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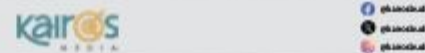
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## EDITORIAL

# CREATIVE WAYS TO DEEPER FAITH



Right in the centre of our December *Kairos Buds* was a special Advent Calendar that helped kids discover a new virtue every day.

Jiss from Kuwait and his 8-year-old daughter Heira had a super creative idea - they turned each day's virtue into a short animated story! Jiss created the scenes, and Heira brought them to life with her voice. Without missing a single day, they made videos that were fun, simple, and full of meaning. Heira's mother, Chinnu, an English teacher, supported this mission by proofreading the script and helping with voice modulation.

Ezin and Eza, siblings from Muscat, loved the activities too! Every day, after completing the task, they drew and coloured it in their own diary. Their parents said that it made Christmas preps exciting, and the kids could hardly wait for the big day!

Jessa and Lisa, also from Muscat, joined in with equal excitement. Their parents recorded them doing the activities and shared a beautiful video showing how joyfully they participated.

We love seeing parents partner with their kids to grow creativity in faith together. *Kairos Buds* is here to help - so send us your ideas for fun ways to bring children closer to Jesus!

✨ Little acts of love make a big difference! ✨

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**Y**ou are about to read the story of the tallest church in all of history! Did you know the world's tallest Church has been under construction since 1882 and it is likely to be completed only by 2034! This is the Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona, Spain.

burnt and the plaster models smashed. In 1939, the work was restarted from the plans that were saved from the war. In 2005, Nativity facade and crypt were declared as a UNESCO world heritage site. On 7 November 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church for religious worship and designated it a minor basilica. The Sagrada Familia's construction and design has a lot of symbolism in it that point to various aspects of our Catholic faith. The basilica will have many facades (face of the building) that have themes related to salvation history. The facades are: Nativity, Passion, and Glory. The largest of these is the Glory facade that depicts the Glory of Jesus; it represents the road

to God: Death, Final Judgment, and Glory, while hell is left for those who turn away from God's will. This facade has the entrance to the nave or the main sanctuary. This amazing church also will have a total of eighteen towers. Each will represent the twelve Apostles, the four Evangelists, the Virgin Mary, and tallest of all, Jesus Christ. By 2023, thirteen towers were all finished! There are four for the apostles on the Nativity side, four more for the apostles on the Passion side, four for the Evangelists, and one for Mother Mary. Upon completion of the tower of our Lord Jesus Christ, it will make this church the tallest in the world, at a height of 172.5 meters. The central tower of Jesus Christ is scheduled for completion early in 2026.

# La Sagrada Familia Barcelona, Spain

- CLARE SHELLY » 8 YRS

*In 1882, the project was designed by Francisco De Paula del Villar. This was later taken on by the famous architect Antoni Gaudi, who made the most significant contribution to the design and construction of the church, though many others were involved later on after his death.*

On the 19th of March 1882, Bishop Urquinaona laid the cornerstone of the church. In 1885, the Chapel of Saint Joseph was inaugurated in the crypt and first Masses were held. In 1936, La Sagrada Família was attacked during the Spanish Civil War. Many of Gaudi's plans and photographs were



The entire church is expected to be completed in 2034, including interior and other details. This will be so exciting to be able to witness the dedication of a church that has been under construction for more than 150 years and one that would be the tallest in the world!

We continue from last issue where we saw the meaning of parables. Here we take a look at the Parable of the Sower.

The Parable of the Sower shows us four different states that our hearts can be in and how they affect the way we receive God's Word.

### 1 THE FIRST STATE IS LIKE A PATH.

This means that the heart is fully closed off to the Word of God. This may be due to sins we have committed or some hurt we have experienced related to the faith. If your heart is in this state, know that Jesus looks at you with compassion.

**He loves you as you are and He invites you to open your heart to Him.**



# HOW IS YOUR HEART?

### 2 THE SECOND STATE IS LIKE A ROCKY GROUND.

Sometimes we will have great fervour for the faith and great enthusiasm in following Jesus. But then, others may view us differently or cause us suffering because of how we live the faith. We may be tempted to stop praying or living our faith because of the various trials we encounter.

**Simply know that Jesus is with you and he sees your trials. He is with you and He strengthens you to persevere.**



### 3 THE THIRD STATE IS LIKE A GROUND WITH THORNS.

Our hearts can become divided. On the one hand, we want to follow Jesus and live according to the Gospel. On the other hand, we have worries about our studies, work, friendships, future, etc. We may find that our worries lead us to focus our time and attention on many things to the point where we neglect our relationship with Jesus. We may not find time for prayer or for sacraments.

**Jesus wants us to know that He will provide for all our needs both earthly and spiritual but He also asks us to prioritise Him above all.**



- ANNMARY BON

### 4 THE FINAL STATE IS THE RICH SOIL.

Here each Word bears abundant fruit. If our hearts are in this state, we will live like Jesus and we will be a light to the world.



How can we help our hearts become rich soil?

Going to confession each month, attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion with a pure heart, praying the Rosary with devotion, participating in Eucharistic adoration and personal prayer are all ways to make our soil rich in grace.

