



DAY NINE

January 26, 2018

Intercession

For God's peace to fill the hearts of all who travel upon the path of adoption.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us to “hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm” (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that all who are involved in the adoption process would be filled with the hope of Christ and “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding” (Phil 4:7). We also remember that we too can cling fast to this anchor of hope, for we have received “a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Rom 8:15). May our loving Father envelop each of us in his love today and open our eyes in faith that we may see and rejoice in his love.

Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Make an act of faith, hope, or love (www.usccb.org/faith-hope-love).
- Fast from snacking today. Eat three meals only.
- In “**An Adoption Love Story**,” Jenny* shares her and her husband’s story of adopting their son, Andrew. Read about some of the challenges, concerns, and joys on their journey at www.usccb.org/adoption-love-story, and spend some extra time in prayer for all who are involved in the adoption process.

One Step Further

“**Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption**” suggests nine ways to offer ongoing support to a woman who is considering placing her unborn child for adoption (www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption). Many of the tips given are also helpful for supporting a friend who is experiencing a challenging unexpected pregnancy, even if adoption has not been brought up.

Supplemental reference information regarding adoption can be found at www.usccb.org/adoption-resources.



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