

## **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

## **THE 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.**

## **THE HAIL MARY**

**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.**

## **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.**

## **GUIDE FOR CONFESSION**

### **PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN'S CONFESSIONS**

Begin with the Sign of the Cross, using these or similar words:

**BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED.  
MY LAST CONFESSION WAS \_\_\_\_ AGO.  
THESE ARE MY SINS: \_\_\_\_\_.**

Finish confessing your sins with these or similar words:

**I AM SORRY FOR THESE SINS  
AND ALL THE SINS OF MY LIFE,  
ESPECIALLY FOR THE SIN OF \_\_\_\_.**

After receiving your Penance, make an Act of Contrition,  
using these or similar words of sincere repentance:

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD,  
HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.**

**FILL ME WITH YOUR SPIRIT,  
SO THAT I MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE.**

**HELP ME TO KNOW YOU, TO LOVE YOU,  
AND TO SERVE YOU IN THIS WORLD,**

**SO THAT I MAY BE HAPPY WITH YOU,  
BOTH NOW, AND FOR ALL ETERNITY.**

**THANK YOU, LORD. AMEN.**

When the Priest says the prayer of Absolution,  
make the Sign of the Cross as he blesses you.

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.  
YOU SHALL NOT HAVE OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME  
OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS  
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET  
YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET  
YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

*“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH;  
AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”*

*“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.”*

*“BE PERFECT AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT.”*

*“IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.”*

## THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLYDAYS.

FAST AND ABSTAIN DURING LENT AND FRIDAYS.

GO TO CONFESSION AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST DURING EASTER TIME.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.

FOLLOW THE MARRIAGE LAWS OF THE CHURCH.

## THE SEVEN VIRTUES OF HOLY LIVING

PRUDENCE – JUSTICE  
TEMPERANCE – FORTITUDE

FAITH – HOPE – LOVE

## PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

BE FREE FROM ALL SERIOUS SIN  
THROUGH SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION.

FAST FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR  
FROM ALL FOOD AND DRINK  
EXCEPT WATER AND MEDICINE.