

Confirmation: Year II

2009-2010

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With Your Mentor:

For September 20:

_____ Ask your mentor to share what prayer means to him or her, interesting prayer customs they may have, and *times & places* for prayer that are or have been special to them. Jesus' promises in Matthew 18:20 "where two or three come together in my name," and Matthew 18:19 "if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for..." direct us to pray regularly with others.

_____ Ask your mentor to recall his or her earliest recollections of praying the Lord's Prayer. Talk about different places where the Lord's Prayer is used—regularly in church, at weddings, funerals, and other public services. How do you feel about the argument that if used too often the Lord's Prayer will become meaningless—compare eating three meals a day and not growing tired of food. Explore with your mentor ways to keep your *use* of the Lord's Prayer fresh and exciting.

For October 4:

_____ Ask your mentor these two questions: Who in your life most influenced your faith in Jesus Christ? What about this person most particularly impacted your faith?

_____ Talk with your mentor about a portion of God's word that is a favorite of his or hers.

For October 18:

_____ Talk with your mentor about times you find it hard to forgive. Ask him or her to share similar times in his or her life, and to give advice on how to forgive. Pray with your mentor. Specifically, pray for people you find it hard to forgive asking that God would help you to be more loving and forgiving.

For November 1:

_____ Today with your mentor review the daily newspaper. Talk about the forces of evil evidenced in the world around you. Pray together asking God to protect you from all that would harm you or cause you to abandon your faith in Jesus.

For November 15:

_____ Talk with your mentor about the meaning of 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Invite your mentor to share with you what these words mean to him or her.

For December 6:

_____ Ask your mentor to share examples of God's greatness and answered prayers from his or her own life. When has he or she seen that God's answers to their prayers were exactly what was best for him or her?

For January 10:

_____ If possible, make a visit with your mentor to a shut-in or hospital. Talk together on the way about a prayer appropriate for the situation. Share this prayer as a part of your visit. If unable to go with mentor, then have a parent take you to visit someone and share the experience with your mentor. If the shut-ins you visit enjoy talking about their faith, ask, "How long have you been a Christian?" "Do you remember your confirmation?" "What does taking communion mean to you?" Usually shut-ins enjoy having a young person around and love to tell stories about their life.

For January 17:

_____ Ask your mentor to sit with you at the special class on, **Sunday, January 24, 2010**, celebrating *Life Sunday*. Afterward, discuss what was shared.

For January 31:

_____ Ask your mentor to share about the importance Baptism plays in his or her personal life. Share what Baptism means to you.

_____ Together with your mentor, write a letter to a family who has recently had someone baptized in the church. Share with your mentor any personal thoughts about Baptism and its blessings.

For February 28:

_____ Talk with your mentor about the Lord's Supper. Ask him or her, "What was your most memorable celebration of the Lord's Supper? Why was it so special to you? When do you most desire Holy Communion? What does it mean to you to participate in the body and blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)?"

For March 14:

_____ Think about the relationship that has developed between you and your mentor. Talk with your mentor about ways that he or she has been helpful to you.

_____ Talk to your mentor about the power of Christ's forgiveness in his or her life.

For March 21:

_____ With your mentor read Ephesians 4:2-3. Four characteristics of discipleship are listed in the first sentence: humility, gentleness, patience, and forbearance/mercy. God's desire is expressed in the second sentence, "...keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Talk together about how these characteristics reveal God's purpose for His chosen people in Christ. Discuss models of peacemaking that they have seen in their lives.

_____ Invite your mentor to your *Witness Service on Saturday, April 10, 2010* and *Confirmation on Sunday, April 11, 2010*.