

Candidate Full name: _____

Opening Prayer

God, give us the gifts of *REVERENCE* and *WONDER and AWE* in Your presence, so that we may always treasure life and all that sustains it. We look to see all of life as an awesome gift given to us by God. God is good! We are thankful for this time to grow closer to Him by learning about our faith. Amen

Open your Bible

Saint Augustine said, “You have made us, O God, for yourself, and our hearts shall find no rest until they rest in you.”

Read together **Genesis 1: 24 – 27**

- How can we work to be stewards of God’s creations? _____

Read together **Isaiah 11: 6 – 9**

Isaiah’s vision gives us an insight into the reign of God. It describes a wonderful place full of peace and harmony among natural enemies.

- What are your thoughts for creating peace and harmony in our daily lives? _____

We honor God as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

Read together **Matthew 6: 5 – 14**

- Think about the words we pray when we say the Our Father
- The Our Father honors God’s name, pray for God’s kingdom of peace and love to come, resolve to do God’s will, pray for bread for all, ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness to others, and pray to be delivered from evil.

- Praying is our way to communicate with God.
 - What are different ways to pray? _____
 - What is your favorite way to pray? _____
 - Share how God has answered a prayer in a way that surprised you. _____
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Living Our Faith

Have you ever started a garden? _____

Have you eaten food that was homegrown? _____

Have you sat outside at night under a star filled sky? _____

Have you visited a new born baby? _____

How can you recognize God's glory and power within the world around us? _____

Consider a way to record your faith experiences and prayers so that you can see how God is at work in your life.

Closing Prayer

Lord, Thank you for the gift of the time spent growing closer to you. Strengthen in me the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Help me to understand the plan you have for my life and live in a way that helps me to love you above all else so that I will make decisions that are pleasing to you.

Amen

Meditate *Be still, listen, and reflect on this prayer*

The creed is our Catholic prayer that we pray to profess our faith. Read the creed slowly to take in the words of our faith as a Catholic Christian. In a journal, write your thoughts as you reflect on our Creed. What are the differences between both versions of our Creeds?