



Prayer

At the heart of the Christian life is prayer, the place in which we encounter God and allow Him to draw us into a deeper relationship. I have often noted that as Catholics we are good at knowing and saying our prayers, but sometimes we don't know how to pray. To pray is to open oneself up and relate our heart to the One who created everything, you and me included. It is our hope that with this new monthly series, led by the Divine Mercy Pastorate Spiritual Committee, we will be able to help more people come to understand the rich and diverse reality of the spiritual life and, in turn, live it out daily.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Drawn to Prayer

There is a moment in the Gospel of Luke I keep coming back to. One of the disciples watches Jesus pray and asks, simply: "Lord, teach us to pray." Not "explain the theology of prayer." Not "give us a framework." Just: teach us. How to do this thing that you clearly know how to do, and that we clearly do not. That question has followed me for a long time.

Starting next week, the members of the Divine Mercy Spiritual Committee want to invite you along. Over the next twelve months, this bulletin will carry a short article on prayer, each one a quick read of less than 5 minutes. Look for a new one about once a month.

Together, we'll explore what prayer really is and why it matters, along with practices like the Rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours. And who knows, we might just find some new ways to bring prayer into our everyday lives.

We want to be honest: we are not experts. We are parishioners and members of this community, learning right alongside you. What you will read in this series is us exploring, learning, and experiencing these topics firsthand, and offered to all of you with open hands.

Our hope for this series is simple: that we learn more about prayer, that we actually pray more, and that we do both of those things together. That this pastorate grows not only in knowledge but in communion, drawn closer to God and to one another by the one thing that holds everything else together. The disciple who asked Jesus to teach him to pray did not have it figured out. Neither do we.

Come pray with us.

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