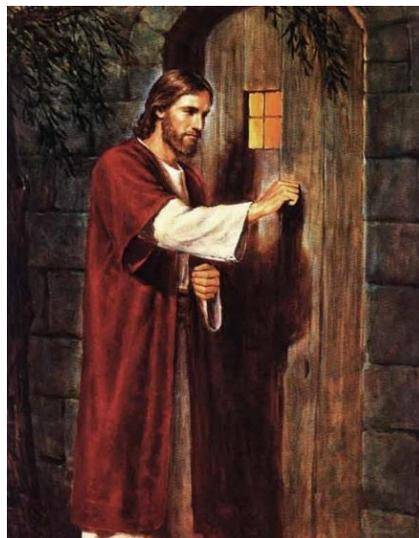


Dear Friend in Christ,

We are very excited to provide you with an initiative entitled “**Going Deeper in Prayer.**” The essence of this initiative is to pray a specific prayer each day, while deepening your understanding of the words and underlying principles. Praying *The Morning Offering* every day will allow for an encounter with the Person of Jesus and to develop or deepen your relationship with Him.

Isn't it true that each of us needs to become more committed to speaking with Our Lord on a daily basis? Taking time for prayer each day in order to develop a relationship with Jesus is the path to interior peace and true happiness (joy).

The Morning Offering Prayer Card can be downloaded from the website and inserted into a plastic sleeve to protect it. Go to diolc.org/deeper



Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. There is no handle on the outside of the door. Only you can open the door of your heart to Him.

Resources for *The Morning Offering*

The following **Resources** are provided at diolc.org/deeper for use in helping you to go deeper in your understanding of *The Morning Offering*:

- A simple introduction about God's love
- The goals for praying this prayer each day
- The meaning of the words of the prayer
- Learning the Principles
- Activities to help remember and understand the words, taking them to a personal level
- Developing a Friendship with Jesus
- Spiritual Comprehension
- Encountering Jesus in Prayer
- The Scriptural Foundation of the words of the prayer

The following truths underlie any formation in prayer:

1. *Jesus desires that you develop a friendship with Him.* This relationship is prayer. It is necessary to learn about the Person of Jesus, but even more importantly, you must encounter and develop a friendship with Him in personal and communal prayer.
2. *Every person needs to learn how to pray.* “Like a wise teacher Jesus takes hold of us where we are and leads us progressively toward the Father.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 2607). *Jesus teaches you how to pray!*
3. *The Holy Spirit dwells within you and guides you in prayer!* “The Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer” (CCC 2672). The Holy Spirit will help and guide you to develop/deepen your daily habit of prayer. If you ask, He will even give you the desire to pray.

