

Catholic Prayer in Art Posters by Susan Brown

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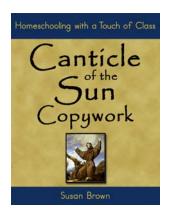
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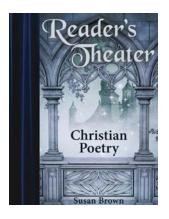
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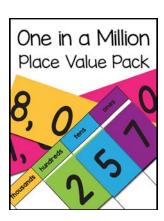
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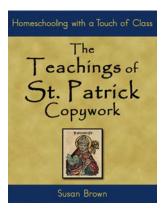
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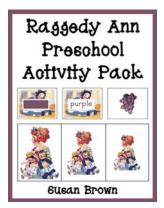


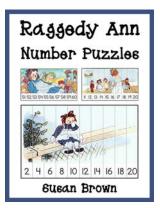


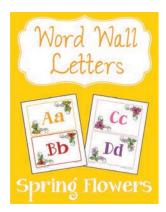












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## Introduction

According to St. John Damascene, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." Prayer is our connection to the living God. It is an essential part of our Catholic faith.

It's important to teach our children how to pray so that they, too, can communicate with our loving God. Teaching them to pray involves showing them both formal and informal prayers. The purpose of this book is to help you with the former.

The posters in this book will provide your child with visual cues for learning some of the basic Catholic prayers. The artwork is intended to be an inspiration to them as well as a physical representation of certain biblical events and aspects of our faith. They can be hung up almost anywhere in your home (or classroom); however, I suggest that you hang them up in a place where your child can see them when he prays. To prepare the posters, simply print them on printer paper and laminate for durability.

When helping your child learn the Catholic prayers, I suggest you focus on one at a time so that he won't be too overwhelmed. There are twelve prayers in this book. You may want to do one per month starting with the shortest and easiest (The Sign of the Cross) and progressing to the longest and most difficult (Apostles' Creed).

One fun activity that you can do with these posters is to make them into puzzles for your child to put together. To do so, simply print them on card stock, cut them into different shaped pieces, and give the pieces to your child to assemble.

It is my sincere hope that you and your child enjoy these prayer posters. May they inspire you and your family to seek God and pray daily.

