

**The purpose of this folder is to help the man pray the Lord's Prayer with feeling, understanding, and love.**

## **Pointers for Folder 6**

Many of the men may have negative feelings about their father or even guilty feelings about the way they are fathering their children. Without going into their life stories, a way to begin might be to ask, "What picture or what words come to your mind when you hear the word FATHER?" Give the men a chance to think and speak. Then ask what the drawings on pages one and two suggest to him about God as father.

1. The word "OUR" is important especially if the man is involved in a gang. If we walk the talk there is no "them and us." We all have the same Father and all are brothers.

2. The KINGDOM of God embraces even the jail. It is the task of the man who walks the talk to make it a bit more visible by the way he treats people. Ask, "What do you think you might do in the next day or so to reflect the fact that the kingdom of God is not far off in time, but present here and now?"

3. The DAILY BREAD we ask for includes not only food for the table and our other material needs it also refers to the spiritual food we need daily.

4. FORGIVE as we forgive is perhaps the most difficult petition to say with sincerity. Forgiveness implies looking at a situation in a different way. It means seeing people with the eyes of God who see goodness in all people.

5. DELIVER us from EVIL. Ask how the man sees the evil. Is it something in him? Is it a force outside him? Does he see it as a person or as the culture? Evil does exist and we have all experienced it. Identifying the evil from which we beg to be delivered is a necessary step. At times we need the help of others, as in the case of addiction.

6. LEAD us not into TEMPTATION. When one decides to walk the talk, to start down a new road, one of the most insidious temptations is to give up because the new way is so difficult. The last and final temptation is to give upon God and not believe that he loves us or that we are not capable of loving Him.

End by SAYING the OUR FATHER with the man.