# JUDAS HANGS HIMSELF

[MATTHEW 27:1-10]

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans on how to have Jesus executed.



They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.



I have sinned, for I have betrayed innocent blood.



What is that to us? That's your responsibility.

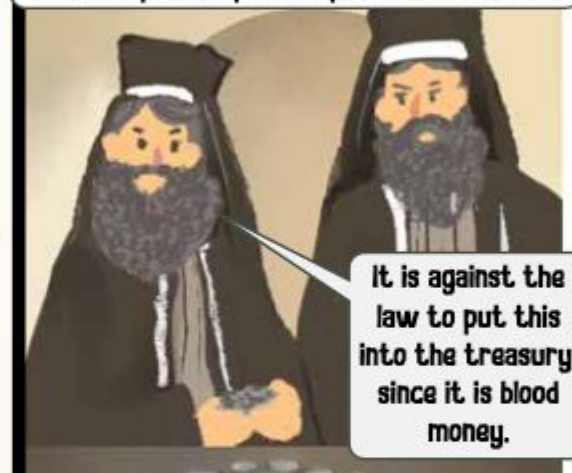


So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.



The chief priests picked up the coins and said,

So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day.



It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.

And so what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

'They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'



Hey Friends,

In the last issue we had a better understanding of the Holy Mass and why it is so important. This time let us look at how we should approach Holy Mass.

**How should we prepare for Holy Mass?**

Before we begin, let us make some things very clear. Mass is the nucleus of our spiritual life. Many wonder, *How often do we have to attend Holy Mass.* It is true that we are required to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and other days of obligation without excuse. But it is highly recommended and best if we can go for Mass daily. Think about this, don't you want to meet your Best Friend and hang out with Him every day? Every effort you make to connect with someone daily shows the amount of love and priority that person has in your life, right? So here we are.


**Now, when and where does the Mass actually begin? When should we start preparing for Mass and how should we do that?**


Spiritually speaking, Mass begins in our hearts. For any major event or special moment happening in our lives, we would think about it way early, plan and prepare for it, right? For example, imagine meeting a celebrity. We would be waiting with excitement, planning to be at our best at that moment. In a similar way, ideally, Mass should begin in our hearts the previous night. Many saints have recommended that we start preparing for Mass the night before.


# 4Ps OF PREPARING FOR Holy Mass


- FR JUSTIN JOSEPH PANACHICKAL MSFS



 A small examination of our conscience to see whether we are in a state of grace, do we need a confession and what are our sins and failures.

 Read the Scripture passage for the Mass, think about it and keep close to our heart what strikes us the most. This will help us focus on the readings and understand the homily better.

 Also check out the saint for the day or if there is a special feast.

 If we have Mass in the morning, it would be good to keep our clothes ready, go to bed early and wake up fresh. So there will not be rush and confusion before we go.

 Let us also remember to fast for an hour before Mass (not before communion).

**We should always keep Mass as the priority for the day.** Let us not adjust or squeeze Mass in. We wouldn't want to arrive late for an appointment or even for a movie or miss the chance altogether. Let us make sure we arrive at least 10 minutes early for Mass. This will help us to find our place, calm down, collect our thoughts and be at peace entering into Mass. It will be ideal to silence our devices or put them on DND mode to

avoid distractions. It is important not to check them during the Mass at all. Let's make sure that we maintain silence as much as possible and avoid any food including chewing gums.

**Let us make sure that we have our intentions prepared as we come for Mass.** Tell Jesus what you are here for and what you want Him to do for you. Before Mass begins, recollect our intentions – one primary intention for the Mass and other various intentions to be offered. Prepare them in our hearts that we can offer them during the offertory.

**It is also important that we should dress decently and modestly (even formal).**

Remember that we have come for a sacred purpose and not a show. Our only goal is to be with Jesus and we should look to impress only Him and not anybody else. It would also be holy that we wear clothes that don't distract others – like those with a lot of lettering, graphics or messages, and immodest ones. Think about how we would dress up to meet the Pope, or the President, or even for an interview. Just think – is my dress holy?



Finally, let us behave sacredly. While we enter make sure to make the Sign of the Cross with holy water, genuflect or bow in front of the Eucharist, sit properly disposed (respect and reverence) as if in an official function and be part of the community in sitting and standing during Mass.

**Just remember 4Ps -**

**Purity, Prayer, Peace and Punctuality.**

# ST FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

## Part 1

Maria Francesca Cabrini was born on 15 July 1850 in the small town of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy. She was the thirteenth child of Agostino Cabrini and Stella Oldini, only four children survived to become adults. She was born prematurely and was troubled all her life with health issues.

