

HOME PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER FOR FAMILIES DEPARTING FOR THE DAY

Gather the household in one room (breakfast is an ideal opportunity or at the door, just as everyone is ready to depart). This prayer may be led by a parent or other adult.

LEADER:

Zechariah spoke these words over his newborn son, Saint John the Baptist:

Luke 1:76

“And you, child, will be called the prophet
of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare
his ways.”

✦ All make the Sign of the Cross.

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

LEADER:

God Most High,
we ask your protection and care
over us all as we begin our day.

◆ Lightly touch the ears of each person present.

May we listen to your voice
with our whole selves,
just as John the Baptist heard and answered
your call,
and may we help to prepare the world
for your Light and Life
to fill the entire universe.
We also pray, along with your servant,
Zechariah:

Luke 1:78-79

“By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
May God open our eyes to greet the dawn
of Peace.

◆ Lightly touch the eyes of each person present as
you continue this prayer.

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, who is All
Light and Peace.**

All: Amen.

◆ As each person departs for the day, exchange
a kiss of peace and trace a small cross on
each forehead.

Prayer-

We all want children to pray from the sincerity of their hearts. We want prayer to matter to them. We want them to grow up to be active members of the Catholic community. The question is how do we reach this beautiful ideal? One way is to model these ideals ourselves. Periodically home prayer pages will be sent with the Friday Flyer. These prayer services come from book Children's Daily Prayer 2009-2010. They can be used to model the wondrous experience of prayer with your family.