: 'THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL' (place this where everyone can see it - you could even project this if you have access to a data projector). Then get ready to pray.

### Prayer:

#### Sign of the Cross

**Leader:** Today we heard a story about how God is always kind and merciful, he's always there to help us grow. So, let's pray for God's help today:

**Reader:** With all my heart I praise the Lord, and with all that I am I praise his holy name! With all my heart I praise the Lord! I will never forget how kind he has been.

**All respond:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Reader:** For all who are mistreated, the Lord brings justice. He taught his Law to Moses and showed all Israel what he could do.

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**Reader:** The Lord is merciful! He is kind and patient, and his love never fails. How great is God's love for all who worship him? Greater than the distance between heaven and earth!

**All respond:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Leader:** Dear God, thank you that you never give up on us! You are always kind and merciful, even when we make choices that don't help us to grow. You are always there to help us to make better choices next time. Amen.

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