

Call to Worship

Pastor: Prayer is a wonderful source of strength.

But sometimes we become discouraged because we feel God does not hear us.

People: We know God answers prayer in many ways. But some prayers do not seem to get through to God, and we give up.

Pastor: Then our faith needs to be strengthened to believe that, with persistent prayer, God will hear and answer.

People: We want to learn to pray with that kind of confidence and persistence, that God may know we do have faith in his love and providence.

Prayer of Confession: We believe in prayer, Father, but sometimes we pray only half-heartedly, doubtful that you will do anything about our request.

Forgive us for our shallow faith which hinders our communion with you.

Give us determination in our prayers, that, convinced of your love, our whole being will be involved in our petitions.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead,
and buried;

the third day he rose
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.