

**St. Luke's Church School
Grades 7 and 8
November 4, 2007**

Pray Without Ceasing

Opening Devotion: Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Activity (5 min): Review of prayer unit (Volunteers for November 11 Litany)

Second Activity (15 min): A-C-T-S Worksheet (Group)

Third Activity (10 min): Prayer and Pledge Bios

Closing Prayer: Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

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A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

#1: _____: For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol, ***We thank you, Lord.***

#2: _____: For the presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
We thank you, Lord.

#3: _____: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God. ***We thank you, Lord.***

#4: _____: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life. ***We thank you, Lord.***

#5: _____: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it, ***We thank you, Lord.***

#6: _____: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

#7: _____: For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,
We thank you, Lord.

#8: _____: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
We thank you, Lord.

#9: _____: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by the perseverance, ***We thank you, Lord.***

Mr. Hoyer: For the fellowship of those serving in the military, remembering on this Veteran's weekend all its branches ... (special commemoration by Captain Carl Hoyer) ***We thank you, Lord.***

Celebrant adds other intentions and concludes with the following prayer:

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People: For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

WAYS TO REMEMBER HOW TO PRAY

A: _____

C: _____

T: _____

S: _____

