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- 1** What is the correct order in which the four books of the Gospels appear in the Bible?
- A** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
  - B** Luke, John, Matthew, Mark
  - C** John, Luke, Matthew, Mark
  - D** Mark, Matthew, Luke, John

- 2** Justice can be defined as a concern for
- A** peace and genuine respect.
  - B** prosperity and achievement.
  - C** discipline and punishment.
  - D** health and happiness.

- 3** Which box has the correct words needed to complete the 'Sign of the Cross' prayer below?

**A**

- 1** Lord
- 2** Saviour
- 3** Holy

**B**

- 1** Almighty
- 2** Everlasting
- 3** Holy

**C**

- 1** Father
- 2** Son
- 3** Holy

**D**

- 1** Creator
- 2** Redeemer
- 3** Holy

In the name of the **1** \_\_\_\_\_  
and of the **2** \_\_\_\_\_  
and of the **3** \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.  
Amen

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INSTRUCTIONS

There are **50** multiple choice questions.

Read each question carefully and choose the answer from the four options, **A B C D**.

Shade the letter of the option you have chosen on the **answer sheet**, **NOT** the test paper.

Mark only one answer for each question.

Use a 2B or B pencil only.  
Rub out mistakes completely.

Make sure you have filled in your name, school and other information on the answer sheet.

1

What are the Sacraments of Initiation?

- A** Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance
  - B** Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
  - C** Confirmation, Penance and Marriage
  - D** Baptism, Penance and Eucharist
- 

2



The celebrant wears white vestments during the season of

- A** Lent.
  - B** Advent.
  - C** Christmas.
  - D** Ordinary Time.
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3

The Sacraments are celebrated by a series of actions known as

- A** rituals.
- B** customs.
- C** services.
- D** procedures.

4

In the New Testament a common symbol for the Holy Spirit is the

- A fish.
- B vine.
- C dove.
- D sheep.

5

Which of the following prayers are included in the Rosary?

- A Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father
- B Glory Be, Hail Mary, Regina Caeli
- C Memorare, Our Father, Hail Mary
- D Hail Mary, Regina Caeli, Apostles Creed



6

Who made a covenant with God that he and all of his descendants would remain faithful?

- A Isaiah
- B Moses
- C Ezekiel
- D Abraham

7

The Angelus begins with  
*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.*

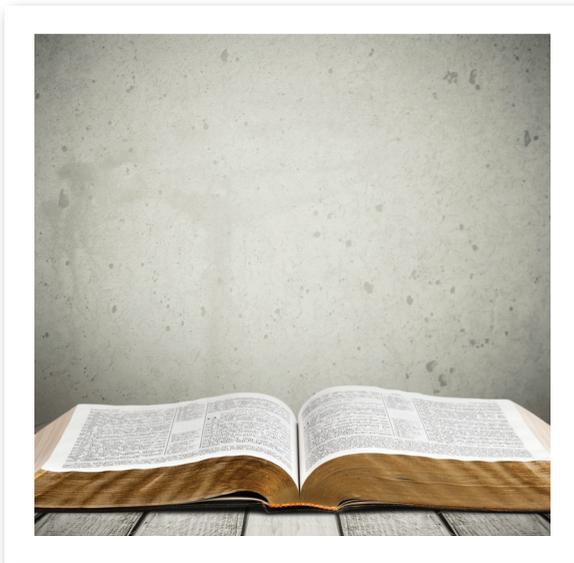
The words that come next are

- A *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*
- B *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
- C *Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord.*
- D *And the Word was made flesh.*

8

Catholics believe that the books of the Bible are inspired by the

- A Apostles.
- B Holy Spirit.
- C first Christians.
- D people of Israel.



9

The oral tradition of the New Testament refers to

- A stories not included in the Bible.
- B the teachings of the Apostles.
- C the translation of the Gospels.
- D a conversation with God.

10

The Catholic Church teaches that all people are essentially

- A good.
- B spiritual.
- C religious.
- D powerful.

11

The stories of God as the creator of the world can be found in the Book of

- A Wisdom.
- B Genesis.
- C Leviticus.
- D Baruch.

12



The beauty of creation reflects

- A the financial cost of caring for the earth.
- B our capacity to care for the earth.
- C the infinite glory of its maker.
- D our own worldview.

13

Jesus taught people about the Kingdom of God through the use of

- A songs.
- B psalms.
- C proverbs.
- D parables.

14

Read the statement to answer question 14.



Catholic Earthcare Australia states that their “core business is to foster a life-long journey of ecological conversion – being attentive and responsive to God and Creation at every moment”.

