



VOCATIONS: FAMILY FEATURE

HOW TO WE PRAY?

PRAYER SURVEY

This week your fourth grader is learning about vocations. While it is true that God calls people to particular vocations like marriage, priesthood and religious life, the most important vocation he calls each of us to is a deep, personal relationship with Him. Prayer is a big part of that relationship. God speaks to people in many different ways. Take this survey together as a family, and discover some of the ways you each are praying at this stage of your lives.



Directions:

1. One person reads each survey statement out loud, giving enough time for everyone participating to write down his or her ranking.
2. Each person ranks the statements from 1-5 as to how true each is for him or her.
3. Everyone writes down his or her answers on separate pieces of paper.
4. After completing the survey, everyone takes turns sharing his or her answers with each other. Share as much or as little as you wish.

Ranking Scale:

- 1 - Yes, definitely.
- 2 - For the most part.
- 3 - Somewhat.
- 4 - Not so much.
- 5 - No.

Survey Statements:

1. Prayer to me is a conversation with God.
2. It is easiest for me to pray prayers that are already written.
3. When I sing I feel like I am praying.
4. I like attending Mass because I am praying with other people.
5. Praying out loud and making up my own words is easy for me.
6. I feel God deep in my heart when I am alone.
7. When I read or hear the Gospel, the stories of Jesus inspire me.
8. I am most aware of God during the seasons and holidays of the Church.
9. Sometimes I feel like there is a special mission for me to do.
10. I can see ways that God can use me in my life.
11. I like to pray for other people.
12. When I give thanks for things, I become less selfish.
13. I like devotions such as the rosary, novenas, or the Way of the Cross.
14. Seeing a cross or a holy picture quickly reminds me of who I am as a child of God.
15. I talk with Jesus in my heart during the day.
16. When I am experiencing nature, it makes me think of God.
17. I think about doing my work each day as a way to serve God.



Whose marriage do you admire?

Say a quick little prayer for another player.

Skip a turn.

What do you think would be the most exciting thing about being a priest?

Move another player a step behind.

What is an example of a good decision or discovery you made with the help of God?

Who do you know that is in the consecrated life?

What is one of your favorite ways to listen for God?

Move another player a step ahead.

What aspect of the consecrated life seems the most interesting to you?

Who do you know that is a generous single person?

What is one of your favorite ways that parents can reflect the love of God to their children?

At what time, season, or moment do you feel most open to the will of God for you/your child's future vocation?

Give another player a hug.

Smile at another player.

Switch places with another player.

When have you felt God calling you to do something?

What priest has inspired you the most?

High five another player.

