

March 2012

Praying together at home:

This March 2012 is the heart of Lent. It is also the month that we celebrate the Feast days of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and some say that on St. Patrick's Day everyone is Irish. St. Joseph is the patron of workers, head of the Holy Family, and patron of the universal church. People from Poland and Italy hold him dear. Each time you pray together this Lent, think over some of these questions:

Do I like Lent, or dread it, and want it to end?
What do I find easy about growth, and what is hard about growth?
Have I been fairly successful in keeping up with my Lenten sacrifices?
If I fail in making a sacrifice, do I quit, or just start up again?
What is the best thing that God has done for me today?
Who has been really generous to me recently?
What am I praying for?
Who needs my prayers now?
How do I show that I am being generous?
What new good habits do I want to begin?
Like St. Patrick and St. Joseph, do I see things that are similar between
different
people?
How do I build bridges to others?
Am I friendly and welcoming to strangers?
Do I see unity in the midst of diversity?

March 3rd and 4th: When have I been really happy about God? Who inspires me to be a better person? What good things are in my life right now? If I need to talk with God where do I go? Where does God live?

March 10th and 11th: What makes me angry? How do I behave when I am really angry? What sort of things do you think makes God angry? Do I ever make holy things less holy? Do I ever miss the holy in life?

March 17th and 18th: How does God bring healing to the world? What are some things that need to be healed? Is there anyone I know who is ill, that I should be praying for? How do I bring healing to the world? How do I care for the souls of others? Who is caring for my soul?

March 24th and 25th: Have we ever seen new life come out of death? How do our parents sacrifice themselves for us? What sacrifices am I making for others? Is raising children a sacrifice? Is being married a sacrifice? What signs of new life do parents see coming out of all their sacrifices?