

# Helpful Tools for Creating Your Domestic Church

## Where Do We Pray?

- ❖ Consider establishing a special place in your home that draws attention to a sense of prayer. With the crucifix in a prominent place, identify a specific table (any size) as your prayer table and adorn it with a cloth that indicates the current liturgical season. With the Bible enthroned, sacred objects such as a rosary, an icon, a crucifix, and a candle are also nice additions.

## Where Do We Begin?

- ❖ The online prayer service with a printable worship aid available on our St. Martin of Tours Parish and School Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/smotschool/> is a good place to start! Along with structured prayer and Scripture found in the liturgy of the Church, please do not be afraid to include your heartfelt spontaneous prayers too. Devote special time for praying the Rosary and encourage each member in your family to lead a decade, etc.

## Where Can We Find the Live Streaming of Mass?

- ❖ Please note that Daily Mass will be available online at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 11 a.m. All live-streaming Masses from St. Peter in Chains Cathedral are available on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCincinnati/>. In case you missed it, archived Masses are available at <https://venue.streamspot.com/5a36f117>.

## Where Can We Find the Sunday Readings?

- ❖ To locate the Sunday Readings, please log onto [www.saintmartin.org](http://www.saintmartin.org) and click on publications.
- ❖ Saint Mary's Press is offering free access to their Children's Liturgy of the Word program while masses are suspended as well. The login information is:
  1. Go to <https://mlearn.smp.org>
  2. Copy the following login information:  
**Username:** kidsliturgy@smp.org **Password:** KidsLiturgy123!  
\* This is a universal login. Please do not change the password.

## Where Can We Find Daily Lenten Prayer?

- ❖ Published by Liturgy Training Publications, daily prayer is available each day on our St. Martin of Tours Parish and School Facebook Page.

## Where Can We Find Other Prayer Experiences?

- ❖ A variety of other prayer experiences including *Lectio Divina*, *the Daily Examen*, *Stations of the Cross* and *How to Pray the Rosary* can also be found on our St. Martin of Tours Parish and School Facebook Page.
- ❖ The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is also offering a variety of experiences on their website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/being-catholic/online-prayer-resources/> including: *Sacred Space: Guided Daily Prayer*, *Saint of the Day*, *Praying Each Day: Daily Reflections and Apostleship of Prayer*.

*As a parish family, we invite you to pray the following prayer each day for God's protection and healing....*



### **A Prayer Amid a Pandemic**

**Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.**

**Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.**

**Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.**

**Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.**

**Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.**

**Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in eternal peace.**

**Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.**

**Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.**

**Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.**

**Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.**

**Jesus Christ, heal us.**

*Kerry Weber, Executive Editor of America Magazine*

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion** - *When we cannot receive Holy Eucharist in person*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen