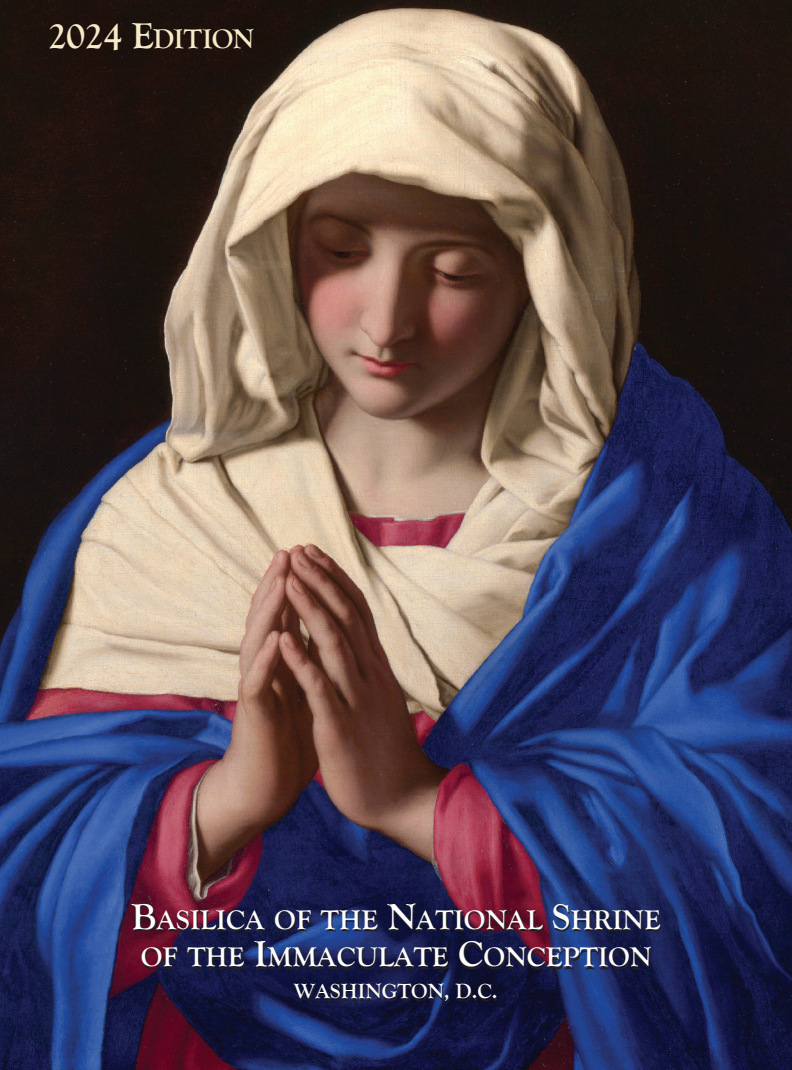


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FOREWORD

Dear Friend,

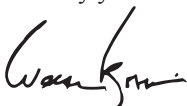
In 1910, Bishop Thomas Shahan, founder of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, expressed his vision for this sacred place: "...no one would think he had truly seen the capital of the nation unless he had paid a visit to this church. Inside and outside, it would be a monument of artistic truth and sincerity, and thus a mirror of all the beauties of our venerable and holy religion."

One hundred years later, Bishop Shahan's vision for the National Shrine remains ours today. Built through the prayers and support of America's Catholics to increase devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, this magnificent Basilica serves as a place of pilgrimage and prayer for nearly one million visitors each year.

Prayer is an integral component of our Catholic Faith for it is God, the Father in Heaven, who asks us to trust Him, to share our joys and sorrows, and to seek His guidance and aid in every aspect of our lives. To grow in prayer is to grow ever closer to God. As the beloved Saint Padre Pio counsels, "prayer is the origin of the soul...it is the key to God's heart."

This book of prayers was compiled and produced to enrich your prayer life and supplement your personal devotions. It contains traditional prayers, prayers to the Saints, Marian prayers, National Shrine Chapel prayers and more. I hope it will become part of your daily prayers and that you will receive God's blessing and Our Lady's guidance in return for your faithful devotion.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector

INTRODUCTION

A Brief History of “America’s Catholic Church”

The spiritual bond between the United States and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was formalized in 1847 when Pope Pius IX proclaimed Her “Patroness of the United States; under the title of Her Immaculate Conception.” Early in the next century Bishop Thomas Shahan proposed building a National Shrine in Washington, D.C., as an exquisite “hymn in stone” to Mary. On August 15, 1913, Pope Saint Pius X not only gave a personal contribution of four hundred dollars, but also called upon American Catholics to support this newly sanctioned cause.

