



WELCOME!

Tonight, we pray to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children;
to grow in holiness and humility.

We are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and Godmothers who, together, bring all
our concerns in prayer before our Heavenly Father. We know by coming together,
that we are not alone, and this gives us blessed reassurance and hope.

Guidelines for participants

To ensure the comfort of all, as well as maintain the privacy of those participating in
Millions of Monicas, please do not share any information regarding prayer requests
out of the group setting.

Prayer Sheet

Please pick up your prayer sheet at the beginning of our time together
and fill in the reflection for the week.

We encourage you to pray the prayer provided on the back of the prayer sheet
throughout the week for the children mentioned in your small group.

Signs and Sowings Card

Please pick up a card to fill out as you come in each week.

Trust Me Prayer Card

To be used following the Signs and Sowings portion of the evening

Prayer to St. Monica

Please pray the prayer on the back of this sheet daily for your child.

PRAYER TO ST. MONICA

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Under the weight of my heartfelt burden, I turn to you, dear St. Monica and request your assistance and intercession. From your place in heaven, I beg that you will plead before the Throne of the Holy One, for the sake of my child, _____[NAME], who has wandered from the faith, and all that we have tried to teach. I know, dear Monica, that our children belong not to us, but to God, and that God often permits this wandering as part of one's journey toward Him. Your son, Augustine, wandered, too; eventually he found the faith, and came to believe, and in that belief became a true teacher.

Help me, therefore, to have patience and to believe that all things – even this disappointing movement from the faith – work ultimately to His own good purposes. For the sake of my child's soul, I pray to understand and trust this. St. Monica, please teach me to persist in faithful prayer as you did for your son's sake. Inspire me to behave in ways that will not further distance my child from Christ, but only draw _____[NAME] gently toward his marvelous light. Please teach me what you know about this painful mystery of separation, and how it is reconciled in the re-orientation of our children toward heaven.

O Saint Monica, lover of Christ and His Church, pray for me and for my child _____[NAME], that we may acquire heaven, joining with you, there, in offering constant and thankful praise to God, AMEN.

