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Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14



My Faith Journey

Date of Baptism: _____

Date of First Reconciliation: _____

Date of First Eucharist: _____



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Introduction

There is an old church song that begins with the line "What a friend we have in Jesus," and it is true. God loves each one of us and wants nothing more than to be our lifelong friend.

Prayer is our way of talking to God. In prayer, we tell God what we need, we tell God we love him, and we ask God to be with us in everything we do. Sometimes we talk to God quietly in our hearts, and we know that God hears us. Other times, we talk to God using words other people have written. Those people know and love God and want us to know and love him as well.



In this book, you will find prayers to deepen your friendship with God. These prayers will help you talk to God and help you find ways during the day to stop, just for a minute, and offer a prayer. The prayers in this book will also help you talk to God as part of the Church, as you pray the prayers of the Mass and the Rosary.

Praying every day helps you realize how much God loves you, and it also helps you love God. As you come to know God more and more through prayer, you will grow in your love for him. We hope these prayers help you do that.





SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





GREETING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.





PENITENTIAL ACT, FORM A

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.





PENITENTIAL ACT, FORM B

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Assembly: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Assembly: And grant us your salvation.

