

Homeroom Prayer Leaders

Feast of St. Ursula

October 21, 2010

Manor House, Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grades

(Enter the classroom, say the Pledge with the class, then invite the teacher to light your candle.)

Good Morning.

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Ursula. This is her story.

(READ SLOWLY)

**Ursula was a beautiful princess who lived long ago.
She was engaged to marry but told her father, no.**

**Ursula only wanted to devote her life to God.
She left on a journey, on dangerous roads she trod.**

**Thousands of women joined her on her trip to Rome,
But they were captured by bad men on the trip home.**

**Ursula's life ended but she was not afraid.
She gave her life back to God. She was very brave.**

(Pause)

Let us now offer our prayers of petition.

The response is: Lord, hear our prayer. (Have students repeat this.)

Jesus, help us to be kind to all people especially those who are different from us.

We pray to the Lord,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer. (Encourage children to respond.)

Jesus, bless all children who are sick, hungry or sad.

We pray to the Lord,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, bless our families and our teachers, keep them safe and well.

We pray to the Lord,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, just as you befriended St. Ursula, thank you for being our friend and listening to our prayers. Amen.

(Pause)

Today for the blessing let us turn to the new picture of St. Angela that has been installed in this classroom. We ask that everyone please raise your right hand toward the image of St. Angela as we pray.

Lord God, you beautify your Church with the rich variety of your saints. May this picture of St. Angela, who was devoted to St. Ursula because of her great love for Jesus and who founded the Ursulines, be a constant reminder to us of her love and devotion to You. And may we continue to follow her example to love one another.

And may Almighty God bless us all (make sign of cross) in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Sprinkle holy water on students or pass it around.)