

## St. Bernadette Prayer Contest Criteria

(Ages 13-18)

We invite you to participate in the St. Bernadette Prayer Contest by writing a prayer inspired by St. Bernadette, her life, faith, and devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your prayer should reflect her virtues and what she represents to you, our church, and our faith community.

## **Prayer Guidelines:**

- Language: The prayer can be written in English or Spanish.
- **Inspiration & Reflection:** The prayer should be meaningful and inspired by St. Bernadette—her humility, faith, perseverance, and devotion.
- Connection to St. Bernadette: Your prayer should capture:
  - Who St. Bernadette was—her faith, sacrifices, and her response to Our Lady of Lourdes.
  - What she represents to you and our church—her example of holiness, prayer, and trust in God.
    - Length & Clarity: The prayer should be between 100-200 words, clearly written, and easy to understand.
    - o **Inspirational & Spiritual:** The prayer should uplift and inspire others in their faith journey.

## **Additional Guidelines:**

- Creativity & Originality: The prayer should be your own original work.
- Format: Typed or handwritten neatly on a single sheet of paper.
- **Submission:** Write your full name and age on the back of your submission.

## Winners will be announced during the celebration!

We look forward to reading your heartfelt prayers and celebrating St. Bernadette's legacy through your words!