

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (10-16-22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2**  
**PART 3, LESSON 37—PRAYER**

- I. Prayers (3 Minutes)
  - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
  - B. “Our Father”
  - C. “Hail Mary”
  - D. Saint and Virtue:
    - 1. Saint Dominic (1170-1221)
    - 2. Fortitude (Fighting the Albigensian heresy with the Rosary)
- II. Choose the Best Answer/Fill in the Blanks (1-5)—Page 230
- III. Lesson 37—Prayer: Communicating with the God in Whom We Believe
  - A. The Sign of the Cross = Brief Summary of the Creed
    - 1. Beginning and ending prayer—and ALL ACTIONS
    - 2. Expression of Fundamental Mysteries:
      - a. The Trinity—One God (“In the NAME”)/Three Persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
      - b. Redemption (Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross of Calvary)
  - B. The Father communicates to us through His Son in the Power of the Holy Spirit—We communicate to the Father through His Son in the Power of the Holy Spirit as the Father’s children by grace and adoption:
    - 1. Fall of Satan/Adam and Eve—Communication Breakdown
    - 2. New Eve (Mary) and Last Adam (Jesus)—Communication Restored (“The Word was made Flesh”)
      - a. New Creation/New Order of Grace
      - b. Annunciation/Incarnation
    - 3. Pentecost: “The Pattern of the Church at Prayer”
  - C. As a child of God the Father through Baptism, we also have Mary as our spiritual mother in the order of grace to teach us WHAT to pray and HOW pray:
    - 1. Begin with the Rosary:
      - a. The Sign of the Cross
      - b. The Apostles Creed
      - c. Our Father
      - d. Hail Mary
      - e. Glory Be to the Father
    - 2. The Theological Virtues of the Children of God:

- a. Act of Faith
  - b. Act of Hope
  - c. Act of Charity
- 3. Sinful Children in Need of God's Mercy and Grace:
  - a. Confession—Act of Contrition
  - b. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—Confiteor
- D. In our "Magnificat" as children of Mary, we lift our minds and hearts to God—to adore Him, to thank Him, to obtain pardon for our sins and remission of punishment for them, to ask for graces and blessings for OURSELVES and for OTHERS
- E. We pray WITH: attention, conviction of our helpless and dependence upon God, a great desire for the graces we beg of Him, loving trust in His goodness, perseverance
- F. We should pray for: ourselves, our family and relatives and friends, our enemies, for sinners and souls in Purgatory, for all clergy and religious and laity in the Church, for government officials, and for all the world—past, present, future
- G. We pray properly in a state of grace in humility, simplicity, and purity of heart—God hears and responds to our prayers if:
  - 1. The prayer is inspired by the Holy Spirit
  - 2. The prayer is united with Christ (in His Name as a member of His Body)
  - 3. The prayer is in accord with the Father's will
- H. Prayer—Vocal/Mental (Meditation/Contemplation)
- IV. Table Talk Questions (Discussion Questions, page 229)
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing