

Beginning on The Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30, the St. Andrew's Novena is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. No doubt, this might be too much for small children. I would suggest praying it once in the morning, afternoon, and/or evening. This is a beautiful and meditative prayer that helps our families remain focused on Christ's coming and the real meaning of Christmas.

Provide one of the printable prayer cards to each of your children who can read.

Print. Cut on dashed lines to separate.

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