Later that year land was designated for the building of a National Shrine and nationwide support for the proposed church quickly developed. In 1915 Bishop Shahan appointed Father Bernard McKenna as the first director of the National Shrine. On September 23, 1920, His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, blessed the foundation stone now located in the Crypt Church.

The Great Depression and World War II temporarily halted the construction of the Shrine, but the determination and spirit of American Catholics could not be thwarted. Catholics, both young and old, in every parish of the United States, responded overwhelmingly in reviving the effort to complete the National Shrine, and in the Marian Year of 1954, construction was resumed.

At long last, on November 20, 1959, thousands of Catholics gathered for the solemn dedication Mass in the Great Upper Church. Since this time, the National Shrine has opened its doors to millions of pilgrims who

have journeyed here from across the United States and around the globe. The more than 80 Shrine chapels honoring Mary and Her influence among the many ethnic communities which comprise this great nation tell a remarkable story of the faith, devotion, struggles, and triumphs of our immigrant heritage.

After years of planning and many painstaking months of nearly round-the-clock work, the ornamentation and installation of the Trinity Dome of the Great Upper Church was recently completed. To commemorate this historic achievement, the Trinity Dome was dedicated on our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2017, by His Eminence, Cardinal Donald Wuerl.

Today, as “America’s Catholic Church” and the nation’s preeminent Marian Shrine, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception continues to foster devotion to Our Lady. It honors Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception, recalling that because of Her unique role in God’s plan for our salvation, Mary was free from the stain of original sin from the moment of Her conception. The National Shrine continues to stand as a tribute to the Blessed Virgin and as testimony of Catholics’ devotion to Her.

To learn more about the National Shrine, visit our website: www.nationalshrine.org. A Mass schedule and a schedule of events can be found there to help you plan your first or your next visit. The clergy and staff look forward to welcoming you.

MARIAN
PRAYERS

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace,
 the Lord is with you;
 Blessed are you among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners
 now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
 that never was it known that anyone who fled to
 your protection, implored your help, or sought your
 intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this
 confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my
 Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and
 sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise
 not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me.
 Amen.

TOTUS TUUS

Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

*Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt,
 O Virgo, super omnia benedicta.*

I am all yours, and all that is mine is yours,
 O Virgin, blessed above all.

THE ANGELUS

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

R. and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary....

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R. Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary....**

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.**

V. Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE MAGNIFICAT
(Canticle of Mary)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

Behold from now on all ages will call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age
To those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants forever. Amen.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN
(Salve, Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor, banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

*Salve, Regina, mater misericórdiae;
Vita, dulcédo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamámus,
éxsules filii Evae.
Ad te suspirámus,
geméntes et flentes in had lacrimárum valle.
Eia ergo, advocáta nostra,
Illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exílium osténde.
O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo María.*

HAIL, O QUEEN OF HEAVEN
(Ave Regina Caelórum)

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned! Hail, by angels mistress owned, Root of Jesse! Gate of morn! Whence the world's true light was born: Glorious Virgin, joy to you, Loveliest whom in heaven they see. Fairest thou where all are fair! Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

Ave, Regina caelórum, ave, Dómina angelórum, salve, radix, salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est ora. Gaude, Virgo gloriósa, super omnes speciósa; vale, o valde decóra et pro nobis Christum exóra.

LOVING MOTHER OF OUR REDEEMER
(Alma Redemptóris Mater)

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen, as we strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature, you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us sinners.

Alma Redemptóris Mater quae pérvia caeli porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti. Súrgere qui curat, pópulo: tu quae genuísti, natúra mirante, tuum sanctum Genitórum, Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatórum miserére.

REGINA CAELI
(Queen of Heaven, Rejoice!)

