

Prayer of the Week

The requirement of the Church is that you must know by heart certain prayers before you make your First Communion, make your First Confession, and are Confirmed. These requirements come from the Bishop and from the Church as a whole. If you were receiving these Sacraments after many years of going to Mass every Sunday and Catechism class since you were young, you would know many of them by now. Since you are receiving the blessing of receiving 3 at once, there are many to memorize this year. The best way to memorize them is to say them every day, in the morning and at night. Think about what you are saying. There are many benefits from knowing these prayers. They are a way to pray together in a group with everyone knowing what to say. They are messages not only from us to God but often from God to us as well. They are a great comfort in times of stress. They bring us closer to God. And many more. So memorize these prayers and keep them close to your heart. Say them always, throughout your life.

Prayer is also just talking to God, in your own words. Telling him your problems, your joys, asking him about things. Loving Him.

Every class we will start with prayer and end with prayer. We will use memorized prayers and prayers where we just talk to God. I hope you will get used to talking to God and listening for His replies.