1. **OUR FATHER who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN: Our father who are in heaven?**

The participants have to answer how they understand this. After their sharing, the catechist has to emphasise

**The catechist has to underline:** God is a Father who is in heaven; He is different from every fatherhood we are used to know. He is the one who generates heaven in the heart of the baptised. We stay in front of someone who generates, not dictates. He is like someone who makes you live again and makes you live from heaven. To be born is something you just receive/welcome. In our life, this is the fatherhood. **In this first petition, we ask God to be our FATHER.**

1. **Hallowed be thy name** (Holy be YOUR NAME)

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN: the elected has to answer and we listen carefully to them**

We can pray in two ways

We put the accent to YOUR NAME…

* people know God if they know the Christians. We are sign of that NAME of God
* What do we need to make Holy. I am asking that in everything that I do the glory of HIS NAME APPEARS. Who sees me sees God.

The catechist: YOUR NAME: **What do we need to glorify**? Your name. In my life, in the things I do, is to glorify YOUR NAME. It is a question of identity. We **are asking God to deliver us from our selfishness**. We do not want to be the centre of anything. It is a question to ask God to not put the accent so much, in who I AM but in Who HE IS.

What is your name? What is the main problem today? To know the name of God for Moses is to enter in a new relationship. Is to enter into the mystery of God who is something else from what he thinks he knows.

For Saint Paul to know the name of God means to know his face, his truth: JESUS IN THE PERSECUTED CHURCH.

1. **Your kingdom come**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN? What are we asking?**

The kingdom of God is the kingdom that Jesus is bringing…the kingdom is near.

* When we pray this, we are doing the same of the apocalis…we put our …we renounce of our reign, we renounce of our power to control things, to manage. Here we are called to live not in our name, but in his name. Here the question is: who govern your life? Who is the king? Who reigns? Reign you Lord.
* You don’t answer evil with evil. You don’t’ react. You let God do things His own way…
* Jesus accepted only one crown: the one of thorns. Surrender! The true kingdom is of those who are free from protecting themselves. Who defend their life. Becoming free from itself. In this situation it is you who govern

Matthew 1, 24- **The Parable of the Weeds**

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

1. **Thy will be done (Mind)**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

It can be understood as violent way of going against yourself. We cannot do the will of God as a condemnation/punishment. This is a spirit of slaves, not as sons

* Obedience in faith:

Who are the Christians? Those who do the will of God

There is not an agreement between my will and the will of God? Of course, many times there is not the same…

Jesus himself had this issue.

I invite a couple of friends and they prefer to eat fish and to me the fish is horrible BUT I do it joyfully to eat fish with them BUT because of them.

Please Lord; I want to do what you want because I love you.

You love the will of God: this is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The will of God is that God wants things like me BUT for sure: he wants my good, my salvation.

* There is a misunderstanding of the will of God? Yes! And at this point you see yourself with no desire, cut off from joy.

“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done according to your will”.

* **On earth as it is in heaven**

When someone does the will of God, a piece of heaven appears. Creativity comes, new things are born. Relations are restored.

Example: the couple does things that they don’t like but one of them likes, because of love and with JOY.