

Just for Parents...

Today, your children learned Intercessory Prayer.

One of the ways we pray is asking God for what we and others need...that is called a petition. Every week at Mass, we ask God to hear our specific prayers during Prayers of the Faithful.

Another name for petitions is Intercessory prayer. When we pray for our needs or the needs of others, we are reminded that we are dependent on God. We cannot get along without God. We believe that God knows our needs even before we ask. Yet, we offer prayers of petition because it helps us remember that we need God above all.

On method of Intercessory Prayer is...

FIVE FINGER METHOD:

- Each finger on our hand stands for people we can pray for differently.
 - **THUMB**; the closest finger to our body stands for people who are close to us such as our family, parents, and close friends.
 - **INDEX FINGER**; the finger that is used for pointing something stands for people who gives us direction and guidance such as our mentor, advisor, and teacher.
 - **MIDDLE FINGER**; the tallest finger stands for people who are in the leadership position such as the US president, senators, representatives, governor, or pastor and the leadership of our church.
 - **FOURTH FINGER OR RING FINGER**; the weakest finger among five fingers stands for people who are in need, sick, or in hardships that need prayer support.
 - **LITTLE FINGER**; the smallest finger stands for one's own need that shows humbleness to consider own needs as the least need.