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|---|---|
| V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice!
Alleluia. | V. <i>Regina Caeli, laetáre!</i>
<i>Allelúia.</i> |
| R. For he whom
you did merit to bear.
Alleluia. | R. <i>Quia quem
meruísti portáre.</i>
<i>Allelúia.</i> |
| V. Has risen as he said.
Alleluia. | V. <i>Resurréxit, sicut dixit.</i>
<i>Allelúia.</i> |
| R. Pray for us to God.
Alleluia. | R. <i>Ora pro nobis, Deum.</i>
<i>Allelúia.</i> |
| V. Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary. Alleluia. | V. <i>Gaude et laetáre,</i>
<i>Virgo María. Allelúia.</i> |
| R. For the Lord is truly risen.
Alleluia. | R. <i>Quia surréxit Dóminus
vere. Allelúia.</i> |
| V. Let us pray. | V. <i>Orémus.</i> |
| R. O God, who gave joy
to the world
through the resurrection
of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant, we beseech you,
that through the
intercession of the Virgin
Mary, his mother,
we may obtain the joy
everlasting life.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen. | R. <i>Deus, qui per
resurrectiónem Fílii
tui, Dómini nostril Iesu
Christi, mundum
laetificáre dignátus es:
praesta, quáesumus;
ut, per eius Genitricem
Virginem Mariam,
perpétuae capiámus
gáudem vitae. Per
eúndem Chrisum
Dóminum nostrum.
Amen.</i> |

MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

O Virgin Mary, faithful Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of your children;
Mother whose hands never cease to help,
because they are moved by the loving kindness that exists in your Immaculate Heart;
Cast your eyes of compassion upon me,
and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.

You know all the pains and sorrows caused by these tangled knots.
Mary, my Mother, I entrust to your loving hands the entire ribbon of my life.
In your hands there is no knot which cannot be undone.

Most holy Mother,
pray for Divine Assistance to come to my aid.
Take this knot (*mention need*) into your maternal hands this day;
I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once and for all,
in the name of your divine Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES
Archbishop John Carroll, first bishop
and archbishop in the United States

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our President and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the innocence of our children. Grant the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the Will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Lord, have mercy.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christ, have mercy.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Lord, have mercy.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christ, hear us.	<i>Christ, graciously hear us.</i>
God the Father in heaven,	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
God the Holy Spirit,	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Trinity, One God,	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Mary,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Holy Mother of God,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Holy Virgin of virgins,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother of Christ,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother of the Church,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother of divine grace,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother most pure,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother most chaste,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother inviolate,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother undefiled,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother most amiable,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother most admirable,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother of good counsel,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother of our Creator,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mother of our Savior,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Virgin most prudent,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Virgin most venerable,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Virgin most renowned,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Virgin most powerful,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Virgin most merciful,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Virgin most faithful,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Mirror of justice,	<i>pray for us.</i>

Seat of wisdom, *pray for us.*
Cause of our joy, *pray for us.*
Spiritual vessel, *pray for us.*
Vessel of honor, *pray for us.*
Singular vessel of devotion, *pray for us.*
Mystical rose, *pray for us.*
Tower of David, *pray for us.*
Tower of ivory, *pray for us.*
House of gold, *pray for us.*
Ark of the covenant, *pray for us.*
Gate of heaven, *pray for us.*
Morning star, *pray for us.*
Health of the sick, *pray for us.*
Refuge of sinners, *pray for us.*
Comfort of the afflicted, *pray for us.*
Help of Christians, *pray for us.*

Queen of Angels, *pray for us.*
Queen of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*
Queen of Prophets, *pray for us.*
Queen of Apostles, *pray for us.*
Queen of Martyrs, *pray for us.*
Queen of Confessors, *pray for us.*
Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*
Queen of all Saints, *pray for us.*

Queen conceived without
original sin, *pray for us.*
Queen assumed into heaven, *pray for us.*
Queen of the Family, *pray for us.*
Queen of peace, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**R. that we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.**

Let us pray. Grant, we beg you, O Lord God, that we your servants may enjoy lasting health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from the present sorrow and enter into the joy of eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

- (1) While holding the Crucifix in the hand, make the Sign of the Cross and recite the *Apostles' Creed*.
- (2) On the first bead, recite the *Our Father*.
- (3) On the three small beads recite the *Hail Mary* for an increase of faith, hope, and charity.
- (4) On the next bead, recite the *Glory Be*.
- (5) Call to mind the first Mystery and reflect upon it on the large bead; then recite the *Our Father*.
- (6) On the ten small beads recite the *Hail Mary*, keeping in mind the Mystery.
- (7) Recite the *Glory Be*.
- (8) Each of the following decades continues as in the first; recall the Mystery, then say the *Our Father*, the ten *Hail Mary's* and the *Glory Be*.
- (9) At the end of the Rosary, recite the *Hail, Holy Queen* and the *Concluding Prayer*.

Optional:

Recite the *Fatima Prayer* at the end of each decade.

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, draw all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy. Amen.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES
(Monday and Saturday, and Sundays in
Advent and Christmas)

1. The Annunciation

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."

Lk. 1:38a

2. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Lk. 1:39-40

3. The Nativity

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Lk. 2:7

4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Lk. 2:22

5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Lk. 2:48-49

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

(Thursday)

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him.

