

March, 2021

Turn in this sheet before March 31

Candidate:

Work though this side of the page on your own – the other side is for you and your sponsor together.

Choose an opportunity to serve someone – or a few someones all at once! Take an opportunity here to reflect on what you've done, and what difference you've made in the other's life (or lives), and what difference it made in your own life. *How was God a part of your service?*

Before serving, take a moment to pray,

*Lord, help me to see with your eyes and hear with your ears,
that I may be your hands, feet, voice, and heart,
that I may spread your love and kindness.
Amen.*

After serving, please answer these questions:

- What did I do, and when?
- Why did I choose this opportunity to serve?
- What difference did it make in others' lives – how did God touch *them* – through this?
- What difference did it make in my life – how did God touch *me* – through this?

Go to www.tinyurl.com/Blessed-Are-You to see Jesus' Beatitudes and what the Catechism says.

- How did your service reflect "the countenance [face] of Jesus Christ and portray his charity [love]"?
- How does your life reflect paragraph 219 of that section of the Catechism – to be part of "the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith"?

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Candidate's Name: _____
Candidate's E-Mail (if applicable): _____

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Candidate and Sponsor:

**Work though this side of the page together (the other side is for the candidate alone).
Discuss these questions, jotting down a few thoughts. This is for honest, prayerful reflection.
The Candidate writes the responses.**

- ❑ **Candidates are to know the Lord's Prayer** (see section two of part four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, beginning at paragraph 2759 – visit www.tinyurl.com/cc-Our-Father).
- ❑ On separate paper (**keep** for yourself!), **write a prayer** that expands each segment of the Lord's Prayer.
For example:
 - **re-write and expand** the words “Our Father, who art in heaven” to address God our Creator;
 - **rewrite and expand** “Hallowed be your Name” to express thanks and praise;
 - **and so on.**
- ❑ As a model, the paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer written by **Saint Francis of Assisi** is below.
- ❑ **Keep the prayer you write** to aid in your relationship with Our Father.
- ❑ **To reflect and write:**
 - What are the most personally challenging parts of the Lord's Prayer? Why?
 - How can I make my life more in line with the desires God has for my life?
 - I am coming closer to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Will I be ready? What more do I need? What can I do – what should I do – to be *fully* prepared?

¹O Our Father ^{Mt 6:9} most holy: Our Creator, Redeemer, Consoler, and Savior:
²Who are in heaven: ^{Mt 6:9} In the angels and the saints, enlightening them to know, for You, Lord, are light; ^{1 Jn 1:5}
inflaming them to love, for You, Lord, are love; dwelling in them and filling them with happiness,
for You, Lord, are Supreme Good, the Eternal Good,
from Whom all good comes, without Whom there is no good.
³Holy be Your Name: ^{Mt 6:9}
May knowledge of You become clearer in us that we may know the breadth of Your blessings,
the length of Your promises, the height of Your majesty, the depth ^{Eph 3:18} of Your judgments.
⁴Your kingdom come: ^{Mt 6:10}
That You may rule in us through Your grace and enable us to come to Your kingdom ^{Lk 23:42}
where there is clear vision of You, perfect love of You, blessed companionship with You, eternal enjoyment of You.
⁵Your will be done on earth as in heaven: ^{Mt 6:10}
That we may love You with our whole heart by always thinking of You, ^{Dt 6:5} with our whole soul by always desiring You,
with our whole mind by always directing all our intentions to You, and by seeking Your glory in everything,
with all our whole strength by exerting all our energies and affections of body and soul ^{Lk 10:27}
in the service of Your love and of nothing else;
and we may love our neighbor as ourselves by drawing them all to Your love with our whole strength,
by rejoicing in the good of others as in our own, by suffering with others at their misfortunes, and by giving offense to no one. ^{2 Cor 6:3}
⁶Give us this day: ^{Mt 6:11}
in remembrance, understanding, and reverence of that love which [our Lord Jesus Christ] had for us
and of those things that He said and did and suffered for us.
our daily Bread: ^{Mt 6:11} Your own beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷Forgive us our trespasses: ^{Mt 6:12} through Your ineffable mercy through the power of the passion of Your beloved Son
and through the merits and intercession of the ever blessed Virgin and all Your elect.
⁸As we forgive those who trespass against us: ^{Mt 6:12} And what we do not completely forgive, make us, Lord,
forgive completely that we may truly love our enemies because of You
and we may fervently intercede for them before You, returning no evil for evil ^{1 Thes 5:15} and we may strive to help everyone in
You.
⁹And lead us not into temptation: ^{Mt 6:13} hidden or obvious, sudden or persistent.
¹⁰But deliver us from evil: ^{Mt 6:13} past, present, and to come.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
<http://www.tinyurl.com/Our-Father-Francis>