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MY PRAYER BOOK



FOREWARD

Praised be Jesus and Mary, everyone. My name is Catherine. I am ten years old. A long time ago Mom and Dad bought me a prayer book like this one. Once I lost it. But I knew a lot of the prayers by heart, so I did not need to worry. The words that I did not know I kept adding myself. God did not get angry at that. Just the opposite. He told me so during prayer. Now I know all the prayers. I worked hard at it. I know that you too will know them soon, and we will pray together when we meet.

PRAYERS

I admit that I like to eat when I am hungry. At moments like that I only have food on my mind. But some older person always told me, “First make the sign of the cross”. They repeated it when I would get up in the morning and when I would go bed at night.

Now I see that they were right. God has become my friend, just like John, Mark, Helen... Only, He is a lot better than they are.





The Sign of the Cross

In the Name † of the Father † and
of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

They told me that I learned the Our Father through eating chocolate. Why are you laughing? I didn't feel like praying, so for each Our Father prayed they offered me a piece of real chocolate. Later they said they couldn't give me chocolate every time I said the Our Father. Today I say this prayer because it is important to me. Still, it wouldn't be a bad idea for them to offer me some chocolate too.

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.

Once while we were all sitting together one evening, I asked Mom and Dad how Jesus was born. Then they told me about a crib, angels and shepherds. That's how I knew He was poor like my friend Mary. Only He didn't complain like she does. He accepted it. For her, it's always important to have the best of everything. But not for me. I prefer to talk and be with others.



A watercolor illustration of a landscape. The top and right sides of the page are framed by a blue wash. The bottom of the page features a blue wash representing a sky or water. In the bottom left corner, there are stylized trees with pink, orange, and blue branches. The background is a light, airy blue wash.

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.

During the hours of catechism I found out how it was “in the beginning.” God created the world then. He did it in seven days, or rather in six days. On the seventh day God rested. He had reason to. He had created so many beautiful woods, rivers, lakes, and the moon, stars and all the different animals... And that was really something special. I would like to have been present. But that isn’t important. When I read and think about that, I get so excited about it all that it seems to me as if it were happening right now.



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.

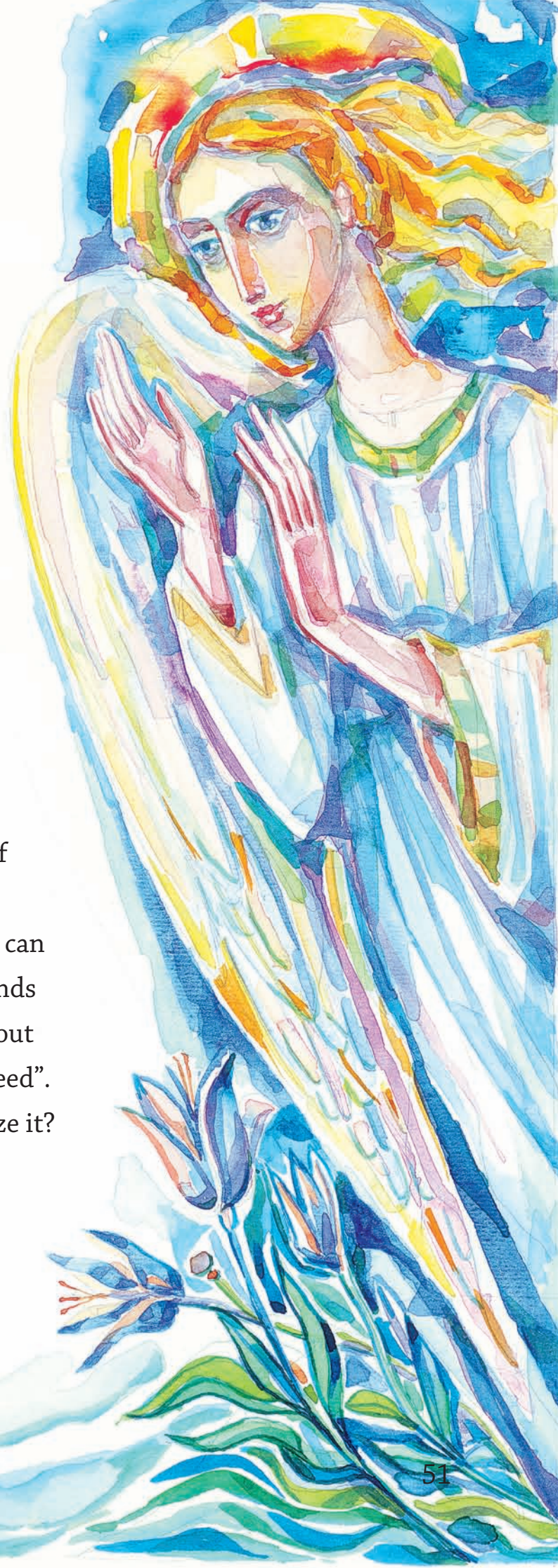
In the place where I was born the north wind blows very hard. And then it is winter. The nights are cold and full of moonlight. When I was smaller, I was afraid of all that. One day Grandma taught me the prayer, “Guardian Angel”. I prayed it and I felt safer. I also pray it today even if I am not afraid. I love angels. They are so good and beautiful. I know that one of them is always with me.



