

CHILDREN'S PRAYERLEAFLET: *LOVING JESUS AND PLEASING HIM*

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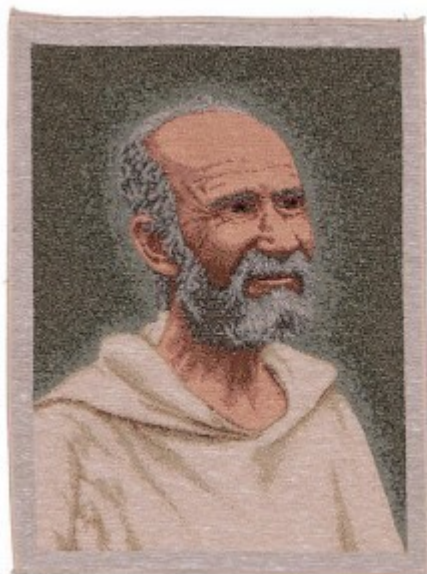
Everything has to grow. Children who were babies then, grow up ,become teenagers and later adults. This growth is also noticeable in our love for God. There must always be spiritual progress, and the basis of all spiritual growth is love. Do I love Jesus? Does my heart keep thinking about him? "You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind" (cf. Mk 12:28-32). When we grow in faith, we understand that God wants our whole life to be focused on loving Him. "You will love your neighbor as yourself." Our closest neighbor, before it is our neighbor or our spouse, is first of all God. If I love God, my love for my neighbor will grow and be purified. This is how children must learn to love God. In everything they do, even while playing, you have to love God, studying, speaking, etc.; thus we will always seek to please Him. When children behave badly among themselves and towards adults, cheating, insulting, by being lazy, jealous of others, all this lack of love in this world comes first of all from the fact that we do not love God enough. This month could be dedicated to making efforts to grow spiritually by pleasing Jesus. That the youth festival also be the feast of love for Jesus.

THE STORY: Charles de Foucauld

Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Charles. He had not always been nice and sometimes did huge stupid things. His parents were probably wondering how he would end. As a young man, he did not change and led a life of debauchery. He loved to travel and as an explorer, he visited many countries. It is then that he makes a dazzling encounter with Christ. Now he travels for Christ. In January 1897, to meet a demand for absolute deprivation and poverty, Charles left the Trappe of Akbès. He went to Palestine to lead a hermit life. On March 6, 1897, he pushed the door of the chapel of the convent of the Poor Clares in Nazareth. He stayed there for more than two years, leading the life of a valet, helping with the garden and small works. He accepted for accommodation only a hut of planks in which the tools were stored in the garden. He devoted himself to prayer, in his hut or in the chapel, and to writing. He then imposed on himself a life of great austerity, poorly dressed, eating little, giving the poor the little he had, thanking the Lord for having "plunged him into the abjection after which he sighed. Valet of the Poor Clares in the very city where Jesus grew up, poorer than the poorest, forgotten and hidden in the very places where his master lived ignored thirty years, he was wonderfully answered". A miracle recognized by the Vatican is the incredible story of a young carpenter from Saumur (Maine-et-Loire), survivor in 2016 of a fall of 15 m from which he emerged unscathed, despite an abdomen pierced from part by a piece of wood from a bench

Here is the prayer of Charles de Foucauld

My Father, I surrender to you, do with me what you please. Whatever you do with me, thank you. I am ready for anything, I accept everything. As long as your will is in me, in all your creatures, I desire nothing else, my God. I put my soul in your hands. I give it to you, my God, with all the love of my heart, because I love you, and it is a need of love for me to give myself, to put me in your hands, without measure, with infinite confidence,



DAILY READINGS AND EXERCISES OF THE WORD TO BE PUT INTO PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN.

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1. **Tuesday :** Mk 5,21-43 : **Pray the Pope's intention:** Pray that Victims of religious discrimination and persecution may find in our society the acknowledgment of their rights and dignity that comes from fraternity. Pray this intention many times during the day
Read an extract of the Catechism of the Catholic church No311
Pray for your brothers and sisters and for your cousins.
2. **Wednesday:** Lk 2, 22-40 :
3. **Thursday:** Mc 6, 7-13 : Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be a good child and act as a good child
4. **Friday :** Sir 47, 2-11 : Pray for the conversion of your brother or sister who is most often stubborn.
5. **Saturday:** Mk 6, 30-34 : Put order in your room and do some drawings for people that you love.
6. **Sunday:** Lk 5, 1-11 : Be kind with everyone.
7. **Monday :** Mk 6, 53-56: In your intimate prayer, ask God everything you wish for your family.
8. **Tuesday :** Mk 7, 1-13 : Be attentive and listen well to instructions in order to please Jesus.
9. **Wednesday:** 1 KINGS 10, 1-10: Ask God the gift of wisdom.
10. **Thursday:** Mk 7, 24-30: Have a good moment of prayer, converse with Jesus. .
11. **Friday :** Mk 7, 31-37: Help someone and pray for the blind.
12. **Saturday:** Mk 8, 1-10 : Pray for children in the world who do not have something to eat and offer a bit of food to another child.
13. **Sunday:** Lk 6, 17. 20-26: Speak to others with gentleness.
14. **Monday :** Mk 8, 11-13: Recite the 'Credo' during the day and ask your parents to teach you the credo.
15. **Tuesday :** James 1, 12-18: Smile alot today.
16. **Wednesday:** Mk 8, 22-26 : Recite the 'Our Father' many times during the day.
17. **Thursday:** Mk 8, 27-33: Be obedient to your parents.
18. **Friday :** James 2, 14-24 26: Do not say unpleasant things to others.
19. **Saturday:** Mk 9, 2-13: Pray for your mother and do everything possible so that she will not be sad.
20. **Sunday:** Lk 6 , 27-38: Behave well today.
21. **Monday :** James 3, 13-18: Do not say evil about others.
22. **Tuesday :** Mt 16, 13-19: Pray for Pope Francis.
23. **Wednesday:** Mk 9, 38--40: Pray for the whole church.
24. **Thursday:** James 5, 1-6: Be generous and share alot.
25. **Friday :** Mk 10, 1-12: Pray 10 'Hail Mary' for families
26. **Saturday:** Mk 10, 13-16: Do good to another child.
27. **Sunday:** Lk 6, 39-45: Be attentive at mass .
28. **Monday :** Mk 10, 17-27 : ASk God to help you to abandon your bad habits.

Prayerleaflet of the Incarnation Movement (Movement of the Catholic Church):

