Prayer for carving a pumpkin

*Start by carving a pumpkin and keeping the pieces intact. Cut the eyes, ears, mouth, nose and cut a circle around the stem. Remove the seeds and insides of the pumpkin, put them in a plastic bag and return it to the inside of the pumpkin. Put the eyes, ears, nose and mouth back in the cut-out holes and replace the lid. Have a candle and long-stemmed lighter ready.*

*Have your family and/or children recite this prayer.*

Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you and the world you created. *(Remove the top of the pumpkin.)*

Remove the things in my life that don’t please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me to forgive others. *(Pull out the bag of seeds.)*

Open my eyes to see the beauty you’ve made in the world around me. *(Remove the eyes.)*

Open my ears when I hear your word, so I may learn how you want me to live. *(Remove the ears.)*

I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at people who are different from me, but who are your children, too. *(Remove the nose.)*

Let everything I say please you. *(Remove the mouth.)*

Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do. *(Place a candle inside and light it.)*

Amen.