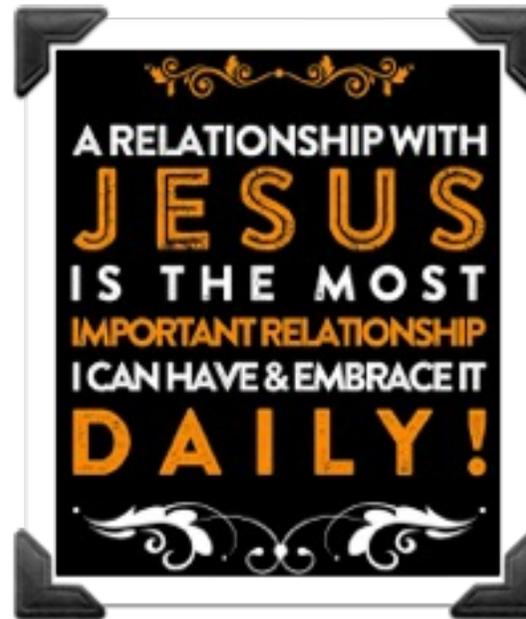


## Godparent Prayer

I thank you, O Lord, for this blessing,  
this call to share in a brand new life,  
and to encourage this child  
in the way of faith.

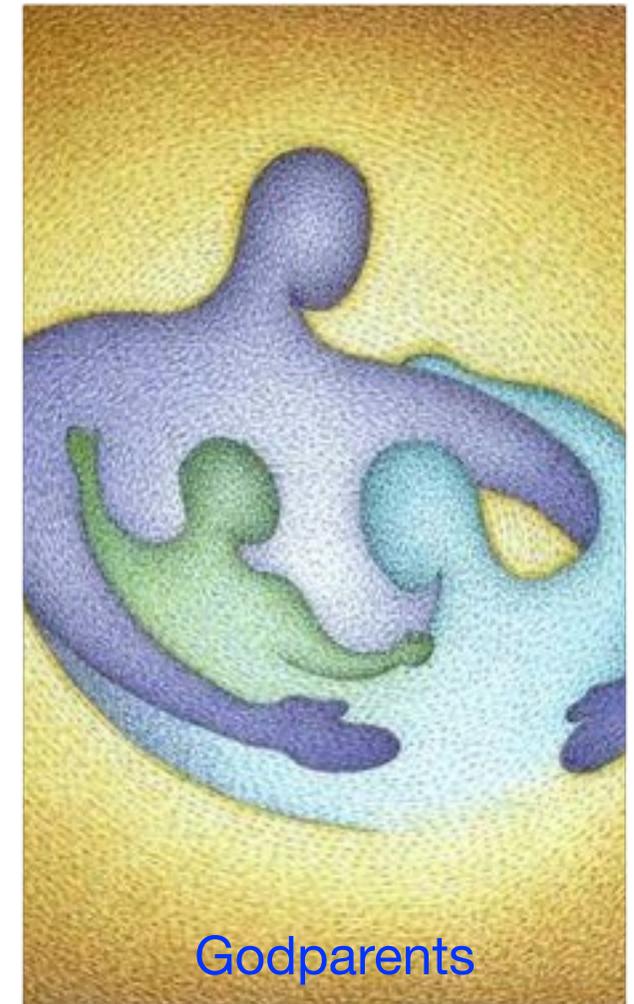
Help me to be at all times,  
a source of comfort and spiritual support  
to the parent(s) of my Godchild.  
And be with me, Lord,  
as I try to reveal in my own life  
what it is to be faithful to your love

I pray that the home of this child  
may be a caring place  
filled with the joy of faith.  
Lord, let my Godchild come to know me  
as a trusted friend - one who is always ready  
to share in the troubles and the joys  
of her(his) growing up,  
and growing toward you, Lord.  
Amen.



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Godparent... a great, new and exciting adventure begins. It's an adventure in which we have a leader, we have company, we have a goal, we have fun, we have all that we need. It's an adventure that we're going to share with parents and their children.

You may be wondering what is expected of you. We hope this brochure helps to explain your role and helps you to understand the great gift that your godchild will receive at Baptism. The gift of faith.

## What are some ways I/we can do this?

- ✳️ **Prepare!** You may be able to attend a short preparation session with the parents where you can refresh yourself on what to expect and what is expected of you.
- ✳️ **Be there!** Don't miss the Baptism. Being part of the ceremony is the first part of your commitment as a godparent. It's your right and obligation along with the parents, to speak for the being baptised and profess your faith.
- ✳️ **Remember!** Relive the baptism day as the child grows up. Share with your godchild your memories and photos. Talk about what the day meant to you. On the anniversary, visit or make a phone call. Or send a card with a prayer or blessing.
- ✳️ **Celebrate the Sacraments!** Try to be there then your godchild receives the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.
- ✳️ **Celebrate other milestones!** School, graduations, birthdays, feast days.
- ✳️ **Give gifts that share faith!** Give your godchild gifts that reflect faith eg. Bible, crucifix, prayer candle, medal, rosary beads.

- ✳️ **Wrap your godchild in prayer!** Pray for your godchild often.
- ✳️ **Share your faith!** Your most important role is sharing your faith with your godchild. Spend time with them, take them to church, do activities with spiritual message.
- ✳️ **Introduce the saints!** Every child needs heroes and heroines for inspiration. Tell them stories of the saints and martyrs.
- ✳️ **Enjoy the journey!** God parenting is for life. Enjoy your developing relationship with your godchild.
- ✳️ **Stay aware!** It's important for godparents to stay spiritually healthy. Be sure to nurture your own relationship with God.

