

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Religion Reading

### *The Shadow of His Wings* by Gereon Goldmann.

Before you begin reading, consider the prompts below. As you read, mark excerpts that will support your topic. Choose ONE essay prompt to complete and bring to the first day of school in August.

#### Essay Prompt #1: The Power of Prayer:

Write 5-paragraph essay analyzing the power of prayer in Goldmann's life. Discuss how both personal prayer and the intercessory prayers of others help Goldmann persevere through suffering, find hope in difficult circumstances, and grow in his faith. Use specific examples from the book to explain how prayer influences the events of his life and strengthens his relationship with God.

#### Essay Prompt #2: God's Divine Providence

Write a 5-paragraph essay explaining how God's divine providence is revealed throughout Goldmann's journey. Analyze several events from the book in which circumstances appeared dire, but God provided protection, guidance, strength, or unexpected blessings. Use specific examples to show how these experiences helped Goldmann trust in God's plan, even when he could not understand it at the time.

#### **Your essay should include:**

- Your name and grade are at the top of your paper
- An introductory paragraph that gives the book's title and author and ends with a clear thesis statement.
- At least 3 body paragraphs (each containing at least 2 quotes from different sections of the book that supports your thesis statement)
- Smooth transitions from one paragraph to the next.
- A conclusion paragraph that restates your thesis and ends connecting your paper to your own life.
- Papers should be typed: size 12 font, Times New Roman