



Prayers by Heart

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Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14



My Faith Journey

Date of Baptism: _____

Date of First Reconciliation: _____

Date of First Eucharist: _____



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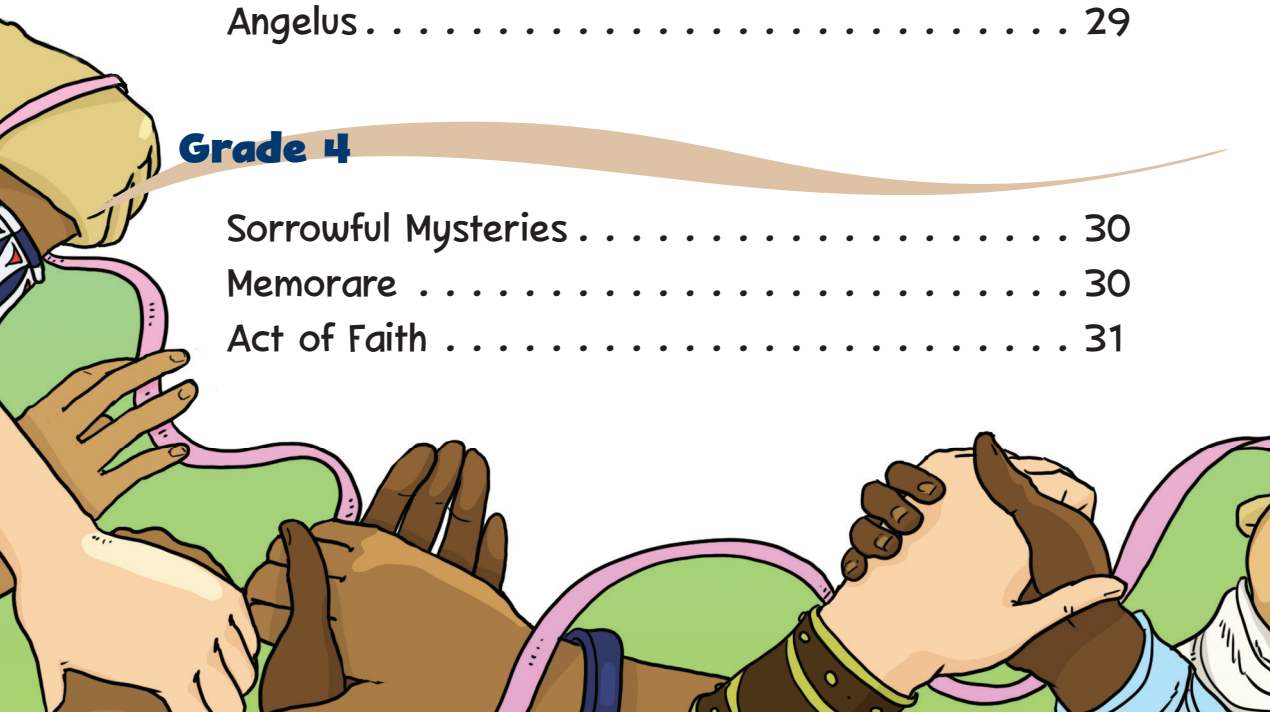
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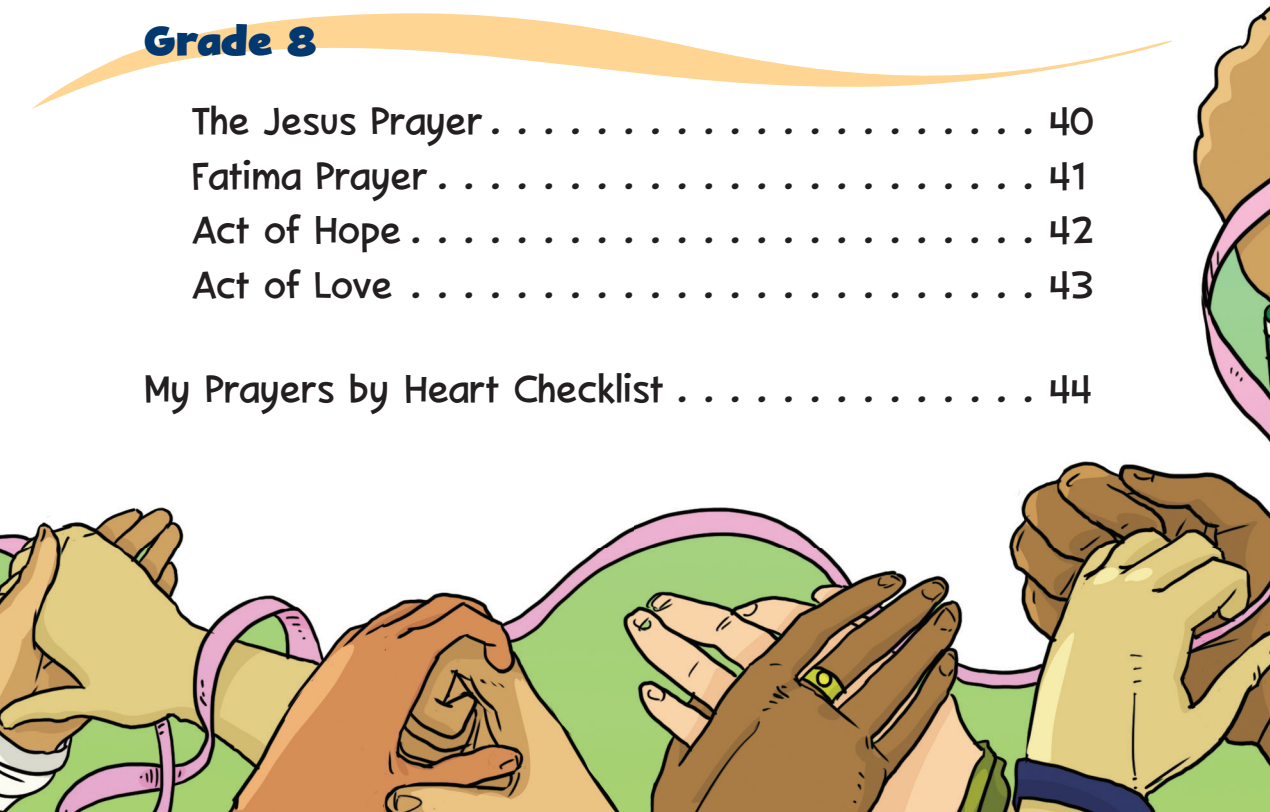
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Introduction

