

# Saint Ann Prayer Service for Parent & Child Reconciliation Retreat

**Leader:** Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God...

Please bow your heads and take a moment to quiet your hearts and minds...

And let us begin by marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross...

**All:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are those who know they are spiritually poor; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!" The poor in spirit are grateful for all of God's gifts, knowing that all that is good comes from God, for God is love.

**Children:** We thank you, dear God, for all the wonderful gifts you give us. Lead us to use your gifts in love.  
*(Place LOVE on Prayer Table)*

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are those who mourn; for God will comfort them!" Those who mourn care about the sorrows and needs of others.

**Children:** We always pray for our family and friends who are worried or in need. We hope that they will be filled with hope in you.

*(Place HOPE on Prayer Table)*

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are those who are humble; for they will receive what God has promised!" Those who are meek and humble are careful not to always place themselves first. Instead, they seek good things for others as well as themselves.

**Children:** Jesus, teach us to be meek and gentle. Like gentle lambs, may we follow you in all your ways.

*(Place LAMB on Prayer Table)*

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; for God will satisfy them fully!" When we care about fairness and justice, and when we try to help those who are treated unfairly, we are doing the work of God.

**Children:** God our Father, we ask that you always remind us of the needs of the poor and the forgotten. Help us to serve in love like Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

*(Place MOTHER TERESA on Prayer Table)*

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are those who are merciful to others; for God will be merciful to them!". When we are merciful, we treat others with kindness, even though they may have done things that hurt us.

**Children:** Help us, dear God, always to be forgiving and kind.

*(Place DIVINE MERCY Image on Prayer Table)*

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they will see God!" The pure in heart always see opportunities for good, and they turn away from things that are harmful.

**Children:** We ask you, dear God, to help us always to remember that you are with us. Help us to be pure and holy like our Mother Mary.

*(Place MARY image on Prayer Table)*

**Children:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name.

**Parents:** "Blessed are those who work for peace; for God will call them his children!" Peacemakers are the people who encourage us to live in harmony with one another. To be peacemakers, we can start by thinking of the needs and gifts of those around us.

**Children:** Help us, dear God, to try as hard as we can to always love others and to work at making this world a more peaceful place.

*(Place PEACE image on Prayer Table)*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, teach us how to live, following the words of your Beatitudes and the witness of your life of love. Holy Spirit, be with us as we retreat from the busy-ness of our daily lives. Merciful Father, help us to forgive as you forgive us.

From time to time, we will fail to live and love as we should. Good and Gracious God, we thank you for the Healing Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Holy Trinity...

**All:** Bless us in all we do in your name. Bless us in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.