

# Our Catholic prayers

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These Catholic prayers have been around for a long time. They were handed down to us, and we in turn pass them on to our own children and the children we teach. Knowing these prayers by heart enables us to pray them anytime and anyplace, but more than that, they unite us with God.

### DIRECTIONS

Duplicate the prayer pages for each child. Have the children cut out the prayers and glue them into a booklet of blank pages stapled together. Let the children color and decorate the pages and write their own prayer on any blank page.



### Sign of the Cross

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



### Lord's Prayer

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.



### Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,  
which we are about to receive  
from your bounty.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side to light and  
guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.



### Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of  
your faithful. And kindle in them the  
fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created. And you  
will renew the face of the earth.  
Amen.



### Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, Almighty God,  
for these and all your gifts which we  
have received from your bounty,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, the children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; lead us home at last and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God... that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Amen.



## Hail Mary

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



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator 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, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.



## Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.  
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.