Guardian Angel

Dear Guardian Angel,
Protect me with your strength.
According to God's promise
watch me night and day.
And personally protect me,
so sin does not wound my soul,
So when I leave this world,
I come happily to Heaven,
and can there with you
forever adore dear God.
Amen!

Uh! This was hard to memorize. Lots of words, but each one is important. You can't just adapt it. I said to myself, "If I can remember all the names of my girl friends and boy friends, and know so much about them, then I can also memorize the Creed". And do you think that I didn't memorize it? Come on!



The background of the page is a watercolor illustration. At the top, there is a blue sky with several yellow and orange stars. Below the sky, three women are depicted in profile, looking upwards. The woman in the foreground has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a blue headscarf. The woman behind her has dark hair and is also wearing a blue headscarf. The woman in the background has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a blue headscarf. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a mix of colors including blues, yellows, and purples.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth.

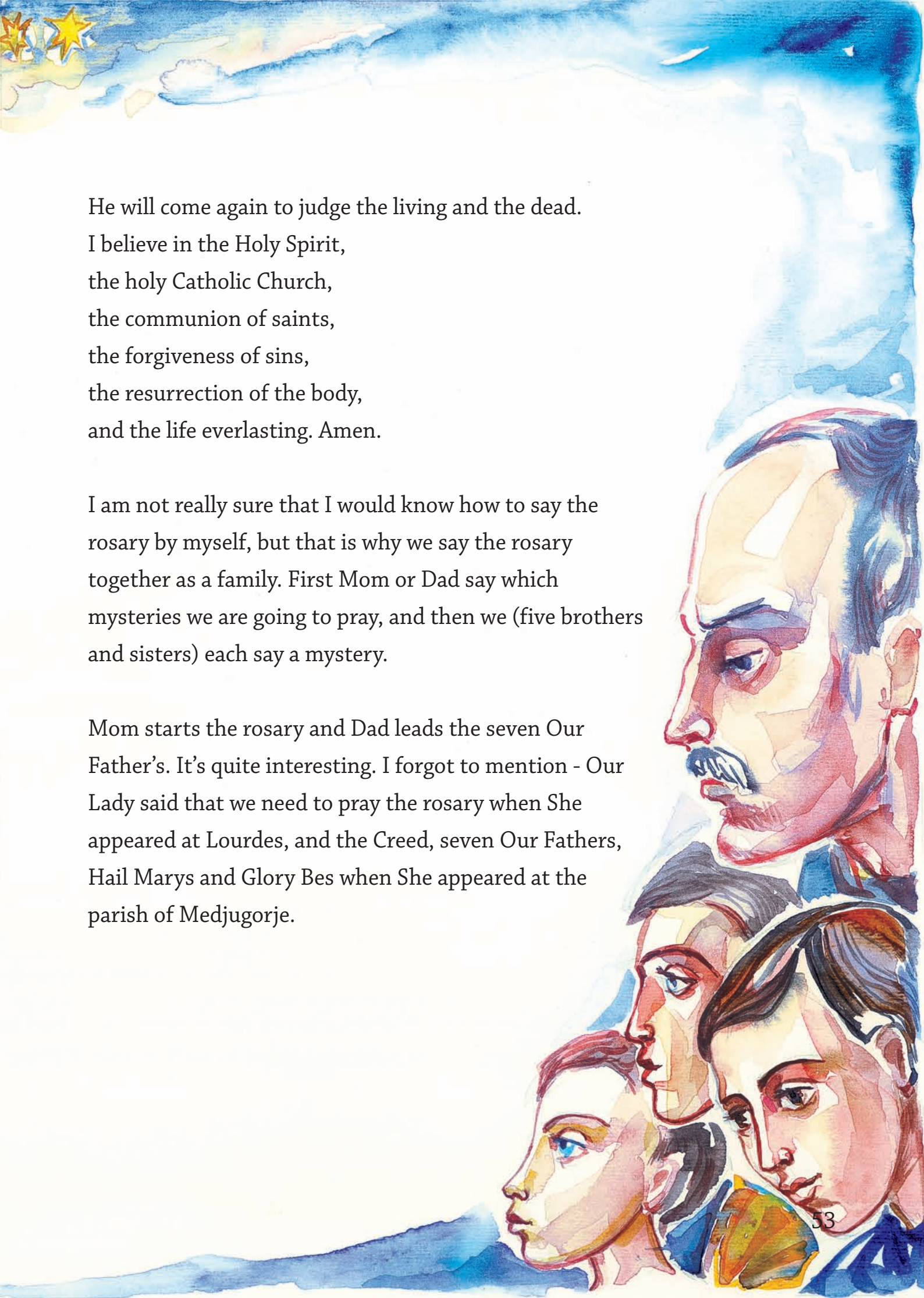
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

A watercolor illustration of a family in profile, looking towards the left. The father is at the top, with a mustache and a blue jacket. Below him are the mother and two children. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds and a few yellow stars in the upper left corner. The style is soft and painterly.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