Dear Girls and Boys,

I hope that you like this new book. The prayers in it have been selected especially for you. They will remind you that Jesus loves you and delights in you. They will help you love Jesus and stay close to Him and His mother, Mary.

Prayer is a time for you to talk to God, a time to tell God the things that make you happy, and a time when you can share with God the things that make you sad. Prayer is also a time when we listen to God. Pope Francis said when we pray we open the door for Jesus to enter our hearts so we can talk to him and to listen to him.



I hope you will take the time to learn these prayers by heart. There are prayers in this book that you can say when you get up in the morning and prayers you can say when you go to sleep at night. There are prayers for saying before and after meals, and there is a special prayer to your guardian angel to protect you. And of course, this book also contains the prayers you and your family can recite as you attend Holy Mass on Sundays. These are all beautiful prayers that will keep you close to Jesus.

Always remember that Jesus loves you and wants to be part of your life. Open the door of your heart through prayer and let Jesus in.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

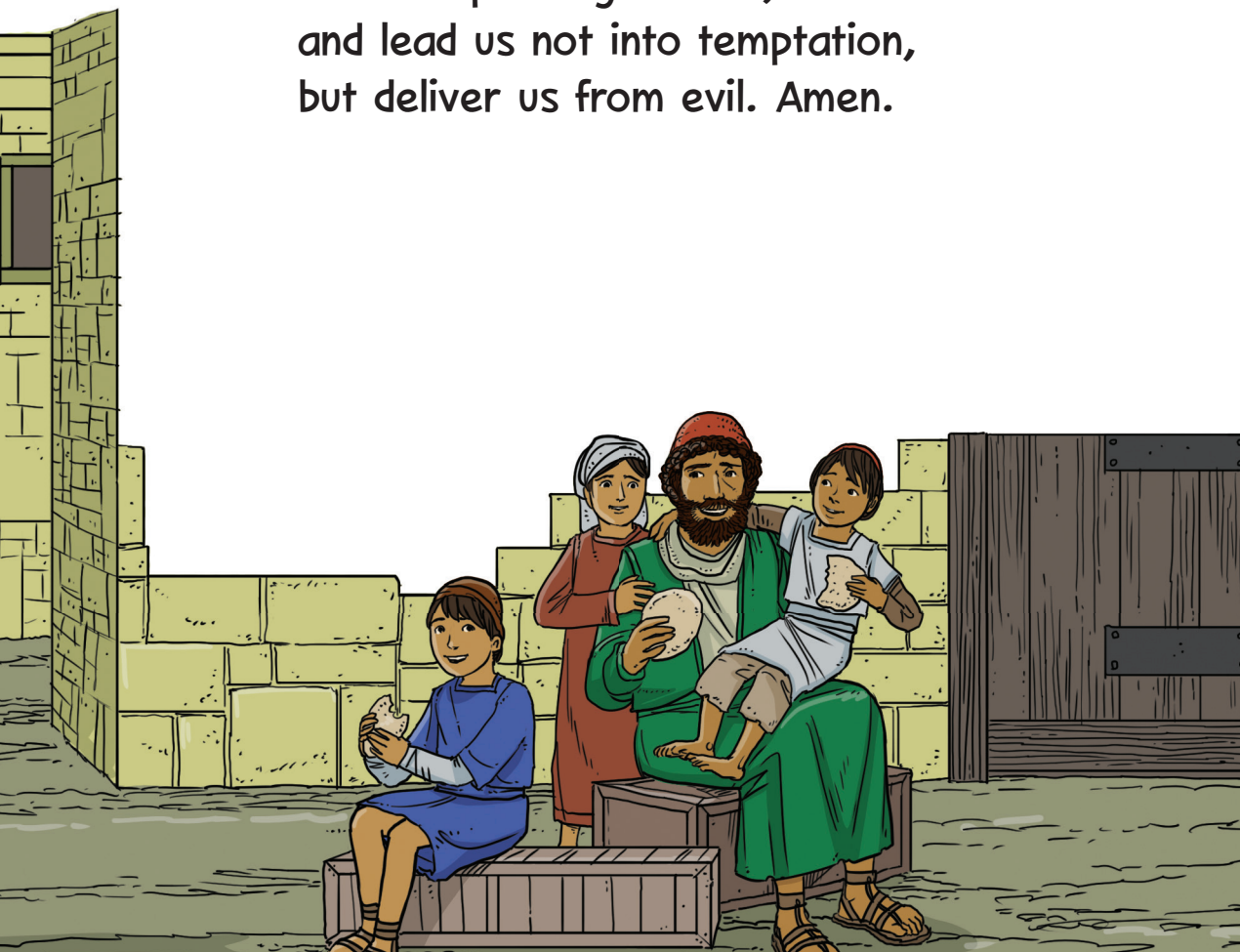


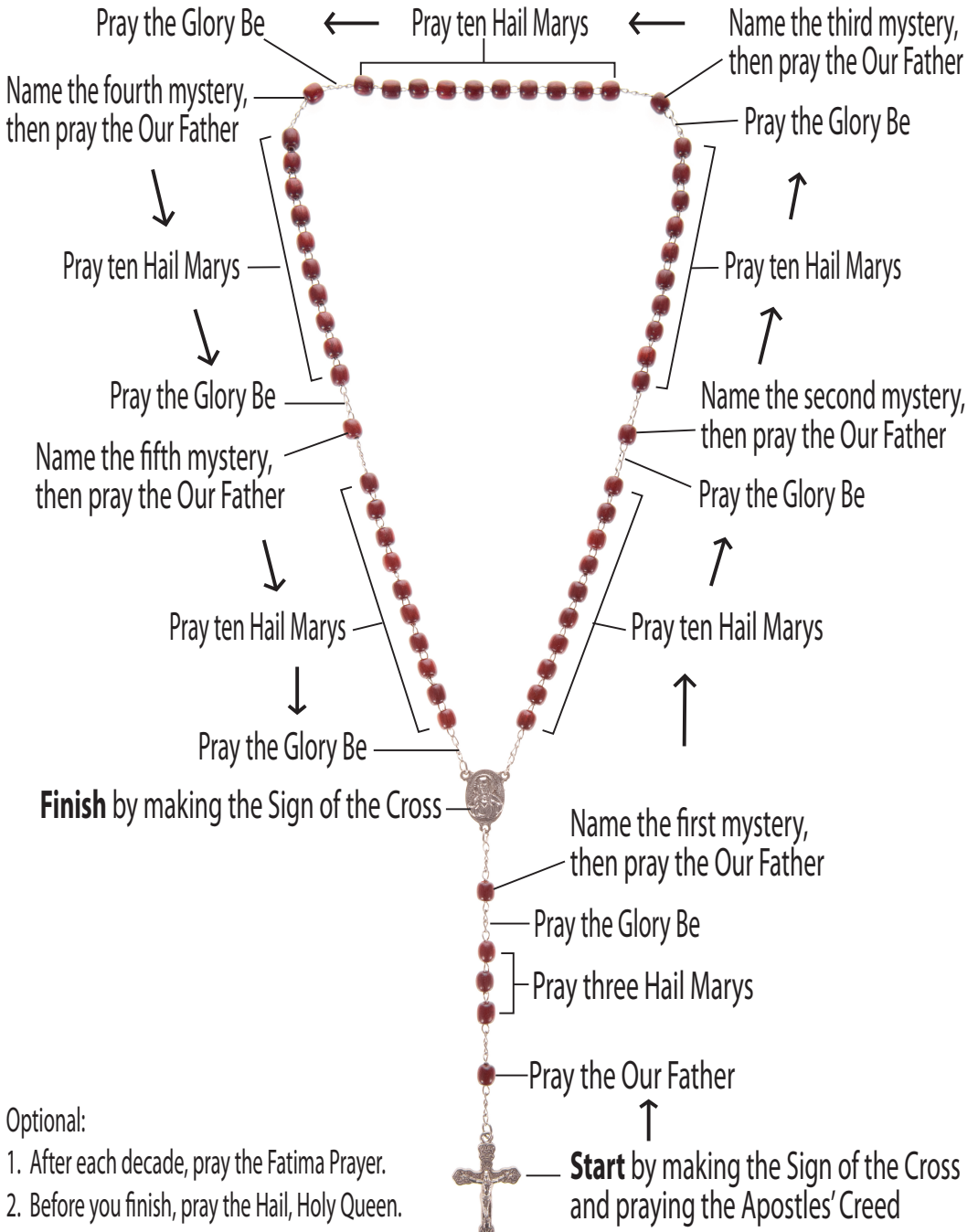


THE OUR FATHER

(Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.





Optional:

- 1. After each decade, pray the Fatima Prayer.
- 2. Before you finish, pray the Hail, Holy Queen.





ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths that the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.



ACT OF LOVE

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