This is an example of the principle of

- A participation.
- B stewardship.
- C equality.
- D unity.

15

Making a good decision involves faith, reason and the application of

- A common sense.
- B human rights.
- C knowledge.
- D conscience.

16

Which of the following Church leaders is elected as the successor of St Peter?

- A Archbishop
- B Patriarch
- C Cardinal
- D Pope

17

On the Feast of Pentecost, Catholics remember and celebrate

- A the fellowship of the early Church.
- B Jesus' appearance to the disciples.
- C the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- D the conversion of St Paul.

18



The Oil of Chrism is used in the Sacraments of

- A Holy Orders and Confirmation.
- B Eucharist and Holy Orders.
- C Anointing and Marriage.
- D Marriage and Penance.

19

*Lectio Divina* is a form of Christian prayer that involves

- A being aware of God's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
- B reflecting on the presence of God in one's day.
- C reading and reflecting on the Scriptures.
- D meditating by repeating a refrain.

20

In the Mass, the Universal Prayer is a part of the

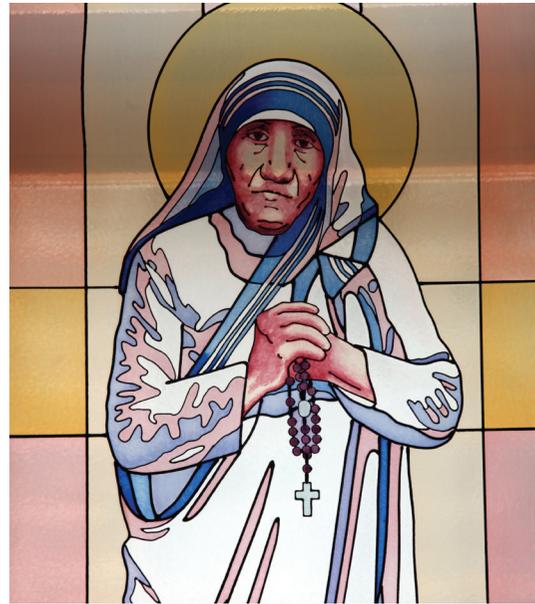
- A Introductory Rites.
- B Liturgy of the Word.
- C Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- D Rite of Blessing and Dismissal.

21

**Read the statement to answer question 21.**

On the streets of Calcutta, Mother Teresa found a never-ending stream of human needs in the poor she met. Despite the weariness of her days, she never omitted her prayer, finding it the source of support, strength and blessing for all her ministry.

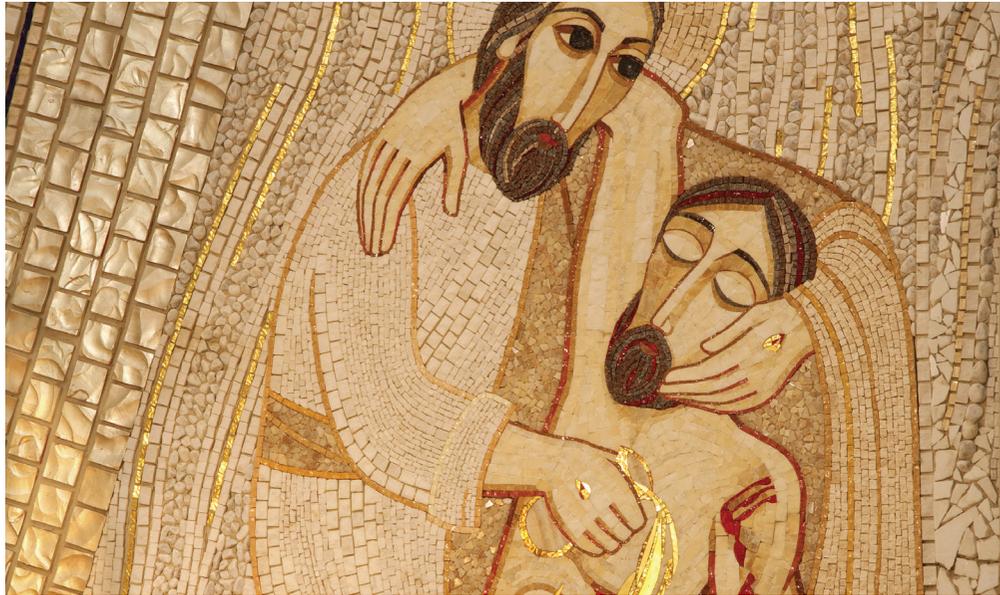
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Through her ministry, Mother Teresa always worked for the poorest of the poor while

- A always keeping God at the centre of her life.
- B also establishing many schools around the world.
- C knowing that one day she would be made a saint.
- D insisting that all people need to have faith in God.

