

Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Creator of the universe,
We thank You for the children that You have entrusted to our care.
We want to cooperate with You fully in helping them grow into free and
responsible persons, mature in the faith received at Baptism.**

**Grant us the grace to be able to guide them in the practice of virtue and
the way of your commandments---by the good example of our lives, and by the
loving observance of your law and that of your Church.**

**Most of all, however, guide them with your Spirit so that they may know the
vocation You will for them and be open to genuine self-giving and true
Christian love.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**