The Apostles' Creed

(Traditional Version)
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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell.
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Questions:

1) Saul, who is later renamed Paul, has a role in the stoning of Stephen. What is it and why is it important?
2) After Saul's conversion his life is completely changed. Does conversion happen overnight, or is it a lifelong process?
3) Saul, or Paul, eventually is martyred for his faith in Christ. Starting out as a persecutor and ending as a martyr is a big change. Besides the obvious presence of Jesus, what do you think helps Paul to grow as a Christian in such amazing ways? What does this mean for you?

Memory Verse: 1st Corinthians 11:1 "Imitate me just as I imitate Christ."

Weekly Challenge: Know that if Saul can be forgiven and change, so too can you. Live devoted to the Lord holding this truth as sacred.

Sermon Notes: