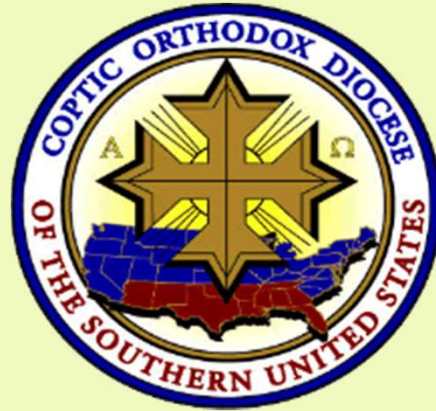


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[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. curriculum is for exceptional student education [ESE] for Sunday School. It is designed by the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.
- This is a modified curriculum designed for individuals with special needs.
- This curriculum is intended to be taught alongside with the general Sunday School program for each grade.

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- Inclusion is an important aspect of the social and learning paradigm of individuals with special needs.
- Stewards serving children and youth with special needs should try to integrate the students in the mainstream classes for as much time as can be tolerated by the student with special needs.
- Integration and inclusion foster friendships among the same age peer group.

Preparation for The Spiritual Value of Using the Agpeya for Praying Lessons for the Month of August

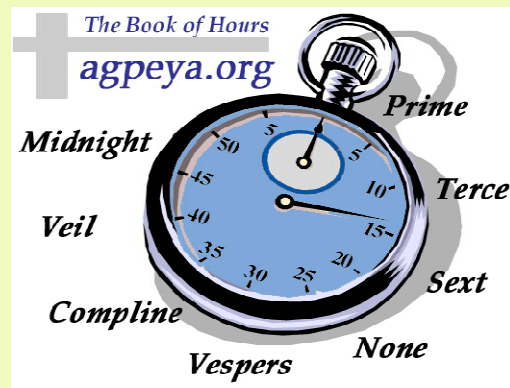
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Word Bank

- **Agpeya**



- **7 Prayers**

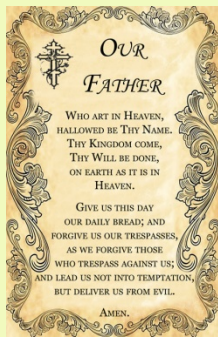


- **Repentance**

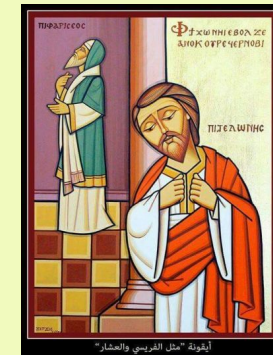
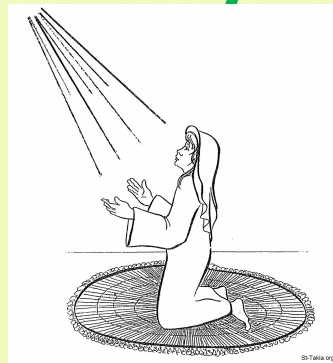


- **Lord have mercy**

- **The Lord's Prayer**



- **Pray**



Objective: Training on practicing prayers using the Agpeya (the book of hours and becoming enriched through them).

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< Agpeya



1st Hour



3rd Hour



6th Hour



9th Hour



11th Hour



12th Hour



Veil



Midnight



Prayers

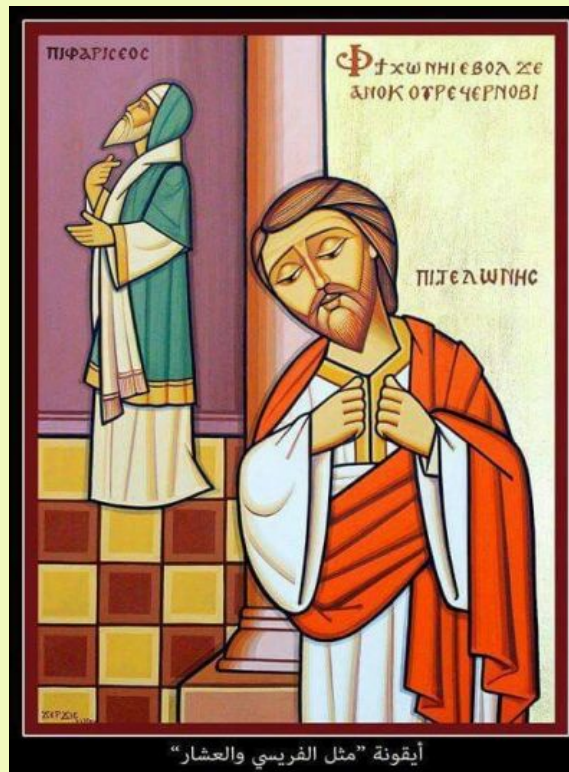
**Memory Verse: “Seven times a day I praise
You because of Your righteous judgments”
(Psalm 119:164).**










