

What to Pray For?

God will certainly bless those who are faithfully making this Novena for Parents. His promise is contained in the Fourth Commandment, which isn't exclusively a command. The entire Fourth Commandment is: "Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with you and that you may live long on earth."

These suggestions may help you in your thanksgiving after Communion and at Adoration:

1. Thank God for your devoted, sacrificing parents.
2. Ask forgiveness for any coldness, rudeness or sorrow given to them in the past.
3. Ask for them the grace they need the most; ask for health and material blessings also.
4. Plan your vacation -- and the rest of the scholastic year, too -- to bring them the greatest joy and comfort.

Future Dividends.

An alumnus of '34 was visiting the campus recently. Very happily married, he has been a success, too, in business. He is now general sales-manager of his concern.

"Incidentally, Father," he said to one priest, and this with a smile, "You know, I don't have much time to pray now, busy as I am with a demanding position, a family of three children, and everything, but I was a daily communicant here and I always made a regular period of Adoration. Sometimes I get into a tight spot in a business, social or moral matter, and I know that a prayer is the thing I need. I do not think I'm chiseling or lying down on a job when I just tell Our Lord, 'You know with my business and family I haven't a lot of time to pray now, but I did pray at Notre Dame at Mass, Communion and Adoration when I did have the time. Give me a lift now.' And you know, Father, He has never let me down."

"That's not strange at all," he was told. "You were praying for future needs, whether you intended to or not. You were storing up grace and help. No prayer is ever wasted. Perhaps you weren't always granted the favors you asked for then. All those prayers were stored up, placed in a bank, or treasury, and you're evidently drawing on them today for greater needs -- and from what you say, at great profit."

A Christmas Book.

If you are looking for a Christmas gift for the younger brother or any youth, an excellent book, just off the press, can be recommended -- That Boy, a life of St. Gabriel, the youthful Passionist saint. Written by Brother Ernest, C.S.C., it is published by the Dujarie Press, Notre Dame (\$1.50).

The author has given his readers a story of a real, honest-to-goodness, normal boy. Impetuous and hot-headed he was, yet always fundamentally good. The story manifests Gabriel's change, the development of his vocation, his efforts to excel in the spiritual life and to become a saint. His life is portrayed not as something remote, impossible to attain, or reserved for superhuman souls of a bygone century. On the contrary, Gabriel is shown surrounded by the same problems, distractions and temptations that youth faces today.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Miss Margaret Wolbers; Miss Loretta Serene; Mr. Matthew Guider. Ill: Mother of John J. Burke, C.S.C.; Friend of Frank Conaty, (How).