Read the Scripture passage to answer question 22.



Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’”

LUKE 10: 30 – 35

In this Scripture passage, Jesus is teaching the people about the value of

- A hope.
- B peace.
- C forgiveness.
- D compassion.

23

Select the option that has the correct words to complete the following sentences.

The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus instituted **1** sacraments. These sacraments continue to be celebrated by the Church today. In the sacrament of **2** the candidate is **3** with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

|          | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b>     | <b>3</b>    |
|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>A</b> | three    | Baptism      | blessed     |
| <b>B</b> | seven    | Confirmation | sealed      |
| <b>C</b> | five     | Eucharist    | anointed    |
| <b>D</b> | nine     | Holy Orders  | consecrated |

24

Human freedom is the power God gives us to act

- A** for good when it suits us.
- B** deliberately and responsibly.
- C** when we are inspired by others.
- D** intentionally to immediately satisfy our desires.

25

What steps should one follow to make a well informed decision?



|   | STEP 1                          | STEP 2                             | STEP 3                          |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A | Think about your actions        | Ask advice from people you respect | Think about the consequences    |
| B | Think about the consequences    | Think about the situation          | Ask advice from your classmates |
| C | Think about the consequences    | Ask advice from people you respect | Think about the situation       |
| D | Ask advice from your classmates | Think about the consequences       | Think about your actions        |

26

**Read the story to answer question 26.**

Mark is in your class and he seems to have a limited ability to focus in Religion lessons. He struggles to communicate with the teacher and sometimes comes across as rude and inconsiderate, especially to all of the members of your class. You really want to do well in your studies; however, Mark's behaviour is so distracting that a lot of time is being wasted and you are struggling to stay on task during these lessons.

What would be an appropriate response to this situation?

- A** Ignore Mark and do not add to the disruptive nature in the classroom.
- B** Laugh at Mark's jokes to make sure he doesn't feel isolated.
- C** Speak your mind out loud the next time he is rude or wastes time in class.
- D** Speak with your teacher privately and agree to buddy up with Mark and assist him in class.

27

**Read each of the statements to answer question 27.**

**Statement 1:** The Old Testament provides a set of laws in the Books of Exodus and Deuteronomy.

**Statement 2:** The New Testament provides guidelines about how to treat others.

Which option best describes the two statements?

- A** Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.
- B** Statement 2 is true and statement 1 is false.
- C** Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.
- D** Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.

**Read the Scripture passage to answer questions 28 and 29.**

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets”

MATTHEW 7:12

28

This Scripture passage refers to the

- A Epistles.
- B Beatitudes.
- C Golden Rule.
- D Act of Contrition.

29

This Scripture passage is a guide for people to

- A earn respect from others.
- B live according to their desires.
- C actively treat others with respect.
- D willingly do whatever they are told.

30

**Read the story to answer question 30.**

In 2015 Fr Rob Galea was a contestant on the TV show *X Factor*. After attending ‘boot camp’ he decided to withdraw from the competition as he felt the demands of the show meant that he was unable to do justice to both his pastoral and music commitments. While performing on the show was a wonderful evangelisation opportunity, Fr Rob’s first commitment is to his relationship with God and with the Church.



With reference to this situation, Fr Rob’s decision highlights

- A the challenge of solidarity.
- B his musical talent and influence.
- C how people can grow in goodness.
- D the strength of his moral character.

31

**Read the Scripture passage to answer question 31.**

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

MATTHEW 5: 11 - 12

Jesus spoke these words during the

- A** Commissioning of the Disciples.
  - B** Presentation in the Temple.
  - C** Judgement of the Nations.
  - D** Sermon on the Mount.
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32

The **?** Church is an Eastern Catholic Church.

