

Let us pray that we might align ourselves with the virtues, over the vices, as we struggle to fight Satan's temptations and avoid the web of sin. The response is "Jesus, hear us."

For the gift of humility, that we might always recognize our need for God and the graces God provides, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

For God's gift of faith, to help us know that we do not need to take from others in order to be what we are called to be, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

For the gift of patience, to lead us to respond constructively to the weaknesses and limitations of others and ourselves, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

For the gift of love, to care for our neighbor with our entire heart, soul, and mind, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

For the gift of justice, to share our possessions fairly with others, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

For the gift of temperance, to help us use self-discipline to avoid an inordinate and unhealthy love of food, drink, and drugs, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

For the gift of chastity, to help direct our love and intimacy to relationships based on respect and commitment, we pray . . . Jesus, hear us.

Take a match and light the papers on the wooden cross on fire. As the black smoke rises up, say:

Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer and for your mercy and forgiveness. Accept this offer of sorrow. Transform our attraction to sin and vices to discipleship based on virtuous living. We make this prayer in your name . . . Amen.