

# pray

## Grace-Filled Prayer

**All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Leader:** We have learned about the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Now, gathered as a community of believers, let us listen to God, speaking to us in his Word today and always.

“I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you back to your own soil. I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.”

Ezekiel 36:24–28

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** Now let us offer our prayers to God, who offers us new life. That all of us who have been brought to new life in Baptism may always give thanks to God for his life in us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That as we prepare to celebrate our Confirmation, we may grow in understanding and living our faith.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That our participation in the Eucharist may nourish the new life we received in Baptism.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** As Catholics we believe that being born again is the transforming grace we received in Baptism. This grace is with us throughout our lives, helping us turn away from sin and toward God. For this let us give thanks to God.

**All:** Loving God, through the Sacraments of Initiation, we are given new life in your grace. Thank you for giving us the grace to deepen our relationship with you. Amen.