

Chapter 12

Pray for Others

Pray for one another.

James 5:16

For the Parents:

In chapter 12 your child learned to:

- Name people he or she can pray for
- Name saints who prayed for others
- Write a prayer to say for others

Followers of Jesus have always prayed on behalf of others. In the Acts of the Apostles, the account of the early Church, Peter's friends prayed for him when he was imprisoned (see *Acts 12:5*). Saint Paul thanks God "in our prayers for you" (*Colossians 1:3*). Saints through the ages have provided models of intercessory prayer, constantly asking God to bless and protect others. It is an important part of the Christian faith to request God's blessing for those who are in need in any way.

With Your Child:

1. Set aside a family prayer place. You can put the family Bible, a crucifix, or some plants there. You can even place some decorations based on the Church seasons.
2. Set aside a place where you can post names and stories of people that may need prayers. Make it a place the whole family can see.
3. Read about Saint Peter Claver on the Review and Explore page.