CONNECTING with God — Prayer

We pray to align our will with God's will.

3 Ways	Definition	Example	
Vocal (A)	We use our words to reflect on our relationship with God.	Traditional Spontaneous	-
Meditation	We engage our mind and imagination to seek awareness of God's presence & understand God's work in our lives.	Imaginative Daily Examen	
Contemplation	We rest quietly in God's presence.	Centering 🎢	1000

Liturgy of the Hours			
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Lauds	6 am		

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Terce	9 am
Sext	12 noon
None	3 pm
Vespers	6 pm
Compline	9 pm

5 Types	Explanation
Adoration	Seeing God for what he is.
Petition	Making your needs known to God.
Intercession	Praying for the needs of others.
Thanksgiving	Thanking God for all he has done.
Praise	Expressing joy because you know God.

Novena The word novena is taken from "novem," the Latin word for 9. A novena is made up of 9 days of prayer and meditation usually to ask God for special prayer requests or petitions or for specific saints to intercede for us.

/eneration vs Adoratio

Veneration

We pay appropriate honor to a creature of God who deserves such honor.

Adoration

The act of giving ourselves to God as the One to whom we owe everything, an act of total submission to Him. He alone is to be adored & worshiped.

Rosary

A meditation of the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. This scripture-based prayer is named for the string of knots or beads used to count the component prayers. The repetition is meant to lead one into restful & contemplative prayer.

Stations of the Cross

A 14 step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

Asking Saints to Intercede for us

We are urged not only to imitate the saints, but also to ask for their assistance. The perfected saints have a share in God's perfect, supernatural power. They are able, through His grace, to act on our behalf, to intervene in earthly affairs, just as He does. They don't just pray for us; they can act on our behalf in other ways as well.

Step Description Read the Word of God. Lectio—read Meditatio-reflect Think about what we have read. Oratio—respond Let your heart speak to God. Contemplatio—rest Let go & rest in the Word of God.