

***Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan***  
***First Communion Prayers for the Family***

**Sign of the Cross**

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

**Glory be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Morning Prayer**

Father in heaven, you love me, you're with me night and day. I want to love you always in all I do and say. I'll try to please you, Father. bless me through the day. Amen.

**Night Prayer**

God, our Father, I come to say thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family, and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night, and in the morning send your light. Amen.

**Grace before Meals**

Bless us, O God, as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us O Lord. Amen

**Grace after Meals**

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten. Thank you, God, for all our friends. Thank you, God, for everything. Thank you, God. Amen.

**Journey Prayer**

Arise with me in the morning, travel with me through each day. Welcome me on my arrival, God, be with me all the way.

**Our Father**

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive

those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Prayer to Jesus**

Infant Jesus meek and mild Look on me a little child. Put your gracious hands on me and make me what I ought to be. Amen.

**Prayers to Mary:****Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

**Prayers to the Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit, I want to do what is right. Help me. Holy Spirit, I want to live like Jesus guide me. Holy Spirit, I want to pray like Jesus teach me. Amen. Spirit of God in the heavens. Spirit of God in the seas. Spirit of God in the mountain-tops. Spirit of God in me. Spirit of God in the sunlight. Spirit of God in the air. Spirit of God all around me. Spirit of God everywhere. Holy Spirit, Spirit of God help me. Amen.

**Act of Sorrow**

O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.

**Prayer before Confession**

O my God, help me to remember the times when I didn't live: as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen.

**Prayer after Confession**

O my God, thank you for forgiving me. Help me to love others. Help me to live as Jesus asked me to. Amen.

**Prayer before Communion**

Lord Jesus, come to me,  
 Lord Jesus, give me your love.  
 Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself,

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.  
 Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prayers after Communion**

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.  
 You're a special friend to me.  
 Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome.  
 Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, o thank you for giving yourself to me.  
 Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all of us children in your loving care and bring us to heaven to live with you there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care.  
 I'm ready now to give your love at home and everywhere. Amen.

**O Sacrament Most Holy**

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine.  
(repeat three times)