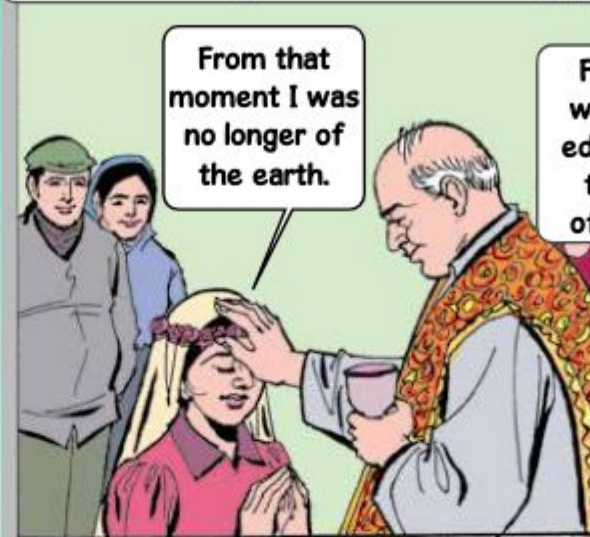


Her parents were religious and her father would often read her stories of missionaries. This ignited in her a spark. She would float paper boats filled with flowers on a stream, calling them 'missionaries' and imagining them sailing to distant lands. On one occasion, she fell into the river but was miraculously rescued.



The impressions of childhood are never obliterated.

Frances learnt to pray at a young age following the example of her mother and her sister Rosa. She had a particular devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Around the age of eight, Frances received the Sacrament of Confirmation and she perceived she was deeply united with the Holy Spirit.



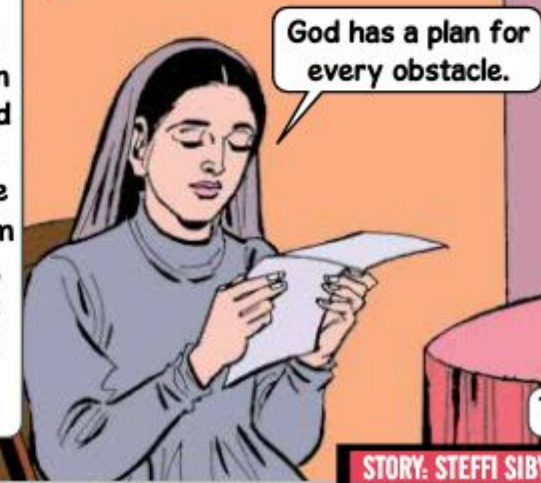
From that moment I was no longer of the earth.

Frances was passionate about religious work from a young age. She was initially educated at home by her sister Rosa and then at a school run by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. She was intelligent and virtuous. She went on to graduate with high grades and a teaching certificate.



When Frances was 18, she applied for admission to religious life. She applied to the Daughters of the Sacred Heart by whom she had been educated but was rejected due to her poor health. She was then rejected from another congregation, the Canossian Sisters again due to her poor health.

However, Frances did not let her disappointment turn into despair. She trusted in God.



God has a plan for every obstacle.

To be continued...

# GOD TURNED MY SORROW INTO JOY

- ISABEL MARIA JUSTIN » 13 YRS

Dear Diary,

Today I was upset with Dad because I couldn't go to the football match I had been waiting for. He didn't let me go since it was Sunday and the match was during Mass. I stayed sad even during Mass, but then the priest said something that caught my attention: 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted' (Matthew 5:4). Those words touched me, and so I decided to leave everything in God's hands.

Later in the evening, Dad took me out to play football. Although I was a bit hesitant at first, I later gave in. Then, while returning home, he said, 'You know, Jack, I am really sorry for not letting you go, but you know how important it is to attend Holy Mass, especially on Sunday.' I replied, 'Yes Dad, I understand. And yeah, attending Holy Mass must be our priority.'

After returning home, I was really happy, and I knew that none of this would have happened without God's grace. It felt really hard to get through this day without being upset, but God comforted me and turned my sorrow into joy. Maybe next time I will try to find a football match that happens on a Saturday.

Do you have a faith experience you'd like to share for this page? Send it to us at [kairosbuds@jykairosmedia.org](mailto:kairosbuds@jykairosmedia.org) with your full name, age and complete postal address.



