

## Talking to God: Resources for Prayer

A supplement to the presentation  
 "Talking to God: A Conversation about Prayer"  
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### *The Bible*

<b>Genesis 15, 17</b>	Abraham and Sarah waiting for a child
<b>Genesis 32: 24 – 34</b>	Jacob encounters God
<b>1 Samuel 1: 1 – 28</b>	Samuel's mother (Hannah) prays
<b>1 Kings 19: 1 – 14</b>	Elijah encounters God not in the wind, the earthquake, or fire – but in a whisper
<b>Psalms</b>	
<b>Luke 1: 13</b>	God answers Zechariah's prayer for a child
<b>Luke 11: 9 – 13</b>	Human fathers give good gifts; so too does God
<b>Luke 18: 1 – 8</b>	The parable of the persistent widow
<b>Luke 18: 9 – 14</b>	Pharisee prays with lots of words, but the sinner says simply "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."
<b>1 Thessalonians 5: 17</b>	"Pray without ceasing"
<b><i>Jesus prays</i></b>	
<b>Matthew 6: 5 - 8</b>	Jesus instructs others to pray
<b>Mark 1: 35</b>	Jesus goes off to pray
<b>Luke 3: 21</b>	Before His Baptism
<b>Luke 6: 12</b>	Before naming the 12 apostles
<b>Luke 9: 18</b>	Before Peter's Confession about Jesus
<b>Luke 9: 28</b>	At His Transfiguration
<b>Luke 11: 1</b>	Jesus was praying when the disciples asked Him how to pray
<b>Luke 22: 32</b>	Jesus prays for Peter's faith
<b>Luke 22: 39 – 46</b> <b>Matthew 26:36-46</b> <b>Mark 14: 32 - 42</b>	The Agony in the Garden
<b>Matthew 6: 9 – 13</b> <b>Luke 11: 2 – 4</b>	The Lord's Prayer

## ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a reference book that details official Catholic doctrine. Divided into four parts, it covers four key topics: 1) The Profession of Faith, 2) The Celebration of the Christian Mystery, 3) Life in Christ, and 4) Christian Prayer. References to the Catechism are often noted “CCC” (Catechism of the Catholic Church) followed by a number. The number refers to the paragraph in the text, not to the page number. The Catechism can be found at many bookstores (including Immaculate Conception’s Inspirational Gift Shop on Seneca Street), or the full text is available online at the following link:

<http://old.usccb.org/catechism/text/>

The entire part four of the Catechism (CCC 2558 – 2865) is relevant to this presentation, but the following passages relate specifically to Father Jeff’s remarks.

<b>2559</b>	Quotes by saints about prayer
<b>2564 - 2565</b>	Prayer as being in the presence of God; Prayer as communion – an action of God and of man
<b>2567</b>	Prayer starts with God and continues with our response to Him
<b>2573</b>	Jacob’s prayers (see also Gen 28:10-22)
<b>2626 – 2643</b>	Types of Prayer
<b>2697</b>	“But we cannot pray ‘at all times’ if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it”
<b>2721</b>	Three major types of prayer: vocal, meditation, contemplative
<b>2728</b>	Overcoming “failure in prayer” or obstacles in prayer
<b>2729</b>	Difficulties in prayer: distractions
<b>2761</b>	“The Lord’s Prayer ‘is truly the summary of the whole gospel”
<b>2759 – 2865</b>	The Lord’s Prayer (The Our Father)

### ***Other resources***

#### **Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light – The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta**

Brian Kolodiejchuk, editor; Doubleday Religion 2007

#### **Addiction & Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions**

Gerald G. May, HarpaOne 1988

#### **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults**

USCCB, Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006.

**The Liturgy of the Hours:** [www.divineoffice.org](http://www.divineoffice.org)

**Father Jeff’s blog:** [www.renewaloffaith.org](http://www.renewaloffaith.org)

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