

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Memo for Friday, January 5, 2018

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Mission: Little Flower Catholic Elementary School, a partnership of parents and parish, nurtures a Sacramental life rooted in Jesus Christ and Catholic teaching, pursues academic excellence, and promotes a life of faith, integrity and service.

Little Flower School RULES: Respect God, Respect Self & Others, Respect the Environment

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365 Days of Praying for Your Children: January

Every year I intend to pray for my children daily. I know the importance of prayer. I know that nothing great can be accomplished without prayer. I know that prayer is the SINGLE MOST important thing that I can be doing as a parent. Yet, every year, I get to the end of the year and I realize that I did not pray for my children as much as I intended to. And, many times, the prayers I did pray were rushed and nonspecific.

I want to change that this year. And I hope YOU want to change that, too.

This year I have challenged myself to complete 365 days of specific prayer for my children. To help with this, I have provided a prayer calendar for each month with a new prayer suggestion for every day. I'm not going to limit myself to praying only for those items, and I am not going to tie myself down to the "schedule" so much that there is no spontaneity to my prayer life, but I **am** going to use the calendars to keep me on track and focused.

And I would like to invite you to do the same thing.

Imagine what this year could be like if every single one of us prayed specifically every single day for every single one of our children! WOW!!!

I hope you join me in this!! And, while you're at it, why don't you join our **facebook group** for more encouragement as you raise godly kids for Christ! Let's help each other out as we strive to raise godly children in today's society.

Here [<http://cherigamble.com/tag/praying-for-my-children/>] you will find this month's prayer calendar to help with that. Print it off, or, if you'd rather not print anything off, come back to this site each day for your new idea. I love it when you visit! Cheri [January's prayer calendar is printed on the back of this memo to get you started.]

+++++ **Additional Information for you to know** +++++

+++ SKILL OF THE WEEK: Accepting 'No' for an Answer: 1. Look at the person. 2. Say 'Okay.' 3. Stay calm. 4. If you disagree, ask later. Accepting 'no' for an answer is hard for everyone. Make sure you give the person eye contact so they know you are paying attention. Say okay or nod to show that you understand right away without pouting or whining. It's important to stay calm. If you react negatively, you can make the situation worse. Lastly, if you disagree with 'no' wait until there is a better time to talk about it. Plan out what you will say and then if the answer is still no, accept it and thank the person for listening. Hearing 'no' isn't always easy but it's a part of life. Using these steps will help to handle the 'no's' appropriately.

+++ January 12 End of the Nine Weeks. January 16 Report Cards go home.

+++ NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 15. This is a Professional Development day. LFS staff will have an Inservice.

+++ CANDY SALES: Please turn in money and unsold candy by Friday, January 12th. Please note: No damaged candy will be accepted. Remaining candy will be sold at the carnival and you will be credited for the amount you turn in. Thank you. The Candy Committee

+++ Our retreat for 3rd grade Confirmation students will be held on Saturday January 20th. We will begin with Mass at 8am, ending with a Pot Luck meal at 12:30. Please arrive by 7:50 to sign-in, down stairs. Children will gather by the Baptismal font for the procession at the beginning of Mass.

St Therese the Little Flower Parish Christmas Gift: There are still books available on our book carts for parishioners and guests to pick up, take home and enrich their faith journey by reading a good book. After mass, you are invited to select a book from one of the titles on a book cart, located in front of the altar or near the main entrance. We hope this gift will bless you in mind and spirit as you begin the New Year! Thank you, In Joyful Service, Rebecca **(OVER)**



365 Days of Praying for Your Child

January



1. Spend time today thanking God for the New Year and new beginnings! Ask God to help you pray for your child specifically and intentionally every day this year!
2. Pray for your child to be able to resist temptations in this new year.
3. Pray for God to show you parenting goals for this year and to help you reach those goals.
4. Pray for the people who teach your child at church. Pray for your child to grow closer to God this year.
5. Pray for your child to keep his thought life pure.
6. Pray for your child's future job. Pray that God will lead and he will listen.
7. Pray for your child to have people in his life that will build him up and encourage him.
8. Ask God to help your child to forgive those who hurt him and to not hold grudges or seek revenge.
9. Pray for your child to guard what he puts into his mind. Pray for him to use discernment in all areas.
10. Do a service project in your neighborhood with your child!
11. Pray for your child to discover what it is to really know Jesus!
12. Pray for the physical health of your child.
13. Pray for your child and his future family. Pray for God to be the head of his family.
14. Pray for your child to only speak words that encourage and heal.
15. Pray for your ability to forgive those who hurt your child.
16. Pray for your child to get along well with other children and to show the love of Christ to all.
17. Write a special note for your child. Put it somewhere for him to discover on his own.
18. Pray for your child to always give God the glory and praise for everything!
19. Pray for the salvation of your child and future grandchildren.
20. Pray for your child to be a good sport and to learn to lose with dignity.
21. Pray for your child to spend his free time wisely. Pray that he will not fall into temptation.
22. Pray for your child to make a difference in his nation. Pray for him to be a leader.
23. Pray for your child to only laugh at and listen to appropriate humor.
24. Look through old scrapbooks with your child. Pray for everyone you see.
25. Pray for your child to know the difference between right and wrong.
26. Pray for your child's education. Pray that he will learn truth and will know how to apply it.
27. Pray for your child's future in-laws. Pray for great family relationships.
28. Pray for your child to learn to respect his leaders and elders.
29. Pray for your child to have the courage to stand up for what is right when everyone else is giving in.
30. Pray for your child to look to Jesus as his example and to strive to do all things to please Him.
31. Pray for wisdom as you parent your child.

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