

PRAYERS AND SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR FAMILIES TO MEMORIZE

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PRE-K	Sign of the Cross Morning and Evening Prayer Blessing before Meals
GRADE 1	Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be (Trinity Prayer)
GRADE 2	Act of Contrition Gloria/Glory to God Simple responses at Mass
GRADE 3	The Apostles' Creed Nicene Creed 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17 or Deuteronomy 5:6-21) Great Commandment (Law of Love)
GRADE 4	Rosary: Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries Fatima Prayer Hail Holy Queen Memorare
GRADE 5	Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy Stations of the Cross
GRADES 6-8	Apostles' and Nicene Creeds St. Francis Peace Prayer Lorica of St. Patrick Confiteor Divine Praises
GRADES 9-12	Prayer to the Holy Spirit (Come Holy Spirit) Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit Holy Spirit Prayer of St. Augustine Magnificat Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Charity

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit You have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us choose what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit *The Catholic Encyclopedia*

Wisdom The gift of wisdom, by detaching us from the world, makes us relish and love only the things of heaven.

Understanding The gift of understanding helps us to grasp the truths of religion.

Counsel The gift of counsel springs from supernatural prudence, and enables us to see and choose correctly what will help most to the glory of God and our own salvation.

Fortitude (strength) By the gift of fortitude we receive courage to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that arise in the practice of our religious duties.

Knowledge The gift of knowledge points out to us the path to follow and the dangers to avoid in order to reach heaven.

Piety (reverence) The gift of piety, by inspiring us with a tender and filial confidence in God, makes us joyfully embrace all that pertains to His service.

Fear of the Lord (wonder and awe) The gift of fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread, above all things, to offend Him.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

"The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory." The traditions of the Church include twelve although only 9 are listed in Galatians 5:22-23:

Charity	Gentleness	Patience	Self-control
Generosity	Peace	Modesty	Goodness
Joy	Faithfulness	Kindness	Chastity

The fruits are acts of holiness that we do with pleasure through the persuasions of the Holy Spirit. When we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we obtain the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They are virtues that become part of our lives.

Holy Spirit Prayer of St. Augustine *Catholic Source Book*

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

The Magnificat: The Canticle of Mary *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit, He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children forever.

Act of Faith *Catholic Source Book*

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Act of Charity

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Evening Prayer for Older Children *customary prayer*

Dear Lord, show me what is your holy will.

If you want me to serve you as a priest or religious,
help me with Your light and grace.

If it is Your holy will that I should marry, please send me the one whom You know to be best for me and will build with me a happy and holy family.

If You want me to live a single life, give me strength to follow Your will. Amen.