I am not really sure that I would know how to say the rosary by myself, but that is why we say the rosary together as a family. First Mom or Dad say which mysteries we are going to pray, and then we (five brothers and sisters) each say a mystery.

Mom starts the rosary and Dad leads the seven Our Father's. It's quite interesting. I forgot to mention - Our Lady said that we need to pray the rosary when She appeared at Lourdes, and the Creed, seven Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Bes when She appeared at the parish of Medjugorje.

EPILOGUE

I like to play a lot, but I also like to pray. Then I can learn better and play better. While I am praying I am overcome by peace. That is why I am safe and not afraid of anything. Luke's Dad says that he doesn't need prayer. He only shouts and quarrels. That's why children make fun of him (even Luke does). It is not nice of them, but neither is it nice that Luke's Dad does not go to church and does not pray. I will pray that both of them be good, and also for all the people in the world.



THE HOLY ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that She will conceive and give birth to Jesus.
2. Mary goes to visit Her cousin Elizabeth.
3. Mary births Jesus in Bethlehem.
4. Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple.
5. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Jesus prays and sweats blood in the Garden of Gethsemane.
2. Jesus is scourged at the pillar.
3. Jesus is crowned with thorns.
4. Jesus is condemned and carries His heavy cross to Calvary
5. Jesus is crucified and dies on the cross.

The Glorious Mysteries

1. On the third Jesus rises from the dead.
2. Jesus ascends into Heaven.
3. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit on Mary and His disciples.
4. Mary is assumed into Heaven.
5. Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and earth.

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