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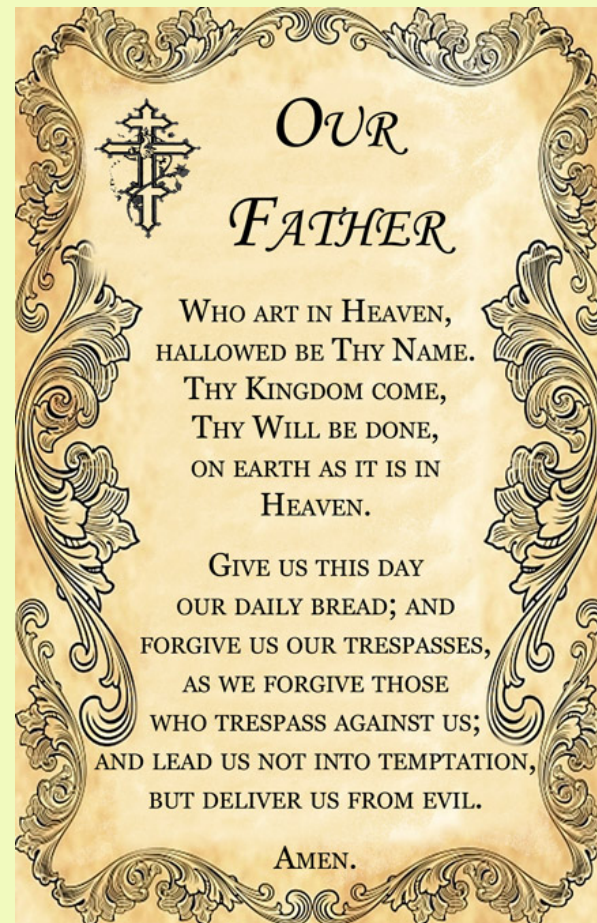
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1st Hour	The prayer of the First Hour or "Matins" reminds us of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and our daily resurrection to begin a new life in Him.	
3rd Hour	The prayer of the third hour reminds us of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost. Also Christ's trial by Pontius Pilate (Psalm 15:25; Isaiah 53:7) And His ascension to the heavens	
6th Hour	In the sixth hour we remember the Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.	
9th Hour	In the ninth hour we remember the death in the flesh of our Lord and the acceptance of the right hand thief into Paradise.	
11th Hour	In the 11 th hour or Vespers (sunset) prayers we remember the removing of our Lord's Body from the cross, giving thanks for concluding the day, and asking Him that we might spend the night in peace.	
12 th Hour	In the 12 th Hour we remember the burial of the Body of our Lord and watching for the end of our sojourn on earth.	
Midnight Prayers	In the three Midnight Prayers we turn our attention to the advent or second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are arranged in accordance with the words of the psalmist, "I will rise late in the night to give thanks to You" (Psalm 119:62). Emphasizes being watchful and getting ready for the second coming of our Lord. "Arise, you, O children of the light, to praise the Lord of Hosts, that He may grant us the salvation of our souls. When we stand in the flesh before You, take away from our minds the sleep of forgetfulness, grant us alertness"	

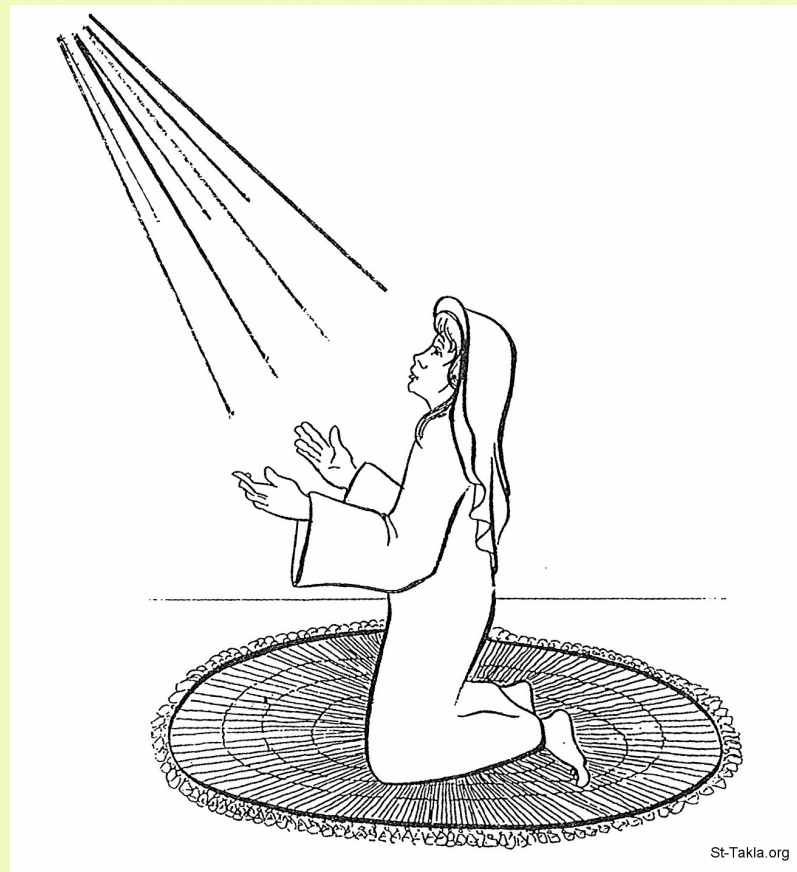
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Lessons for the Month of August

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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

Resources

- Application
 - Coordinate a time for A.G.A.P.E. students to interact with non-A.G.A.P.E. students.
- Activities—Customize according to student abilities, speech, and fine and gross motor skills.
 - Coloring/Painting
 - Cut and Paste
 - Music/Games
- References
 - <http://www.suscopts.org/ssc/Grade12.pdf>