
We must not allow environmental influences to remove the look of hope which God has put in their eyes, nor the spark of enthusiasm which he has put in their hearts.

Father Flanagan



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Prayer Leaflet

Year Three—August

From Father Flanagan's prayer for parents

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, look down with gracious eye on the fathers and mothers of this world. Teach us, Dear Lord, to know and understand the high position which we as parents hold in Your Divine Plan of Creation—the guardianship of Your precious little ones.

Give us Dear Lord, the strength and patience to teach by example and precept our precious children and lead them along the paths of virtues, onward and upward towards You, their loving and All Gracious God. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

*You do see, for you behold misery and sorrow
Taking them in your hands.
On you the unfortunate man depends:
Of the fatherless you are the helper.*

Psalm 10

From Fr. Flanagan's writings

Boys Town Times, April 13, 1945, "Father Flanagan Says"

(Editor's Note: From Germany, Cpl. James Feehan, serving with a Tank Battalion, writes Father Flanagan a most interesting letter...Feehan, a Boys Town citizen from 1933-38, is a graduate of the Boys Town High School, June, 1938, graduating class. Father Flanagan suggested that this letter replace his regular column.)

Dear Father,

Pardon me if the title is wrong, but it would seem too strange to refer to you by any other. Believe me when I say that I'm sorry that I haven't written much sooner, but lately so many things have interfered with my correspondence. I am in the best of health and disposition since the weather here has taken to better. This job at any time is far from being a joy, but sunshine somehow gives one a better outlook on it.

I suppose I had better bring my history a little more up to the moment. First, I dare say that I'm a member of one of the best tank outfits in Uncle Sam's service. Since we landed on the beaches of France on D-day, we have received numerous awards and citations. We were in such battles as Hill 192, St Lo, Vire, Paris, et. Cetera. But then this is not a report on the unit I belong to so why spend too much time on the subject.

Boys Town certainly has a right to be proud of its service record but when I look back on my years in the city, I can easily see why that record is so good. Believe me when I say that no place has helped such a deserving cause more than has Boys Town.

Sometimes at night I spend an entire tour of guard just remembering the places and faces I met while there. I realize that the place has long since outgrown those days but somehow I realize that the principals of Boys Town were just as big then as now. I don't know, Father, you just can't put into words what I'm trying to say, but I'm proud to be one of your boys.

Occasionally I receive the Times. What a morale booster

that little paper can be. I often wonder if people used to look forward to the Home Journal as I look forward to the Times. See, Father, I've never completely forgotten my journalistic aspirations and though I never followed them up I still retain hopes of doing so after the world has again become a decent place for God and man.

...Father, I have received gifts from you and the boys in the recent past. Thanks is the least I can say.

Please give my regards to Mr. Norton and to your sister as many are the memories I have of them. Also include any one else who may remember me. Well, guard time rapidly approaches so must close for now. By the way, we count on prayers to keep us rollin'. One of your boys,

Jim Feehan

FATHER FLANAGAN PRAYER

God of mercy, love and compassion, we are grateful that You gave Father Edward Joseph Flanagan special graces to love, protect and guide neglected, vulnerable and oppressed youth. Thank you that the work he began with the foundation of Boys Town, has continued to spread throughout the world. We pray that You inspire many to adopt his caring, loving ways as mentor and protector of youth.

Loving Father, we bring our own needs to you now, asking that through the intercession of Father Flanagan, in accordance with your Holy Will, you grant us these special favors: _____.

Thank You for Your Faithfulness and Providence, and for hearing these petitions which we ask in the Name of Your Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.