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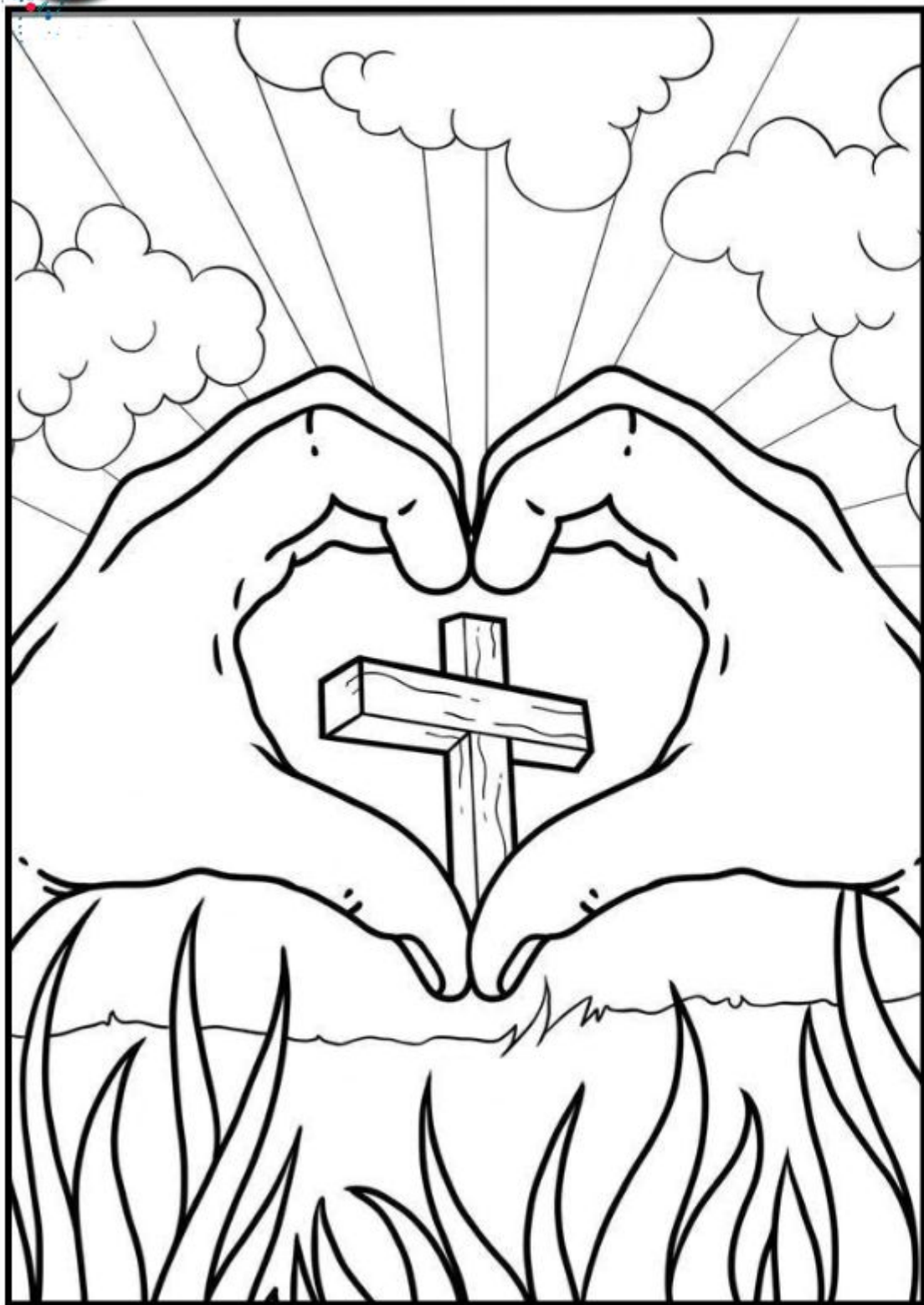
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# St Joseph