- A** Uniting
  - B** Lutheran
  - C** Chaldean
  - D** Presbyterian
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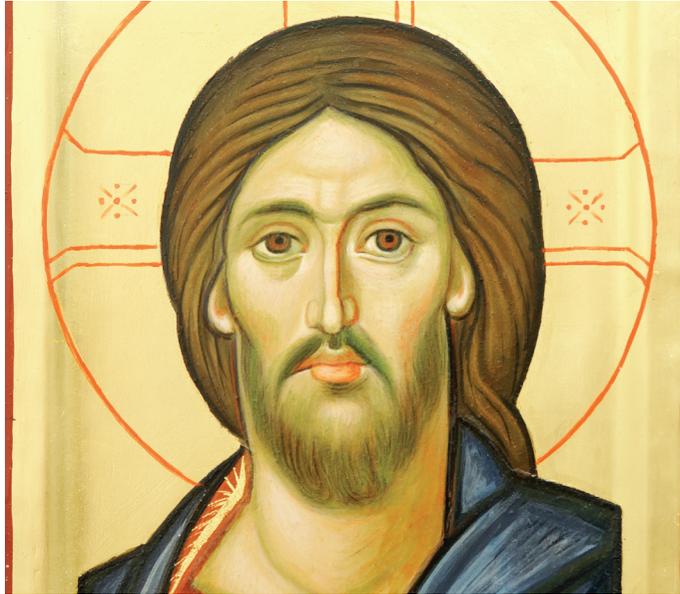
The essential action of the Rite of Baptism for an individual is the

- A** wearing of a white garment.
- B** lighting of a candle.
- C** anointing with oil.
- D** pouring of water.

34

Catholics believe that God assumed human form in the person of Jesus. This is known as the

- A Ascension.
- B Incarnation.
- C Assumption.
- D Transfiguration.



35

**Read the statement to answer question 35.**

The theme of the 31st World Youth Day that was held this year was

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”

MATTHEW 5: 7

This theme is important for Christians because it

- A is a part of the Ten Commandments.
- B urges Christians to give generously to the poor.
- C is a requirement for all people who desire peace and justice.
- D encourages Christians to demonstrate God’s love and forgiveness.

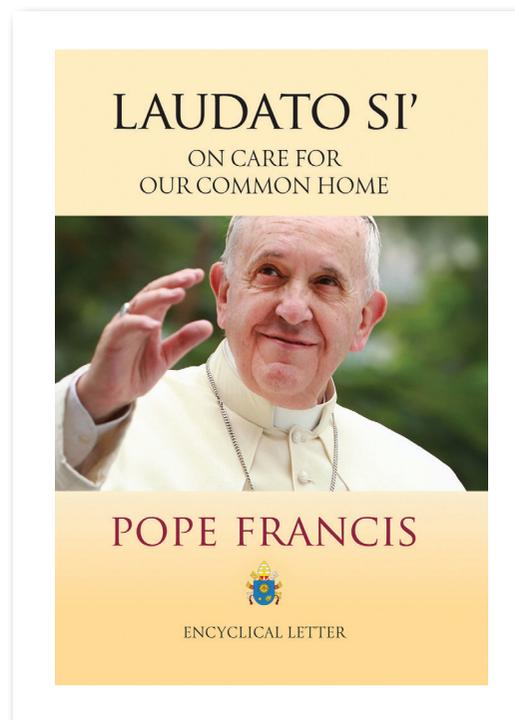
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The Council of Jerusalem, held around the year 48 CE, determined that new converts to Christianity were required to

- A profess their faith in Jesus Christ.
- B follow the laws of the Roman Empire.
- C keep the Jewish customs of Jesus' time.
- D surrender all of their possessions to the Church.

37

Read the statement to answer question 37.



Pope Francis says that our Sister Earth “cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.”

LAUDATO SI n.2

Pope Francis is recognising that

- A the Church needs to have dialogue with environmentalists.
- B religion and science need to join forces to care for the world.
- C people should work together in building a common home.
- D human beings have sinned against creation.

38

**Read the statement to answer question 38.**

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

POPE FRANCIS, DAY OF LIFE MESSAGE, 2013

Pope Francis’ message encourages us to respect the \_\_\_\_\_ of all people.

- A unity
- B pride
- C dignity
- D freedom

39

In 1948 the United Nations recognised that people should have access to education, religious freedom, social order and an adequate standard of living. These are known as fundamental human \_\_\_\_\_

- A needs.
- B rights.
- C principles.
- D responsibilities.

40

Which term is used to describe the Church as “going forth into the whole world, carrying out the task of preaching the Gospel”?

- A pilgrim
- B pastoral
- C missionary
- D hierarchical

41

**Read the statement to answer question 41.**

Sydney Night Patrol is a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The service consists of two vans, operating seven nights per week providing meals, blankets, toiletries, snacks, hot beverages and most importantly, companionship to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness within the inner city of Sydney.

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Sydney Night Patrol is

- A** reducing homeless people's reliance on government support.
- B** providing an opportunity for Christians to be able to socialise.
- C** eliminating the underlying causes of disadvantage.
- D** providing support and friendship in practical ways.

