

Grade 3 Prayers

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church

Erath, Louisiana

When we recite a **Rosary**, we focus our attention on one particular theme (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous) of five mysteries in the lives of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother. Students in Grade 3 religious education are encouraged to learn about and memorize all twenty events that are important in the salvation history of our Catholic faith.

Joyful Mysteries:

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Christ
4. The Presentation
5. Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries:

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries:

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Crowning of Mary

Luminous Mysteries:

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River
2. The Self-manifestation of Christ at the Wedding of Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Students in Grade 3 are also encouraged to learn the

Prayer after Meals

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God,
for all Thy benefits, Who lives and reigns forever.
And may the souls of the faithful departed,
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Our pastor also encourages us
to pray/review our “First Communion prayers” on a daily basis.**

(See attached pages.)

Recite These Prayers Every Day!

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NOTE 1: The prayers marked with an **asterisk (*)** are useful when we prepare to go to Confession.

NOTE 2: Although these prayers were learned in Grades 1-2, they should be recited every day! The prayers marked with an **(M)** should be recited every morning, while the prayers marked with an **(N)** should be recited every night to help us remember (and reflect upon) on the sins we committed during the day. We should also make plans to go back to Confession soon!

The Sign of the Cross* (M,N)

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

The Lord's Prayer* (M,N)

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.

Hail Mary* (M)

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with
Thee. Blessed art Thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be* (M)

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.

Angel of God (M)

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

The Ten Commandments*

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have any other gods before me.
2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Act of Contrition* (N)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having
offended Thee, and I detest all my sins
because of Thy just punishment, but most
of all because they offend Thee, my God,

who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Brief Examination of Conscience*(N)

What sins have I committed of thought, word, deed, or omission, against Almighty God, neighbor, and self?

The Apostle's Creed

NOTE: All Christians of "reasonable age" should know and be able to recite/explain what we believe. The Apostle's Creed specifically states the twelve (12) most basic articles in the fundamental doctrine of Christianity.

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, and on the third day, He arose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall 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.

Prayer before Meals

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

Our "conversation" with the priest (and with God) in the Confessional

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. This is my first Confession. I have (*tell your sins to the priest*). For these and any other sins I may have forgotten, I am truly sorry.

NOTE: Upon our return to the Confessional, we can no longer say "*This is my first Confession.*" Instead, we say, "It has been ____ weeks (or months or years) since my last Confession."