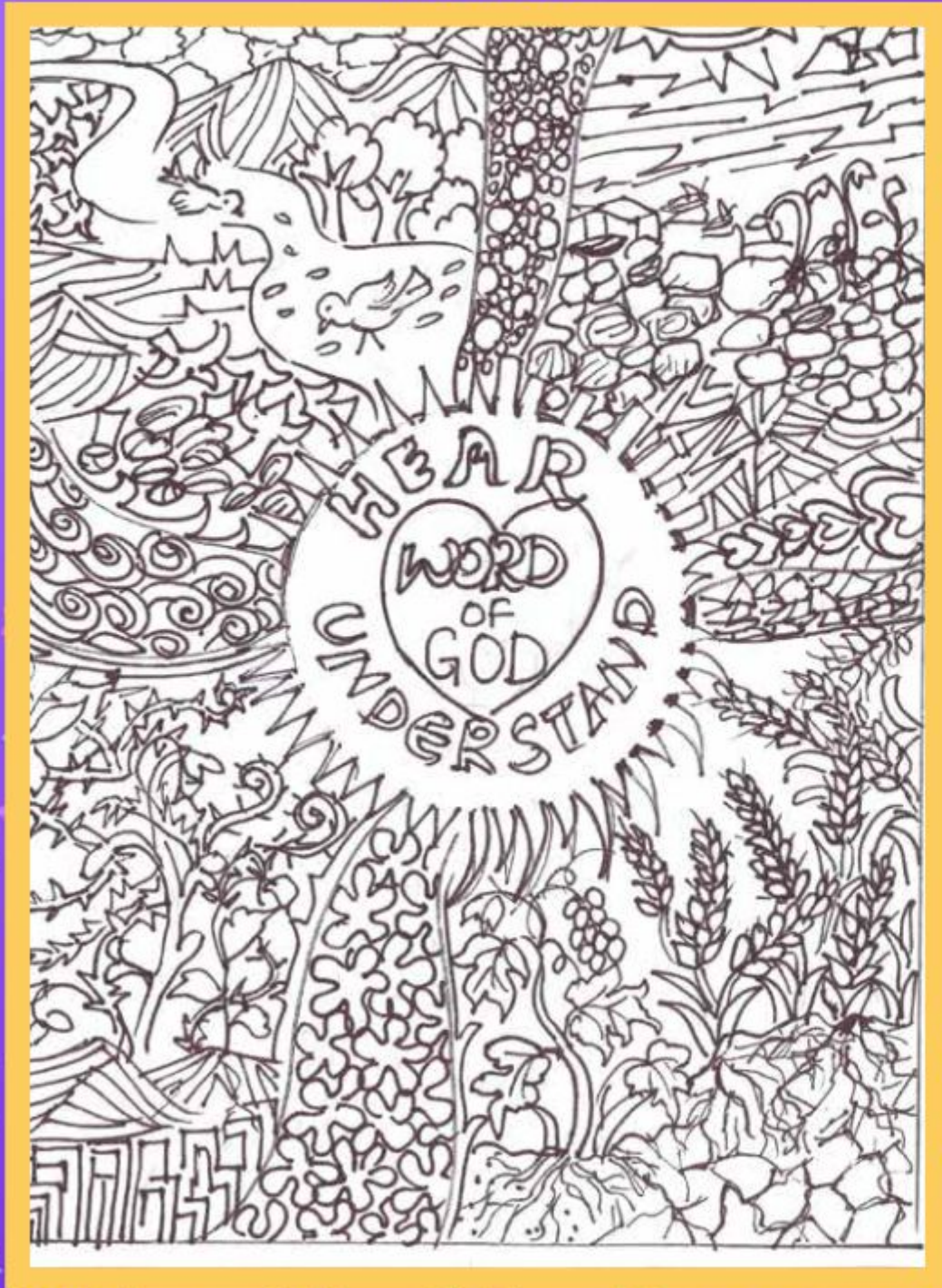




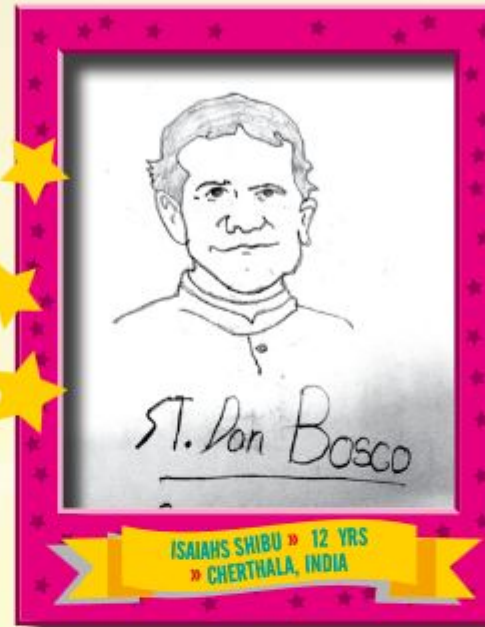
# 'Learn and Colour'

But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:23



## LITTLE MASTERS



ISAIAHS SHIBU » 12 YRS  
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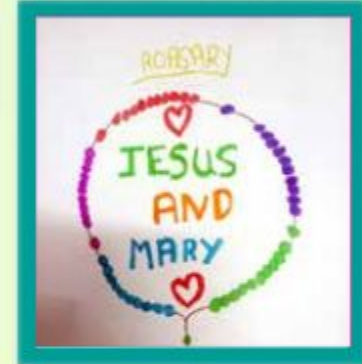


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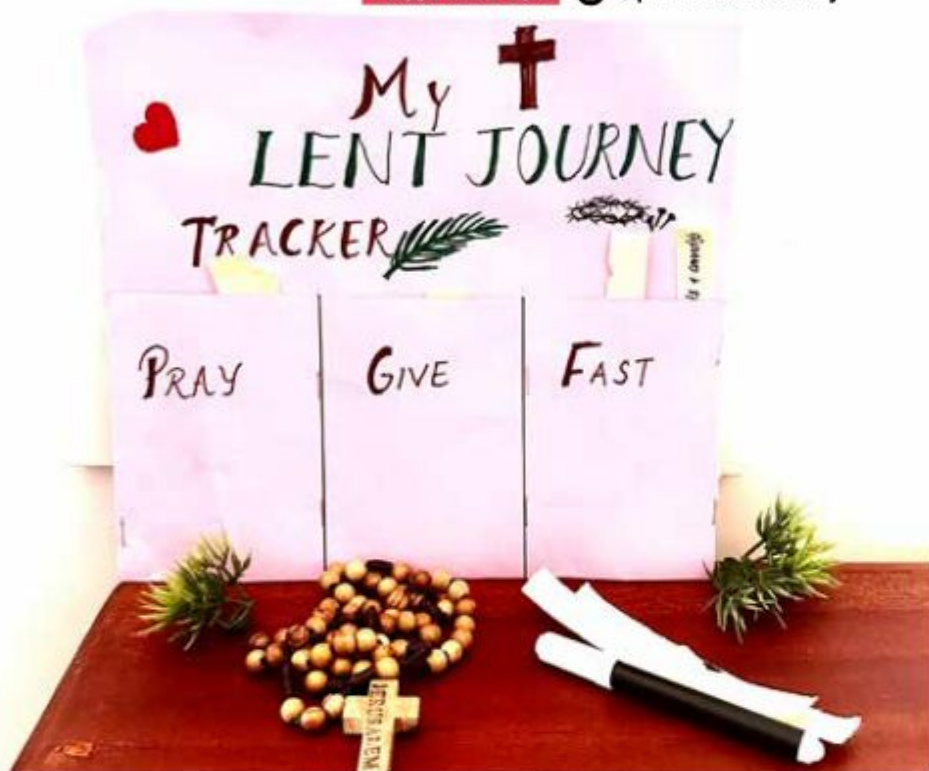


