

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1

ASSIGNMENT #13

Date Assigned: February 27, 2021 & Date Due: March 6, 2021

Dear students and family:

This week you will hear about prayer. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) says that prayer is an invitation “into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.” There are different types of prayer we use. This week we will be focusing on the rosary.

Types of prayer:

- *The Rosary*
- *Eucharistic Adoration*
- *Meditations*
- *Litanies*
- *The Stations of the Cross*
- *Sacred Scripture*
- *Unconscious Prayer*
- *Prayer of Petition*
- *Prayer of Intercession*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*
- *Prayer of Praise.*

How do we pray the Rosary?

“The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Saint John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous.”

- Read the attached files to get familiar with the aspect of the rosary and how we pray it.

Assignment:

For your assignment to turn in this week, Jenna and I want to know how you incorporate prayer in your life and if you ever think about changing your prayer practices for the better in an independent writing paragraph. ***Note*: we do not want to hear “I try to pray the rosary every week” unless you really do.** This assignment is for you to become more aware of your prayer life and how you are trying to become better at it. We want to know *genuine* feelings and thoughts about this topic. We understand this can be an intimidating topic but this is why we are trying to teach and inform you of the different ways of prayer. Please try your absolute best to write at least 10 sentences for this week. It is okay if you go over, but it must be at least 10. Lastly, tell us about 2 things you learned or found interesting about the rosary. Again, try to be as thorough as possible.

Weekly Challenge:

This week, we want to challenge you to pray the rosary during this Lenten Season. These prayers and mysteries are related to the challenges and celebrations in the life of Jesus Christ. Praying the rosary can bring peace to a troubled world, healing to broken hearts, and clarity to those in chaos. When praying, it's important that we remind ourselves to bring our needs and struggles and the needs of others, to Mary. She cares for us like a loving mother and wants us to bring our troubles to her son, Jesus Christ. During this season of Lent, prayer puts things into perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. It teaches us to slow down, meditate, and let go as we offer our struggles to God. What are things we can pray for during a Rosary:

- We can pray for the needs of our family and friends especially during this time that we're in this pandemic,
- We can pray for a loved one we've lost,
- We can pray for the communities, city, and neighborhoods,
- We can pray for our schools, churches, and for the hungry, lonely and sick,
- We can pray for our nation, troops, and leaders.

May you reflect this week on the power of prayer and hopefully establish a daily habit of praying 10 minutes out of your day. If you don't have a rosary at home, it is NOT a requirement, but we highly encourage you to purchase one. There's a store super close to St. Stephen's church. It's 1895 George Dieter Dr and it's called the Holy Spirit Christian Bookstore. This is only if you're interested in purchasing a rosary, again it's NOT a requirement to, we just

recommend it if you maybe don't have one. We have attached a pdf. File on instructions of exactly how to pray the Rosary along with the mysteries and prayers of the Rosary.

- ✓ Make sure to do your best with spelling, punctuation and capitalization.
- ✓ Finally, email your document in a word document or jpg format by March 6, 2021 at 9AM!

→**Email the Assignment to:**

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→**In the Subject Line of the Email include the following:**

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Thank You! -Marla, Jenna & Confirmation 1 Team