Wednesday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 11:1-4): Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

The "Lord's Prayer" arises from Jesus' prayer

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Today, the Lord tells us how we are to pray. Luke puts "Our Father" in relation with the personal prayer of Jesus Himself. Thus, He lets us share His prayers; He takes us inside the intimate dialogue of Trinitarian love; in other words, He lifts our human weaknesses up to the heart of God. In addition, the words "Our Father" are fundamental orientations for our existence, because they intend to shape us into the image of the Son.

"Our Father" asserts, first of all, the primacy of God, from which the concern of the straightforward way of being a man derives. So that man can properly submit his petitions he must be first in truth, that is: "First God", and from there, He takes us along the paths of becoming men. Finally, we ask Him to set us free from evil.

—O Lord, our God, You are not someone unknown and distant: You show us Your face in your Son Jesus and through His prayer, You introduce us in your Trinitarian Intimacy.