FRANCIS PHUO » 6 YRS  
» AUSTRALIA



# My Lenten Journey Tracker

- ROSE MARY TOM @potterandhisclay



## MATERIALS

- 2 colour papers (preferably lavender/ purple and white)
- Stapler
- Ruler (scale)
- Pencil
- Sketch pens



## STEPS

- STEP 1)** Take the purple paper and fold the bottom  $\frac{1}{4}$  part inward.
- STEP 2)** Using a ruler, divide the folded part into three equal columns. Use a sketch pen to draw the lines.
- STEP 3)** Take a stapler and staple along the lines and at both ends to turn the three columns into small pockets.
- STEP 4)** Write PRAY, GIVE, and FAST on each pocket. At the top, write 'MY LENTEN JOURNEY TRACKER' and decorate the paper with Lenten symbols as shown in the picture.



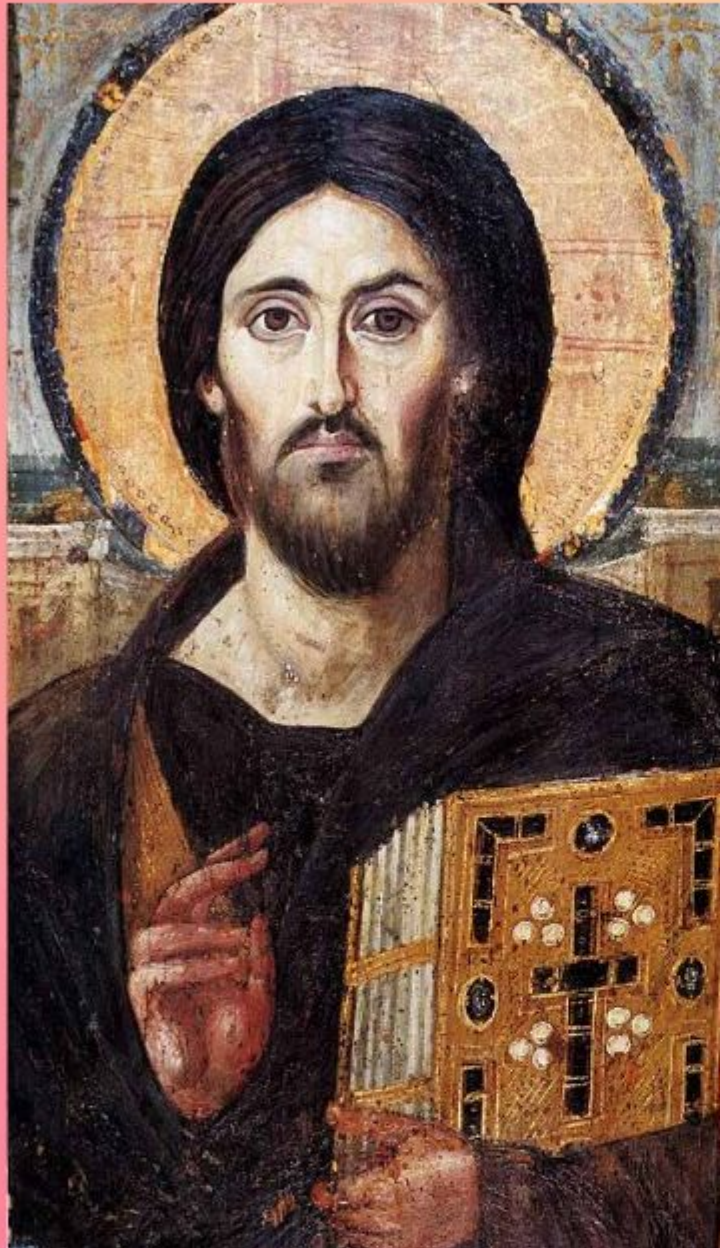
**STEP 5)** Cut the white paper into small strips. These will be the tracker papers for daily prayer, fasting, and giving.

**STEP 6)** Write down your daily sacrifices and place them in the designated pockets. Keep it on your prayer altar and follow it daily.

# Christ Pantocrator

- DR GINTO POTTACKAL

Imagine walking into a church and feeling like you've stepped into a giant storybook made of colours and symbols! That is what Catholic iconography is: a world of holy pictures that quietly 'talk' about Jesus, Mary, angels, and saints without using any words. These images are full of hidden meanings - like halos that show holiness, colours that stand for virtues, and tiny symbols that tell big stories.



*Christ Pantocrator* is one of the most famous icons of Jesus Christ, dating back to the sixth century. The term *Pantocrator* comes from the Greek word meaning 'ruler of all' or 'all-powerful'. The image portrays Jesus at His second coming as a mighty king and judge, pronouncing the final judgment. In the icon, Christ holds a jewelled book representing the Gospel in His left hand while raising His right hand in blessing. This gesture symbolises both authority and mercy.

Many variations of this image appeared during the medieval period. The oldest known version is preserved at Saint Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai. In this particular icon, Christ's face displays two distinct expressions - stern on the right and compassionate on the left - symbolising His divine justice and human mercy. Another variant of the icon, called *Christ the Teacher*, depicts Jesus with an open book, emphasising His role as a source of wisdom and truth.

