

SOGL Kindergarten Family Prayers

May: We Honor Mary

Preparing to Pray

The month of May is traditionally devoted to honoring Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mother of the Church, and our Mother. Mary is the greatest saint and the perfect example of how we are called to live as Jesus' followers.

Gather one or more symbols of Mary—a rosary, a statue, a picture or holy card, or even the picture of Mary your child colored in Chapter 30. Choose a special place to display these Marian symbols.

Talk to your child about Mary's love for God, for her son Jesus, for each of us. Tell your child that during the month of May, when our Church celebrates Mary, you will pray a special prayer to Mary every day. During your prayer each day, gather around the symbols of Mary that you have assembled.

Praying Together

Begin by making the Sign of the Cross together.

Invite your child to respond, "Mary, help us live with love" to each acclamation.

Parent: We honor Mary as Jesus' mother.

All: Mary, help us live with love.

Parent: We honor Mary as our Mother.

All: Mary, help us live with love.

Parents: We honor Mary when we show love for our mothers.

All: Mary, help us live with love.

If your child has learned the Hail Mary, pray it aloud together. If not, pray it aloud, inviting your child to repeat each line after you.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

All: Amen.

Working Together

- If weather permits, help your child create a Marian shrine in a backyard flower bed or a patio flower box. Purchase an inexpensive Mary statue and use spring flowers to decorate the shrine honoring Mary.
- Watch the bulletin for parish events honoring Mary: a May Crowning, the Living Rosary or other special events. Plan to attend these with your child. As an alternative, make a special visit to your parish church with your kindergartener to pray at the Marian altar.