

FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES



THE ROSARY

TOPICS: INTRODUCING THE FAMILY ROSARY AS PRAYING WITH MARY, LOOKING TO JESUS WITH HER; PREPARING FOR ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

OPENING PRAYER:

Come, Spirit of Right Judgment, bless us and grant us the grace of peacefully resolving conflicts that arise in our families through patient dialogue that leads to understanding and renewal of love. Our Father...

(adapted from [Catholics For Family Peace](#))

ICE BREAKER

Ask each person if he/she could eat only one food for the rest of his/her life, what would it be?

REVIEW MAIN CONCEPT

- Rosary is praying with Mary, looking to Jesus with her, and preparing for All Saints Day & All Souls Day
- Watch [Praying the Rosary with Your Family](#), Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore (3 min)

FAMILY SHARING

- Ask each family to share one thing they learned from the at-home video.
- Ask each family to show their home altars and tell about the rosaries that they have placed there.



CONTENT

October is the month of the Rosary. When we say one of the prayers on the rosary, we are giving Mary a spiritual rose and asking her to pray for whatever is on our hearts. At the end of the Rosary, we have given her an entire bouquet.

When we say each prayer, we are also thinking about the life that Jesus and Mary lived together on earth. Those moments are called mysteries, and in our hearts we put ourselves there with Jesus and Mary in that mystery moment with them. We will talk more about this during this year.



On November 1st, All Saints Day, we celebrate and show God that we are grateful for the saints who are in Heaven and for all the help they give us.

On November 2nd, All Souls Day, we pray for our loved ones who have died as well as for all those who are in Purgatory waiting for us to pray for them, so they too can go to Heaven and finally be with God forever!

Watch [*Being Catholic: All Saints & All Souls Day*](#) by the Diocese of Syracuse (2 min)

FAMILY SHARING

Ask each family to show the photo/picture and tell about the loved one that they will be praying for during All Souls Day which is celebrated on November 2nd.

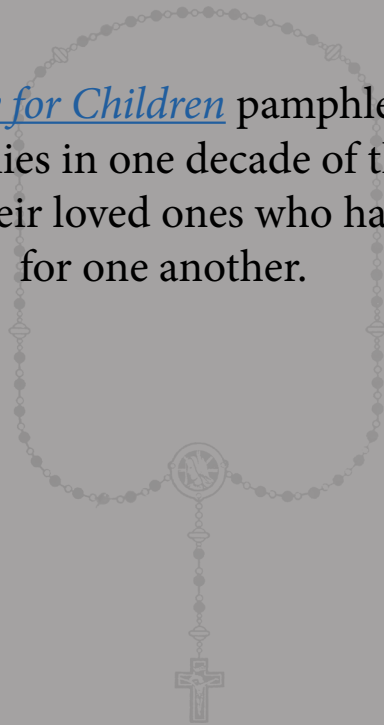


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Our loved ones who have died may already be in Heaven with God, but since we can't know that for certain, we will pray for them just to be sure they have all the help and love we can give to them. If they are in Heaven, Mary will use the grace from our prayers to help a poor soul in Purgatory who has no one to pray for him/her, because God never wastes anything!

PRAY

Use the [*Rosary for Children*](#) pamphlets/booklets to lead families in one decade of the rosary together for their loved ones who have died and for one another.



REMIND

Remind families about the next meeting date and time.