42

**Read the statement to answer question 42.**

Jesus is waiting for you ...  
let yourselves be touched by his  
boundless mercy, so that in turn  
you may become apostles of  
mercy by your actions, words  
and prayers in our world.

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR THE 31ST  
WORLD YOUTH DAY, AUGUST 2015

In this message Pope Francis  
is inviting young people to  
\_\_\_\_\_ **?** \_\_\_\_\_ the mercy  
of God.

- A** give witness to
- B** be thankful for
- C** hope for
- D** trust in



43

Feeding the hungry is an example of the

- A Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
  - B Corporal Works of Mercy.
  - C Spiritual Works of Mercy.
  - D Divine Office of the Church.
- 

44

The term 'virtue' can best be defined as

- A a judgement about right and wrong.
  - B a habit that develops from behaving well.
  - C pity and concern for the sufferings of others.
  - D trust or confidence in someone or something.
- 

45

**Read the statement to answer question 45.**

“Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the Earth itself.”

LAUDATO SI n.66

Pope Francis suggests that

- A the care of creation should be a partnership with God.
- B a relationship with God shapes the natural world.
- C people were created to serve the natural world.
- D people must learn from the environment.

46

The Greek symbols of the *alpha* and the *omega* appear on the Paschal Candle. What do these symbols represent?

- A Jesus' birth and mission
- B Jesus' death and resurrection
- C God as both Father and Holy Spirit
- D God as the beginning and the end of all things



47

The Catholic Church teaches that all people are made in the image and likeness of God. This means they are

- A loved by God.
- B the same as God.
- C divine in nature like God.
- D the crown of God's creation.

48

**Read the statement to answer question 48.**



“Many young people today seriously question whether life is something good, and have a hard time finding their way. More generally, however, young people look at the difficulties of our world and ask themselves: is there anything I can do? The light of faith illumines this darkness.”

EMERITUS POPE BENEDICT XVI, 2013

How does Pope Benedict encourage young people to respond to the challenges of life?

- A by critically examining the actions of others
- B by being active members of a faith community
- C by separating themselves from the concerns of the world
- D by living their lives as though suffering does not exist

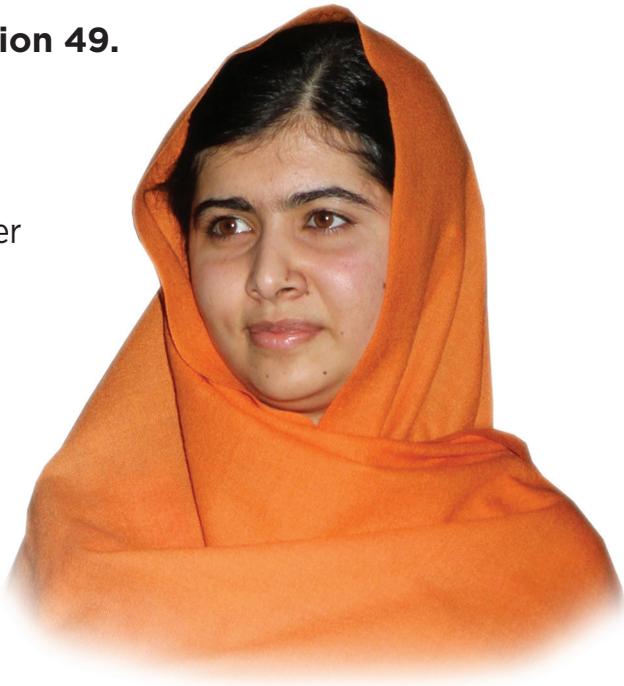
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**Read the following story to answer question 49.**

Malala Yousafzai became an advocate for girls' education when she was only a child. In October 2012 she was shot by a gunman on her way home from school. She was only 14 years old. Although she was critically injured, Malala survived the attack. In 2014 she received the Nobel Peace Prize. Malala has said:

“The terrorists thought they would change my aims and stop my ambitions, but nothing changed in my life except this: weakness, fear and hopelessness died. Strength, power and courage were born.”

MALALA YOUSAFZAI'S SPEECH AT THE UNITED NATIONS, 2014



In her statement, Malala demonstrates the strength of

- A** human nature.
- B** sinful people.
- C** advocacy.
- D** education.

50

**Read the Scripture passage to answer question 50.**

In Peter's first letter to the Christian community he writes,

“But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.”

1 PETER 3: 14 - 15a

In this Scripture passage, Christians are reminded about the importance of

- A** the Passion of Christ.
- B** placing one's trust in God.
- C** upholding society's values and beliefs.
- D** praying for those who are persecuted and helpless.



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