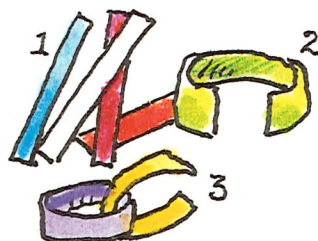


FAMILY PAGE

Sometimes we ask God for something over and over, like the lady in today's gospel story. We keep asking because we know God wants to answer all our prayers. Here is a fun way to remember everything you are praying for — and to keep praying for them over and over.

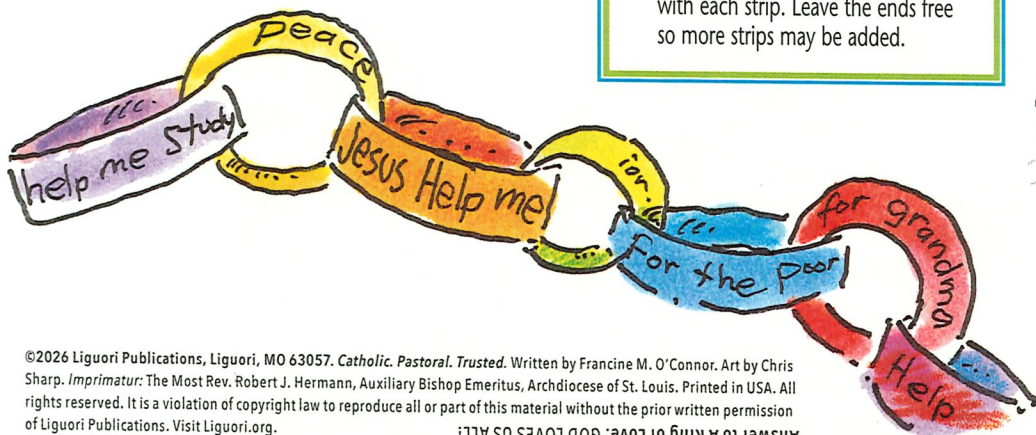


PAPER CHAIN INSTRUCTIONS



Important! Write your prayer intentions on the strips before assembling the chain.

1. Cut out strips of paper approximately 8-1/2" long and 1" wide.
2. Put a dab of glue on one end of a strip. Overlap other end and paste together, forming a loop.
3. Place the next strip through the loop and paste the ends together. Repeat with each strip. Leave the ends free so more strips may be added.



explaining GOD'S WORD

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) † Matthew 15:21-28 † August 16, 2026



Today we learn something special about God. If you start at the arrow and read every other letter, you will find out what that special thing is.

The Lady Who Wouldn't Give Up!

The Jewish people felt special.
God was their God
and they were God's people.
But one day they learned something special
about God's love.

That day a woman came to Jesus
from another village.
She was not a Jew.
Her little girl was sick
and she believed that Jesus
could make her better.

Jesus told the woman that
he had come to the House of Israel —
and she was not one of them!
But she'd traveled miles to find Jesus.
She believed in him.
So she kept on asking. She would not give up!

Jesus loved that woman.
"She has wonderful faith," he said.
Then he smiled and told her,
"Go home. Your daughter is all better."

That day the Jews learned
that *we are all God's people!*
God hears every prayer,
cares about every tear,
and will do marvelous things
for those who keep on praying!

