

2003 Chaplain ceremony, adapted from Program by Reenie Christensen

The open bible on our Altar is symbolic of our faith that the words of God are always available to us. We find words of comfort, strength, hope, peace, love and inspiration on every page. The teachings of the heroines of our Order are found in our bible and show that prayer, faith and love will guide us in all of our endeavors.

Prayer is our lifeline to the Lord and is probably the easiest and cheapest thing we can do during our lifetime. We do not have to purchase a telephone to pray, a computer to pray or a television or radio to see or hear prayer. It costs us nothing to fold our hands, bow our heads and pray. The sense of peace we receive from prayer is not something we can purchase. That peace is only given to us by our Lord and can only be received by us through our belief in God.

The lessons we learn from the heroines of our Order are all based on Faith, Prayer, and the existence of that Supreme Being.

Adah went to the mountain to pray and prepare herself for the loss of her life to preserve her father's honor. Her inner strength and peace could only be attained by prayer.

Ruth went to a land of famine and desolation to care for her aged mother-in-law Naomi. She had to have immeasurable faith and love in the Lord to subject herself to poverty for the sake of Naomi.

Esther's faith in the Lord was evidenced by her strong conviction to save her people from death. She used her faith in God to give her the strength to carry out her mission.

Faith in God and the belief of life after death are shining examples of the traits Martha exhibited during her meeting with Jesus after the death of her brother Lazarus. Martha's faith carried her through to the assurance that her beloved brother would rise again on the third day.

Electa showed her love of God by holding fast to the cross, a precious emblem of our Lord. Her faith and trust in God to keep her safe was glowingly evident. She emulated the great law of our Lord that we "Love One Another".

Let us pray: Our Father, we ask for your presence in our lives and thank you for your great love and devotion. We thank you for the many ways you show us how to live our lives and prepare ourselves for our eternal home. We pray that we are worthy of your love and that you will ever keep your angel's wings around us. In Thy name we pray. Amen.

Song: I asked the Lord

