

SUGGESTIONS for GODPARENTS

Through the solemn promises you made to God, you are responsible for your godchild. Yours is a sacred relationship from which there should come happiness and spiritual gain, both to you and to your godchild.

In carrying out your trust the following suggestions will prove helpful:

1. Form the habit of praying regularly for your godchild by name, especially at celebrations of the Eucharist.

For your convenience, special prayers for your godchild are included on this certificate. Personalize them by inserting, where indicated, the child's Christian name or the appropriate pronoun.

2. Support your godchild in the practice of receiving Holy Communion regularly. If First Communion is celebrated in your godchild's parish, be present and receive Communion on that day.
3. Encourage attendance by your godchild at Church services—go along when possible.
4. Cultivate your godchild's friendship. Multiply helpful contacts. Remember birthdays and baptismal anniversaries with appropriate letters and gifts.
5. When your godchild is old enough, see that the child is enrolled in Church School and attends faithfully.
6. See that your godchild has a Bible and Prayer Book and that they are used.
7. Remember your responsibility as a Sponsor for the Christian growth and education of your godchild. Be prepared to discuss the Christian life with your godchild whenever possible.

A GODPARENT'S PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, you embrace children
with the arms of your mercy, and make them
living members of your Church; Give grace,

I pray you, to my Godchild,

to stand fast in your faith, to obey your word,
and to abide in your love; that, being made
strong by your Holy Spirit, (he/she) may resist
temptation, and may rejoice in the life that
now is, and dwell with you in the life to come;
through your merits, O merciful Savior,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*