


# Chapter 12 Living As Prayerful People

## Overview

In Chapter 11 the students learned about the importance of the Eucharist. In this chapter they will learn that there are many ways members of the Catholic Church pray.

Doctrinal Content	For Adult Reading and Reflection <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>
The children will learn:	Paragraph
• Jesus teaches us to pray. . . . .	2765
• We are called to pray daily. . . . .	1174
• Sacramentals are a part of the Church's prayer life. . . . .	1670
• Catholics have a rich tradition of special practices and popular devotions. . . . .	1674



**Liturgy of the Hours**  
**holy day of obligation**  
**sacramentals**

## Catechist Background

**H**ow do conversations make your relationships deeper and stronger?

God loves us and wants us to know and love him. As his children, we can come to know him intimately through prayer. By seeing prayer as listening and talking to God, we can deepen our friendship with him. Jesus taught us to call God *Abba*, which means “father,” or more affectionately, “daddy.” Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God.

God is present to us in our daily life. We know that “the mystery of Christ . . . permeates and transfigures the time of each day” (CCC 1174). One way the Church remembers the holiness of all time is through the Liturgy of the Hours. In this public prayer of the Church, we read God’s word in Scripture and respond in prayer and song. Our

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

greatest prayer of thanks and praise is, of course, the Eucharist.

A rich tradition of prayer in the universal Church helps us come to know God through our feelings, thoughts, words, and senses. Almost every culture has popular devotions, especially toward Mary or another saint. These devotions help us to draw closer to God by uniting us with his holy ones, the saints.

**W**hat popular devotion or other prayer do you feel has helped draw you closer to God in friendship?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Respond by praying a psalm.
- Discuss good conversations.

For the prayer space: Bible, various sacramentals such as palms, rosaries, medals, crucifixes, prayer cards, and holy water.

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*Jesus teaches us to pray.*



- Discuss the five kinds of prayer.
- Compose a personal prayer.

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*We are called to pray daily.*



- Discuss daily prayers, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sundays, and holy days.
- Engage in a meditation activity.

- copies of Reproducible Master 12, guide page 107C

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*Sacramentals are a part of the Church's prayer life.*



- Discuss sacramentals.
- Identify sacramentals that help us to pray.

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*Catholics have a rich tradition of special practices and popular devotions.*

- Discuss the text on devotions.
- Read and discuss Our Lady of Guadalupe in *As Catholics*.

### 3 WE RESPOND

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Discuss popular devotions in communities.

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**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 12 (back of book)

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**Chapter 12 Test**

- Complete **Chapter 12 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 12 (back of book)