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Dear God, thank you for loving me and sending your son, Jesus to die for me. I believe Jesus lived a perfect life and died in my place for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, and now lives with you in heaven. I know that I am a sinner – that I think and say and do things against your will- and that I can never be perfect. So I am trusting Jesus Christ as my savior and lord to forgive me of my sins, come in my heart, and live through me. Lord, please give the strength and wisdom I need to live for you and to be your witness at school, at home, and wherever I go. My heart and my life are yours. Thank you so much for your love. Amen

The Trinity is difficult for some people to understand: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. But what does that mean? I like to think of the Trinity as a volleyball game. You really can't have a successful play without a pass, set, or hit.

Jesus- the son is like a pass, he's always there to save you.

The Holy Spirit- is like the set; he sets up the word of God so you can understand it

And God- the father, creator of heaven and earth is like the hit or the spike, he smashes Satan.

Prayer. I think prayer is a conversation with God. And I believe that you can talk to him anytime, anywhere, and about anything.

I believe that the 10 commandments are more than just a life of do's and don'ts, there is a way for me to know that it's impossible to live without Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

My confirmation class took a Spiritual Gifts Test and my top gifts were:

- Encouraging: The ability to support people and help them regain hope.
- Faith: The ability to have a confident belief that God will always do what is the very best
- Leading: The ability to motivate others to use their spiritual gifts and to do their very best for the work of the Lord.

When I was a baby, too young to speak, my parents took me to be baptized. Today I am affirming my baptism in my own words with this statement of my faith.