

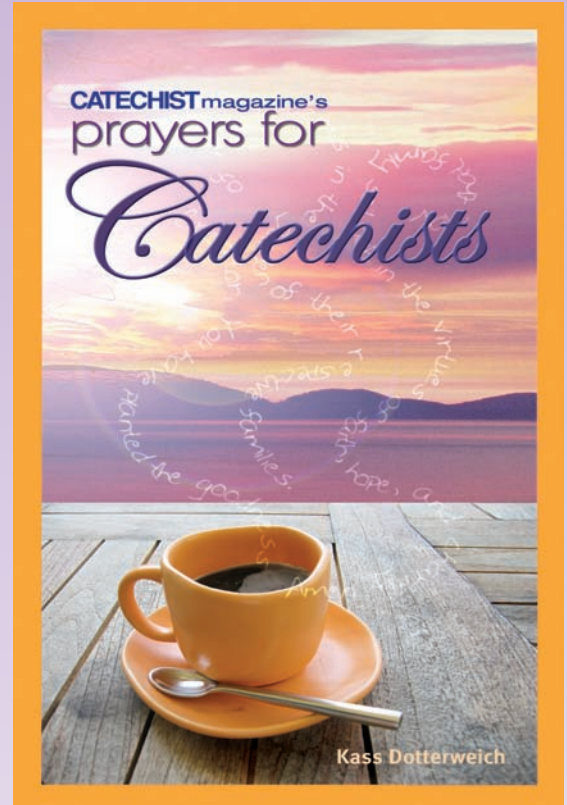
Prayers for Catechists

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The catechist's search for inspiration and spiritual growth is reflected in these 21 prayer poems. Celebrate the class that went well. Pray for a troubled student. Talk to God about being tired. Trust in God's love.

“As catechists, we are Jesus’ disciples today,” Kass Dotterweich writes in her introduction. “May these short and simple prayers help us . . . hear Jesus’ gentle and directing voice, and feel nurtured and sustained in his presence.”

The author brings to these prayers her rich experience in catechetical ministry – as a catechist preparing teens for Confirmation, as the author of dozens of pamphlets and booklets, and as editor of *Catechist* magazine.



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Prayer Before Class

Almighty God and Father,
students will begin to arrive soon.

Open wide my spiritual arms
as I welcome and embrace them.

Bless this space,
so that the goodness of your truth
may be shared.

Bless this time,
so that the power of your love
may be discovered.

And bless me, Lord,
that I may share your Good News
with joy and confidence.

Amen.

Prayer with My Students

(Help your students memorize this simple litany.)

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Touch our hearts, Lord ...

R. Be with us.

Let us learn, Lord ...

R. Be with us.

Lift our minds, Lord ...

R. Be with us.

Show the way, Lord ...

R. Be with us.

Move our hearts, Lord ...

R. Be with us.

Teach us love, Lord ...

R. Be with us.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God,

Something worked—and it worked well. Thank you for that! It was good and it was holy and it was yours.

Oh sure, I am enjoying a small measure of credit for this success. After all, you created the human heart to know this kind of gleeful satisfaction. But I know beyond any doubt that your grace was fully present there and then—and is, still. Receive my humble “thank you,” Gracious God!

Now I know you will excuse me, God, as I rush off in my excitement, like your dear child Mary Magdalene, to tell others about this wonderful something that worked! *Amen.*

Prayer When I'm Feeling Unappreciated

Just hear me out, God—just for a minute.

*It's a fact. I'm feeling unappreciated. Here I am,
toiling away in the vineyard, where the laborers are
few. I'm putting yeast in the dough. I'm tending the
sheep. I'm preparing a banquet. I'm sowing the seed.
I'm being the good steward, the good Samaritan,
and the salt of the Earth—all rolled into one. I'm a
Christ-bearer ... but does anyone care?*

*Just a simple "Thank you" would be nice. "We
appreciate all you do" would be even better. (Pause.
Take a deep breath. Take another deep breath. Smile.
Say "Amen" out loud.)*