Mt. 3:16

2. The Wedding at Cana

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Jn. 2:11

3. Jesus's Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

Mk. 1:14-15

4. The Transfiguration

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mk. 9:7

5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

Lk. 22:19-20

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
(Tuesday and Friday, and Sundays in Lent)

1. The Agony in the Garden

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

Mt. 26:39

2. The Scourging at the Pillar

Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Mt. 27:26

3. The Crowning with Thorns

They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage.

Mk. 15:17-19

4. The Carrying of the Cross

Carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

Jn. 19:17

5. The Crucifixion

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Lk. 23:45b-46

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection

“He has been raised; he is not here.”

Mk. 16:6

2. The Ascension

Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Lk. 24:50-51

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles

Then there appeared to [the Apostles] tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Acts 2:3-4

4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your devout one see the pit.

Ps. 16:10

5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Rev. 12:1

CONCLUDING PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning, and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Concluding Prayer

O God, whose Only-Begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

TRADITIONAL
PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

THE MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works,
joys and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favors,
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular, for the intentions of the Holy Father.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

THE CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*Benedictus*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Lk. 1:68-79)

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all of my sins, because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

AN ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all truths that the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

AN ACT OF HOPE

O my God, relying on your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

AN ACT OF LOVE

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

PRAYER TO OUR REDEEMER
(Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from Christ's side, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
In your wounds, hide me.
From the malicious enemy, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me.
And close to you bid me,
that with your saints I may always
be praising you eternally.
Amen.

THE BEATITUDES

- Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
- Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
- Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
- Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are you when they insult you, and
persecute you and utter every kind of evil against
you [falsely] because of me.
- Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven. (Mt. 5:3-12)

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I lack;
in green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters he leads me;
he restores my soul.
He guides me along right paths
for sake of his name.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and Your staff comfort me.

You set a table before me
in front of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for endless days. Amen.

HYMNS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O Salutáris Hóstia

*O salutáris Hóstia
Quae Caeli pandis óstium.
Bella premunt hostília;
Da robur fer auxilium.
Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérnal glória:
Qui vitam sine término,
Nobis donet in pátria.
Amen.*

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gates of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.
To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

Tantum Ergo

(Excerpt from the *Pange Lingua*)

*Tantum ergo sacraméntum
venerémur cernui
et antiqúum documéntum
novo cedat rítui;
praestet fides suppleméntum
sensum deféctui.
Genitóri Genitóque
laus et iubilátio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benediction;
procedénti ab utróque
compar sit laudátio.
Amen.*

Down in adoration falling
Lo, the sacred Host we hail;
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty.
Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Opening Prayer

Jesus came with his disciples to a country place called Gethsemani, and he said to them, "Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray." Then he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be saddened and exceedingly troubled. He said to them, "My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch with me." He went forward a little, and falling prostrate he prayed, saying, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will but as you will." (Mt. 26:36-39)

All: Almighty and eternal Father, / accept our prayer of thanksgiving for your Beloved Son, our Savior and Lord. / As we recall his Sacred Passion / send the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, / we beg You, / so that whether we pray or work we might do all in union with Christ our Redeemer. / Amen.

(to the tune of Stabat Mater)

Jesus, Lord, condemned, defiled / May we too be meek and mild / As we tread your holy Way.

May we feel no bitter hatred, / When we too are persecuted, / Left alone to walk with You.

Prayer at each Station

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You; because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

1. Jesus is Condemned to Death

All-powerful and eternal God, for proclaiming the truth your Son, Jesus Christ, is condemned to death by crucifixion. Stir up your love in our hearts so that we might be ever faithful to all that You have told us and fear nothing more than the loss of your friendship through sin.

Now the Cross as Jesus bore it, / Has become for us who share it, / The jeweled Cross of Victory.

2. Jesus Bears His Cross

Father in heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ, still carries his Cross in his persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. Make us feel the needs of all persons so that we might as readily help them as we would help Jesus himself.

Weakened, prodded, cursed, and fallen, / His whole Body bruised and swollen, / Jesus tripped and lay in pain.

3. Jesus Falls the First Time

O God, to free us from sin and weakness your Son, Jesus Christ, embraced his fearful passion and crucifixion. Strengthen us in our baptismal resolutions by which we renounced sin and Satan, so that through the passion of this life's sufferings we might rise to a new life of joyful service free of all selfishness.

Jesus met his grieving Mother, / She who made the Lord our Brother; / Now the sword her heart has pierced.

