**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** – A prayer in itself.

In the **name** … the **name** makes what is invoked present.

In the **name**, not **names**.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ALWAYS act as one.

**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 and not to live according to the standards of this world, but to have our whole lives marked by Christ's cross.

The sign of the cross invokes 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.