

# **THE POWER OF ICE CREAM"**

(With minor changes from A. Schwarty)`

## **Prayer**

**Teach your kids to pray**

**Let us learn from the mouth of the little ones**

**Praying from the heart is better than praying by heart**

**Spontaneous grace before meals is a good method to pray**

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My seven-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream. Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers, nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with our kids today. They don't even know to pray. Imagine, asking God for ice-cream, so selfish!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had not done wrong, and that God was not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "My son I am sure that God liked your prayer. I liked it very much. It was a great prayer." "Really?" my son said. "I am so happy" ." Then, that gentleman, in a theatrical whisper loudly remarked: "Too bad, my son for her, she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for all sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream that day. My son stared at his ice-cream for a moment and then did something I will never forget for the rest of my life. He picked up his ice-cream cup, and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of that lady, then, with a big smile. he said: to her, "Here, this is for you. Sometimes, ice cream is good for all even for you!"