Faithfulness - Prayers and Affirmations

Prayers Options:


   Jesus said, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, God will honour.

   The Gospel of the Lord.

   All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

2. A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians. (4:4-8)

   Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

3. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
   you have given the world its true light,
   Jesus, your Son – the Son of God.
   You abandoned yourself completely
   to God's call
   and thus became a wellspring
   of the goodness which flows forth from him.
   Show us Jesus. Lead us to him.
   Teach us to know and love him,
   so that we too can become
   capable of true love
   and be fountains of living water
   in the midst of a thirsting world.- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
4. **Go with God!**

   *This is a summer prayer for you. Take it with you and keep it in your mind and heart.*
   
   As you leave school for the summer, and you lay aside textbooks and notebooks and pencils and pens,
   Go with God, for God goes with you.

   As you begin new projects or a well-deserved family vacation
   As you meet and make new friends,
   Go with God, God will guide you.

   As you enjoy the summer sun and the summer’s cool blue waters,
   Be wise and safe.
   Respect the beauty of the earth as God’s gift to you,
   And go with God, for God has created you.

   As you go to quite places to reflect and to pray,
   To enjoy the peace,
   And the beauty of private space
   And time off, Go with God,
   for God always goes with you.

   -Anon.

5. **Apostles’ Creed**

   I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
   I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
   He descended to the dead.
   On the third day he rose again.
   He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
   I believe in the Holy Spirit,
   the Holy Catholic Church,
   the communion of saints,
   the forgiveness of sins,
   the resurrection of the body,
   and the life everlasting.

   Amen.
6. **Prayer for Educators of Justice and Peace**

Good and Gracious God, Teacher of all peoples, Bless and guide those of us who seek to educate others about your good news of justice and peace.

Guide us in our work, as we reach out to shape hearts and minds.

Walk with us as we deal with complex issues, help us to find the right words and actions to communicate your love for all members of the global family.

Support us as we promote critical reflections on local, national and international issues. Renew our commitment, so we can spark courage and empower others to confront injustice.

Allow our vision of a better world to transform spirits. Help us to nurture the skills that will bring this vision to reality.

Remind us how blessed we are to have this call to proclaim justice and peace and to be able to respond even in small ways.

Give us patience and perseverance in our work. Grace us with fellowship and community. Help us to remember that you are our rest and refreshment.

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**Affirmations:**

I will be sincere, trustworthy, and truthful even when it is difficult
I will stand by what is right and just
I will be considerate of others when I speak, write and listen.
I will pay attention to my relationships with family members and friends.
I will try to forgive people rather than hold grudges on them.
I will accept myself for who I am and try not to compare myself to others.
I will try to take the time to appreciate the ordinary events of each day.
I believe and have faith in God
I believe that God is with us always
I believe that we can talk to God anytime and anywhere, through prayer
I believe in the Church community, celebrating Mass, and the seven Sacraments
I believe in forgiveness
I am faithful

**Concluding Prayer**

*The Lord’s Prayer* (or a prayer of your choice)