THE SIGN OF THE CROSS – A prayer in itself.

Ezekiel 8:3-17: Abominations in the Temple

Ezekiel 9:1-8: The "Sign" sets the righteous apart. The sign is the Hebrew letter taw written on the forehead. In cursive Hebrew, taw is written like an ""X".

By making the Sign of the Cross we express our desire to be loyal to God. We do not desire to live according to the standards of this world, but to have our whole lives marked by Christ's cross.

We also invoke the power of God's Name:

Psalm 54:2 – "O God, by your name save me."

Philippians 2:10 - "... at the name of Jesus every knee should bend..."

Matthew 18:20 – "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

John 14:13 – "And whatever you ask in my name, I will do..."

When we make the Sign of the Cross we:

- Acknowledge Jesus as Lord
- Invoke His presence