



St. Edward Catholic Church  
Evangelization & Catechesis

# What Prayers Should My Child Know By Heart?

*Learning prayers and other important teachings of the Church by heart allows children and young people to develop a common prayer “language” that strengthens their identity as Catholics and as disciples of Christ.*

## Birth—Age 2

- Sign of the Cross

## Age 3-4

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer Before & After Meals

## Kindergarten

*In addition to the items above:*

- Morning and Evening Prayers
- Guardian Angel Prayer

## First Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

## Second Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Act of Contrition
- Prayers and Responses of the Mass

## Third Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Nicene Creed
- Fatima Prayer
- Hail, Holy Queen

## Fourth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Ten Commandments
- Apostle’s Creed
- Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Beatitudes
- Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

## Fifth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
- Act of Faith
- Seven Sacraments
- Holy Days of Obligation

## Sixth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
- Act of Hope
- Precepts of the Church

## Seventh Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Act of Love
- Stations of the Cross
- Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

## Eighth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Cardinal Virtues
- Theological Virtues
- Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

## Ninth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Major Feasts Days of the Church

## Tenth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Come, Holy Spirit
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit

## Eleventh Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Magnificat

## Twelfth Grade

*In addition to the items above:*

- Benedictus

## Suggested Resources

Catholic Online website:  
[www.catholic.org/prayers](http://www.catholic.org/prayers)

*The Catholic Youth Prayer Book*  
(St. Mary’s Press, [www.smp.org](http://www.smp.org) )

Loyola Press website:  
[www.loyolapress.com/traditional-catholic-prayers](http://www.loyolapress.com/traditional-catholic-prayers)

*Praying by Heart*  
(St. Mary’s Press, [www.smp.org](http://www.smp.org))

*St. Joseph Pocket Prayer Book*  
(Catholic Book Publishing Corp.)

United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops website:  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)