

2007 Chaplain

Throughout our lives we pray and we are led in prayer by a member of our family, by a minister, preacher, rabbi, or another term. In the Order of the Eastern Star the one who leads us in prayer is called "chaplain". The person chosen for this is always blessed and this capacity for being Chaplain in ones chapter is an honor which can be held by a Star member who is a Sister or a Brother.

As he kneels at the Altar where Ritual prayers are given reverently at all times with all present facing the Altar with hands clasped. These are solemn moments and there is also joy when everyone present understands the importance of prayer. We also recognize that thanking our Lord at special events such as when the food is blessed and thanks given for those who have prepared it and when we remember those who are not able to be present wherever the gathering may be.

We look to our heroines, our Star Points. Adah went to the mountains to pray before fulfilling her father's vow. Ruth left her home to travel to a distant land at the side of her widowed mother-in-law trusting that the Lord would provide. Esther asked her fellow Jews to spend three days in prayer before she went to her possible death as she approached the king, her husband. Martha prayed for her brother's return from death and Electa who refused to desecrate the cross as she honored her Lord. These lessons enforce how important prayer is in our lives and gives us the understanding that with the help of our Lord miracles can happen. We ask your special blessings on those Sisters and Brothers who have served the Order of the Eastern Star as Chaplain and we know You are guiding them in their devotion as your servant leading us in prayer.

Sing: The Lord's Prayer.

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