What is prayer?

An <u>act</u> of the <u>virtue of religion</u> which consists in asking proper <u>gifts</u> or <u>graces</u> from <u>God</u>. In a more general sense it is the application of the <u>mind</u>

to Divine things, not merely to acquire a

knowledge

of them but to make use of such

<u>knowledge</u>

as a means of union with

God

. This may be done by acts of praise and thanksgiving, but petition is the principal act

of prayer.

Divine Mercy Chaplet. Link

NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS

FEAST DAY: 14 JANUARY
THE MORE YOU HONOR ME, THE MORE I WILL
BLESS YOU

(Repeat this prayer each day for nine consecutive days, or each hour for nine consecutive hours.)

JESUS, You said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." Through the intercession of Mary, Your Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. (mention your request)

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

JESUS, You said, "All that you ask of the Father in My name, He will grant you." Through the intercession of

Mary, Your holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Your Father in Your name that my prayer be granted. (mention your request)

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

JESUS, You said, "Heaven and earth shall

pass away, but My Word shall not pass." Through the intercession of Mary, Your Holy Mother, I feel confident that

my prayer will be granted. (mention your request)

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

Prayer for Families

"We ask you, Lord, to protect

and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your

grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace,

and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory." -Catholic

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St. Gertrude's Guardian Angel Prayer

O most holy angel of God, appointed by God to be my guardian, give you thanks for all the

benefits which you have ever bestowed on me in body and in soul. I praise and glorify you that you

condescended to assist me with such patient fidelity, and to defend me against all the assaults of

my enemies. Blessed be the hour in which you were assigned me for my guardian, my

defender and my patron. In acknowledgme nt and return for all your loving ministries to

me, I offer you the infinitely precious and noble heart of Jesus, and firmly purpose to obey you

henceforward, and most faithfully to serve my God. Amen.

Catholic

Prayers



The <u>Catechism</u> of the Catholic

Church (CCC2559) states, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart

to God or the requesting of good things from God."

We are probably all familiar with the second part of this definition. Who among us, in some time of

need or distress, has not called upon God for assistance? But, what does the first part of

this definition really mean? What does it mean to raise one's mind and heart to God?

Most of us can come to a basic understanding of this by answering the question, "What does it mean to

unite our mind and heart with a fellow human?" We do this by talking to the person and

spending time with them, sharing our thoughts, emotions, experiences, values and

goals, by putting our trust in someone and by demonstrating our own trustworthiness

The more we spend time with, communicate and work together toward common

objectives, the closer relationship we develop with that person. In the closest relationships,

we often are happy just be in the presence of that person; when we deeply love

someone we want to share all of their experiences, whether that be sharing in joyful occasions

or comforting them in times of sorrow.

This is also

what it means to raise one's mind and heart to God. God wants a close, intimate relationship

with us, a relationship which involves Him in every aspect of our lives. He wants us to trust in

Him, to share our good times and troubles, to request His assistance. But we will not have such a

relationship if we fail to spend time with Him. We do this through prayer. We use our minds and

hearts to bless, adore and praise God as our divine creator, and strive to understand

God. We ask God to help us in our daily needs and in times of trouble. We should give

thanksgiving for all of the blessings and graces He provides us.

How many of us would expect a good marriage to exist, if a couple rarely spoke to one

another, and rarely spent time together? How would we expect the couple to really love one

another if they only spoke when they needed something from the other person? A

loving relationship requires that both partners set aside time for each other, that they

communicate, know, trust and support one another in good times and bad. In summary, a good

relationship is hard work.

We know that these things

are required to have a good marriage. Why then, do so many people expect to have a good

relationship with God, with little or no effort toward that relationship? We must work toward a good

relationship with God.

Memorare -Remember

Remember, O most sweet Virgin Mary,

That never

was it known

That anyone who fled to your

protection,

Implored your help and sought your

intercession,

Was left, unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,

I fly unto Thee

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother

To Thee I

come

Before Thee I stand

Sinful and sorrowful,

O Mother of the of the

Word Incarnate,

Despise not my prayer,

But in Thy mercy hear, and answer me.

pray this with music

Here are some of the most popular Catholic prayers...

Core

- Sign Of The Cross

- <u>Our</u> Father - Hail Mary

- Glory Be

- Apostles'
Creed

- Nicene

Creed - Stations of the Cross

- The Rosary

Spirit Daily. com - a spiritual website