

PRAYER on the

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(Based on a true story)

Sofía was almost eight years old. She was getting ready to be baptized. She was learning lots of important things. One thing she had learned about was prayer. She knew she could pray to Heavenly Father anytime. She knew she could pray anywhere.

One day Sofía and Mama decided to visit Papa at work. It would be a long trip. Papa worked in another town. They would have to ride on a bus, then in a truck, and then in a taxi.

During the bus ride, Sofía fell asleep. She woke up when she heard a baby crying. A mom and dad with a baby had gotten on the bus. The baby was sick and crying loudly. The baby's parents looked worried.

Sofía felt sorry for the baby. She felt sorry for the parents too. Then she had an idea. She whispered in Mama's ear. "Could I say a prayer and ask Heavenly

Sofía felt sorry for the baby. How could she help?



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BUS

Father to bless the baby?”

“Of course,” Mama said with a smile.

Sofía bowed her head and said a silent prayer. She prayed hard. She asked Heavenly Father to bless the baby. She asked Him to help the baby feel better and stop crying.

Sofía knew that we do not always get what we pray for. She also knew that our prayers are not always answered right away. But in a short time,

the baby calmed down. Then the baby stopped crying. She seemed to feel better. Her parents did not look so worried.

Sofía felt warm and happy inside. She was happy for the baby—and for the baby’s parents. She knew Heavenly Father had heard her prayer. ◆

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