

May 2011: Catholic Prayers & Devotions

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The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of prayer, including Eucharistic adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, novenas, and prayers to patron saints. All of these prayer paths lead us to intimate communion with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and all call us to

be Christ-like in the world. “In the living tradition of prayer, each Church proposes to its faithful, according to its historic, social, and cultural context, a *language* for prayer: words, melodies, gestures, iconography. The Magisterium [teaching authority] of the

Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith; it is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning, always in relation to Jesus Christ” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2663).



An Easter Intergenerational Gathering for Everyone
12:30-2:30 p.m.



SUNDAY, MAY 15, 5-7 p.m.: Catholic Prayers & Devotions A Gathering of Word & Community for Middle & High School Youth

Without the practice of prayer, none of the elements of a Christian life are possible. It is so important because, the Holy Spirit unites us to Jesus Christ and transforms our hearts.

God wants to be in relationship with you in every aspect of your life — in all your concerns, gifts, faults and feelings. In this session, we will continue our reflection from our intergenerational gathering, exploring various forms of prayer (adoration, contrition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise) that connect to different times and situations in your life.



MAY 23: Catholic Prayers & Devotions — Parent & Catechist Formation

Monday 5:30—7:30 p.m. Parents (as the primary catechists of their children) and other catechists have the responsibility to teach the prayers of the Church, and to “explain their meaning, always in relationship to Jesus Christ” (CCC, 2663). In this session, we will focus on a variety

of Catholic prayers and prayer styles, the Trinitarian nature of Catholic prayer, and how to promote — and be more comfortable with — prayer in the home and in other aspects of our lives.



...AND Movie Night: *Letters to God*

While parents gather, children will have an opportunity to watch *Letters to God*, a family drama that follows the true story of a young boy whose life is put on the line when he is diagnosed with cancer. Through his letters to God about the confusion and faith that come with his situation, he soon becomes a surprising source of hope and inspiration for those in his neighborhood -- including a substitute mailman, whose life becomes surprisingly mixed up in the ordeal.