



Grades: K-2nd

Prepare the prayer space with an image of Mary and/or the Saint of the month. A bible, crucifix, and candle. Since this is the month of Mary, have roses or another type of spring flowers on the altar.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

A reading from the Gospel of John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from the Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

(Allow a moment of silence after the reading)

Reflection: God is constantly reminding us to love one another as he has loved us. In this month that we celebrate mothers, we are reminded that God's love is like that of a mother.

The work of St. Damien of Molokai is also similar

to that of a mother. He made sure that people had food, a home, and would care for them when they were not able to on their own. Just like a mother cares for her children when they are sick.

When we honor those who care for us we also honor the work they do. For caring for another person is a labor of love and of self-giving.

Prayer:

May we **LOVE** one another picking each other up if we fall.

May we **LOVE** one another as God the Father loves us.

May we **LOVE** one another and comfort each other when we are hurting.

May we **LOVE** one another and keep God's commandments.

May we **LOVE** one another as our mother Mary loves us.

May we **LOVE** one another as one family in faith.

May we **LOVE** one another as brothers and sisters.

Prayer Service

Saint Damien Prayer

Grades: 3rd– 5th



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

Reading Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelist, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God.

(Please give a few minutes of silence for the students to reflect on the reading)

Reflection: The reading reminds us of our calling that we all receive. We are all brother and sisters with "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Our faith unites us as one family in faith.

Each of us is given gifts that are fostered through the grace of God. Allowing us to share the joy of the Gospel with others. Through the example of St. Damien of Molokai and Mary the mother of God. We are reminded what it is to be of service to others and answer our call to mission.

Mary, mother of Jesus Christ is also our mother and mother of the missions. She was the first missionary and the first one to know what it was like to share the joy of encountering God through her son Jesus Christ.

St. Damien demonstrated through humility how being of service to those who are in the margins of

society can be allowed to live as dignified children of God. All he did was remind people that no matter their illness they deserved to live with dignity.

Psalm 104: 1-2, 24

R./ Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

R./ Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all the earth is full of your creatures; bless the Lord, O my Soul! Alleluia.

R./ Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer:

Saint Damien Prayer

Damien, brother on the journey,
happy and generous missionary,
who loved the Gospel more than your own life,
who for love of Jesus left your family, your
hometown, your security and your dreams.

Teach us to give our lives with joy like yours,
to be in solidarity with the outcasts of our
world, to celebrate and contemplate the
Eucharist as the source of our own
commitment.

Help us to love to the very end and, in the
strength of the Spirit, to persevere in
compassion for the poor and forgotten so that
we might be good disciples of Jesus and Mary.

Amen

<http://catholichawaii.org/catholic-essentials/scripture-tradition/saints/saint-damien/>

Prayer Service

Canticle of Mary

Grades: 6th—8th



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

Reading: Romans 12: 9-16

Brothers and sisters: Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

(Allow a moment of silence after the reading.)

Reflection: Our mother Mary was the first one to show us what it is to love one another with mutual affection. She rejoiced in the hope that her son Jesus Christ brought to the world and endured in the affliction of his death.

St. Damien rejoiced with those who wept in the island of Molakai abandoned to live out the rest of their lives away from their families. Following Jesus' example to be with those who were marginalized. St. Damien made a choice to live among them. Serving them and helping to make their lives comfortable. Sharing with them the joy of knowing that through Jesus' sacrifice for us, we are all saved.

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4BCD, 5-6

R/ Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water and the fountain of salvation.

R/ Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R/ Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; let this be known through all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R/ Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Prayer:

Canticle of Mary: The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior,
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel,
for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the
promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and His children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.