Traditionally, the *Christ Pantocrator* icon is painted on the dome of a church, where Jesus looks down upon the congregation as a wise yet merciful judge. The image expresses His role as the ultimate authority, the sustainer of the world, and the embodiment of divine power and wisdom.

In iconography, Christ is often shown with a golden halo around His head. We see halos around saints' images representing their holiness. But, Jesus' halo is unique, it contains a cross within it. This is known as the cruciform halo, symbolising the life-giving power of the cross. Each arm of the cross bears the Greek letters IC and XC, abbreviations of 'Jesus Christ.'

Iconography is a sacred art form originated within the Catholic Church that uses images and symbols to express the faith, theology, and spirituality of the Church. This stylised art form developed as a powerful teaching tool in times when many people could not read. This allowed the faithful to learn and reflect on their faith visually. Therefore, icons are sometimes referred to as 'Gospel in Colours'. These icons represent parables from the Bible as well as depict saints, angels, and scenes from the life of Jesus and Mary.

Each icon is created through prayer and meditation. Every colour, gesture, and symbol carries deep meaning. For instance, Jesus is often depicted wearing blue over red. This symbolises his divine nature clothed in humanity. Mary is shown wearing red with a blue mantle over it, representing humanity enveloped by the divine. This colour scheme beautifully expresses the mystery of the Incarnation: the divine entering the human and, through Mary, humanity bearing the divine. Even today, Catholic iconography continues to bridge the material and the spiritual, and acts as a window to Heaven.

## Like Stars of Christ

IT IS THE DAY AFTER THE FINAL MATCH OF THE COACH RAMSEY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT. THE ENTIRE TEAM OF LUIGI'S BOYS HAVE GATHERED AT KEVIN'S HOUSE FOR A CELEBRATORY LUNCH.

I am so proud of you, boys. You did great! Mrs Peters and I have got you all a little gift.

Thanks Dad!

Thank you Mr Peters!

THE EXCITEMENT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S FINALE IS STILL ON THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED IT.

What a match that was yesterday! I knew that the Verdant Victors would win.

Still, the other team, Luigi's Boys, they played well too. That Mathias Kato has talent!

**LOCAL SPORTS**  
**Verdant Victors True to their Name!**  
 The first Coach Ramsey Memorial tournament concluded with a nail-biting thriller match. Verdant Victors beat Luigi's Boys 3-2 to emerge the first champions of this tournament in honour of the great coach.

Congratulations son! I heard about the match.

Thank you Father! There's something else too. The team and I have decided to give away our prize money for a good cause. We came to know more about Mathias Kato of Luigi's Boys. He's an exchange student from Akanyo, a village in Africa, and the people there are raising money for a rainwater harvesting system. So we have decided to gift them our prize money.

Couldn't be prouder of you, my boy. Continue to shine like stars of Christ.

# How God Helps Our Brain Learn to Do Good?



- DR MARIA MERIN ANTONY

**A** new year is like opening a brand-new book with empty pages. God invites us to fill these pages with good choices, kind actions, and love. In the Catholic faith, these good choices are called virtues. Virtues are good habits that help us grow. Just as brushing your teeth every day keeps your body healthy, practising virtues keeps your heart and soul healthy. At first, doing the right thing may feel difficult, but with practise, it becomes easier. That is why virtues are called 'super habits.' Science tells us that our brain learns through

practise. When we repeat an action, our brain builds strong connections, like creating a path that becomes easier to walk on. When we practise kindness, patience, or courage, our brains become better at doing these things. God created our brains in this wonderful way! Virtues work the same way; the more we practise them, the more natural they become.

WHEN WE PRACTISE KINDNESS, PATIENCE, OR COURAGE, OUR BRAINS BECOME BETTER AT DOING THESE THINGS.



## GOD GIVES US FOUR IMPORTANT VIRTUES TO GUIDE OUR DAILY LIVES.

**PRUDENCE** helps us think before we act and choose what is right. **JUSTICE** teaches us to be fair and treat others with kindness and respect. **FORTITUDE** gives us the courage to be brave when things are hard or scary. **TEMPERANCE** helps us control our actions and make balanced, healthy choices.

God also blesses us with three special gifts, called the theological virtues. **FAITH** helps us trust God even when we do not understand everything. **HOPE** helps us stay calm and joyful as we look toward the future with confidence in God's promises. **CHARITY**, which means love, helps our hearts grow by teaching us to love God and care for others.

SCIENTISTS SAY HABITS GROW BEST WITH SMALL DAILY STEPS. ONE PRAYER, ONE KIND ACT, OR ONE BRAVE CHOICE EACH DAY CAN HELP BUILD STRONG HABITS IN BOTH OUR BRAIN AND SOUL.

