

Day 2 | Live It | Renew Your Baptism

In today's One Percent Prayer, Fr. Jordan Berghouse invites you to renew your baptismal promises. Ask the Holy Spirit to come empower you to love God and your neighbors.

If you were baptized as a baby, or you don't remember it, this is your chance to make these promises again with your whole heart. If you are still preparing for baptism, you can tell the Lord about your desire for baptism and make these promises to him in your heart while you prepare. If you're trying to decide whether to be baptized, we really hope that you will. Ask God to help you to choose to make these promises.

Here's what Fr. Berghouse said:

As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises, we are reminded that no matter what we are going through, no matter what sin we struggle with, no matter what cross we carry, where we are broken, what we are burdened with, we are not in this alone. God is with us. We are his beloved sons and daughters, and He wants to be a part of our lives as our Father. He wants us to invite him in. I invite you to think of an area of your life in which you need God, an area that feels hopeless, and as we renew our baptismal promises, invite the Lord into that place. Precisely there, He is waiting for you, but He will only come, if you invite him in.

Please respond to each of the following questions with "I do."

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Do you believe in the Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord for eternal life. AMEN