

Writing Prayers of Intercession

1. Ask the children to brainstorm with you all the people they know of who are in need of our prayers. Tell them that when we pray for the needs of others, we are praying prayers of intercession. We pray prayers of intercession at Mass. Here are the parts of the prayer:
 - a. An opening prayer telling God of our faith in him as we place the needs of others before him.
 - b. A series of petitions naming people we are praying for, following each with a common response that all recite, such as “Lord, hear our prayer.”
 - c. A closing prayer in which we thank God for hearing our prayer, and express trust that he will hear our prayers and respond to them.
2. Invite the children to work in groups of four. One person is to write the prayer, two are to construct the petitions and common response, and one is to write the closing prayer.
3. Place the prayers in a basket. Draw out one of the sheets and use it for your closing prayer in today’s session. Save the other prayers to use at another time.

