

## My Family Prayer Time

Jesus loves you and your family. He wants to spend time with you in prayer. Reflecting on one major event of Jesus' life each day will help you to develop and deepen your friendship with Him. You will grow in your awareness of how much Jesus loves you. You will also be guided by the Holy Spirit to make connections between each Mystery and your own life. Ask Him to show you how this Mystery applies and gives guidance to you right now.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**The Father, Son and Holy Spirit live in us through Baptism.**

**Take some time in silence to be aware of Jesus within your heart and to greet Him.**

**As a family, have each family member thank Jesus for two blessings:**

such as: your parents, being loved by God as His child, being with family; food and water; a friend; learning something new; God's creation; a person that treated you nice; an answer to prayer.

### The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

Take a few minutes to think about one of the Joyful Mysteries each day.



**The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of our Savior.** Mary said yes. Help me to say yes to God.



**Mary visits Elizabeth in her time of need.** Mary, teach me how to think about & help others.



**Jesus is born in Bethlehem.** Guide me to be thankful to God for our Savior.



**Jesus, You were presented in the Temple.** Help me to not be afraid and to give all of myself to YOU.

**Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus.** Help me to always seek and find You in every situation.



Dear Parents,

As the primary educators of your children, we thank you for allowing us to partner with you to help your children come to know the Person of Jesus Christ through studying the Catholic Faith, daily conversation with Him in prayer and reception of the Sacraments.

Learning about God needs to be accompanied by daily prayer in the home in order for your child to develop and grow in a personal friendship with Him. This relationship with the Son of God in turn strengthens your child, and every member of the family, on the true path to happiness. That is why your child will be learning several prayers this year. Focusing on one of the *Mysteries of the Rosary* and praying one decade of the Rosary (1 Our Father and 10 Hail Mary's) will be a specific focus throughout the entire year for Fourth Grade.

### **Why focus each day on one major event of Jesus' life – Mystery of the Rosary?**

In focusing on one Mystery of Jesus' life and praying a decade of the Rosary each day, we will come to realize better and better how much God the Father loves us. Sin separated us from God and we needed a Savior. Jesus is our Savior. The Mysteries of the Rosary focus on key events in the life of Jesus. The Joyful Mysteries focus on the Incarnation and birth of Jesus – God becoming man to save us. The Luminous Mysteries are about the major events of Jesus public ministry. The Sorrowful Mysteries relate Jesus' Passion and death on the Cross. He died for each one of us so that our sins could be forgiven. The Glorious Mysteries help us to understand Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead, His Ascension into Heaven and the sending of God the Holy Spirit. God chose Mary to be the Mother of the Savior and so some of the Mysteries focus on her significant role in His plan.

It is helpful to have a picture or statue of Jesus to help stay focused on Him during prayer time. To be consistent, it is essential to choose a specific time that best fits your family life, such as

- At a meal time
- In the evening or at bedtime

### **Prayers for praying a Decade of the Rosary**

#### **The Our Father**

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. Amen.

#### **The Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### **The Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

For further suggestions to help your child learn and understand the *Mysteries of the Rosary*, with a full listing of the 20 Mysteries and corresponding Scripture passages go to

<http://diolc.org/catechesis/prayer/> Fourth Grade