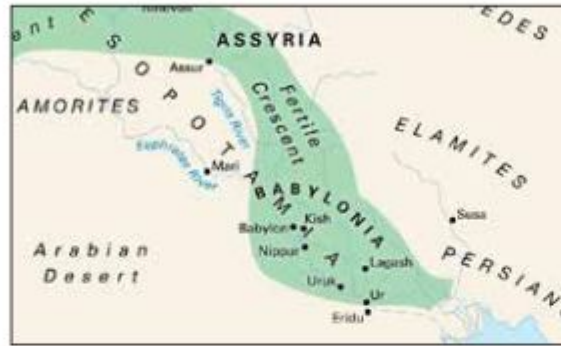


**Let us ask Jesus to help us practise these super habits and grow into the loving people God created us to be.**

## Babylon

**A prominent city in the Old Testament of the Bible. Located in modern-day Iraq**

The Bible presents Babylon as a symbol of earthly power that ultimately crumbles before God. It represents human pride and the dangers of defying God. Across the Bible, Babylon serves as a cautionary tale and a reminder of God's ultimate sovereignty.



### Personal Application :

Babylon is a symbol of what happens when people forget about God and think they're in charge. It's a warning to us all to stay humble and remember that God is the true boss.

Referenced 280 times in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

*Babylon was referred to by diverse names in the Old Testament. Find them from the Bible:*

1. Ezekiel 12:13 .....
2. Daniel 1:2; Zechariah 5:11 .....
3. Isaiah 21:1, 9 .....
4. Isaiah 47:5 .....
5. Jeremiah 50:1, 21 .....
6. Jeremiah 25:12, 26 .....



## Find 12 Hidden Objects in This Picture



# Missing Treasure

## - Part 2



John, Tony and Tina were unable to find Fr Dominic's rosary, mistakenly given away, at the Mission Warehouse. So, early the next morning John, Paul, Sean and Tony arrived to search for it.

And the friends gain entrance into the warehouse.

You kids again? We're on a holy mission!

SO MANY BOXES?! We search smart, not hard.



They also have a plan. The coat would be in Box Set C... row three... section eleven. You're like Sherlock Holmes with notebooks.



... as the search continues.



At Last! FOUND IT!



But the rosary isn't there! It must've slipped out. So could it have gone?



Moved by their relentless search, a warehouse volunteer comes up to them.

The friends take the search to the street. And they begin to enquire about the homeless man.

Ah, that coat... it fell off the truck yesterday.

A homeless man had picked something from it. He never speaks.

Then that's our next stop.

Their search has led them to the city park.

Will he give it back? We'll see, let just ask first...

Is that... the rosary?

And just like that... they are about to lose the rosary!

'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.'

TRRKK!

Wait! PLEASE!

To be continued.

STORY: ANEESH SUNNY THOMAS ILLUSTRATIONS: SANISH DIVAKARAN

# Stations of the Cross Word Search

Find the underlined words from the Stations of the Cross in the grid below.

M	N	B	V	C	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	V
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N	A	I	L	E	D	V	F	D	T	I	M	E
E	L	K	J	B	O	D	Y	X	S	A	A	R

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death

2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross

3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time

4th Station: Jesus meets His Mother

5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7th Station: Jesus falls the second time

8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9th Station: Jesus falls a third time

10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away

11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross

13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

# PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOUR

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion,  
and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body,  
and the necessary good humour  
to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure  
all that is good

and that doesn't frighten easily  
at the sight of evil,

but rather finds the means to put  
things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom,  
grumblings, sighs and laments,

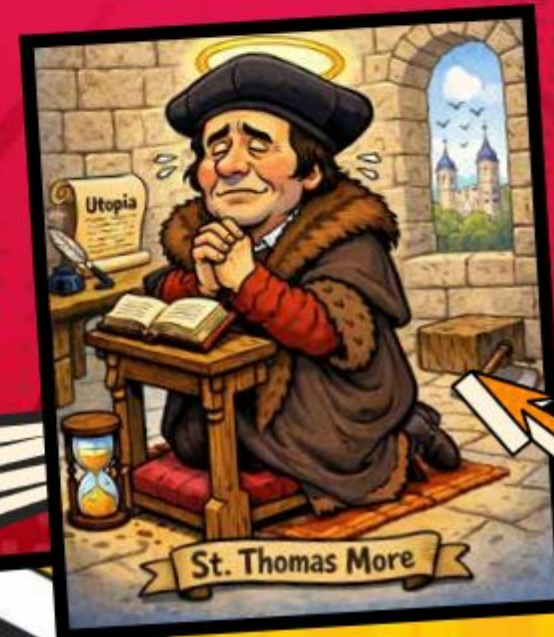
nor excess of stress,

because of that obstructing thing called 'I.'

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in  
life a bit of joy,

and to be able to share it with others.



# A Parent's Prayer

*Dear Lord,*

*We thank You for bringing us to this state of parenthood and for the gifts of our children. We bring them to You, Abba Father, entrusting them to Your fatherly care. May they always know that You love them more than we ever could. Lord, grant us the grace to raise them up to be worthy of being called Your children. Bless all our efforts, Lord, and the work of our hands. May we always find the strength and consolation we need from Mary and Joseph, and learn from them to raise our children like Jesus was, in wisdom and grace.*

*Bless our home, O Lord. May it be the rich soil in which our treasures may grow in love and faith. We also pray that our near and dear ones and the place where we live may only have a positive impact upon our children. Heavenly Father, capture for Your own the hearts and minds and souls of our beloved children. May we have the grace to stand before You together in heaven, with praise and thanksgiving, worthy to behold Your Face.*

*Amen.*