4. Jesus Meets His Mother

O blessed Lord, at your passion a sword of sorrow pierced the loving heart of your mother as Simeon had foretold. Grant that we who look back on her sorrows with compassion might receive the healing fruits of your sufferings.

Simon stopped in hesitation, / Not foreseeing his proud station, / Called to bear the Cross of Christ.

5. Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see in the sufferings and shortcomings of our lives a share in Your Cross; strengthen and console us in the belief that we bear all things in union with You, who have taken upon Yourself even our guilt.

Brave but trembling came the woman, / None but she would flaunt the Roman, / Moved by love beyond her fear.

6. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Almighty and ever-loving God, we feel your love and understanding in the consolation and support we receive from one another. Give us, we beg You, the courage and dedication to sacrifice and suffer with those who are in need, the least of your people.

Prostrate on the dust He crumbled, / Flogged in Body He resembled / All our brothers poor and scorned.

7. Jesus Falls a Second Time

Lord Jesus Christ, You shared in our weaknesses and accepted our guilt. Grant us the favor of rejoicing over our human weaknesses, so that in all we do, Your strength, dwelling in us, may be shown to all others.

May our sympathy for Jesus / Turn to those who here now need us, / May we see Christ bruised in them.

8. Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem

Beloved Jesus, with tears of pity these women of Jerusalem responded to You, broken, bruised, and beaten, on the road to Calvary. Deepen our faith, we beg You, so that we may see You in our brothers and sisters, bruised by our envy, beaten down by injustice, and broken by our greed and our indifference.

Jesus fell again in weakness, / stumbling as we do, to lead us / Through our sorrow and our pain.

9. Jesus Falls a Third Time

Almighty and eternal God, You permitted your Son to be weakened, crushed, and profaned so that He might rise from the dead freed from the ravages of sin. Help us to accept our weaknesses and failings as forerunners of our glorious resurrection in union with your Son.

Stripped and jeered by His own nation, / Jesus stood in desolation, / Giving all He had to give.

10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Lord Jesus Christ, stripped of everything, You stood exposed to the jeers and contempt of the people whom You loved. Clothe us with genuine love of others, so that nothing we suffer may ever fill our hearts with hatred or bitterness.

Pierced the hands that blessed and cured us, / Pierced the feet that walked to free us, / Walked the hill of Calvary.

11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Lord and Savior, You have told us that we too must accept crucifixion if we are to accept resurrection with You. Help us to rejoice in the sufferings that come with the fulfillment of our daily duties, seeing in them the royal road of the cross to the resurrection.

Life eternal, death defiant, / Bowed His head—the world was silent, / Through His death came life anew.

12. Jesus Dies on the Cross

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. / Thy kingdom come, / Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. / And lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil. Amen

Stunned and stricken, Mary, Mother / In your arms was placed our Brother, / “Full of grace” now filled with grief.

13. The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Beloved Savior, You returned to the Father all that He had given You, so that He might restore all to You a hundred-fold in the glorious resurrection. Help us, we beg You, to give generously of ourselves in all that we do for You, so that like You we might be made perfect in a new resurrection.

Jesus, Lord, your gift accepted, / In three days You resurrected, / You did first what we shall do.

14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Almighty and eternal God, on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost, You restored to us the Savior we thought defeated and conquered. Help us, we beg You, so to empty ourselves of self concern that we might see your hand in every failure and your victory in every defeat. These things we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Risen, be our lover / In Your Food and in our brother. / Lead us home to heaven with You.

Closing Prayer

[This closing may be omitted on Good Friday.]

I believe in God, the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died, and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of / God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. / Amen

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices that they might go and anoint Jesus. Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had just risen, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?" for it

was very large. But looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back, and upon entering the tomb they were amazed to see a young man sitting at the right side and clothed in a white robe. He said to them, “Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.” (Mk. 16: 1-6)

**PRAYER TO
JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED**

Look down upon me, O good and sweetest Jesus, while before your face I humbly kneel. Most fervently I pray and beg you to fix deep within my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true sorrow for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and sorrow I contemplate your five wounds. I have before my eyes, O good Jesus, what David the prophet spoke of you, as though you were saying it yourself: “They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones” (Ps. 22:17).

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of
the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary
most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. Amen.

May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed
Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with
grateful affection at every moment in all the
tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time.
Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

Lord,

by the light of the Holy Spirit

you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit

help us to relish what is right

and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day (night)
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and to guide.
Amen.

GRACE BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS

Before: Bless us, O Lord and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After: We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and to you, my brothers and sister,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel. (Lk. 2:29-32)

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

<p>Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.</p>	<p><i>Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.</i></p>
<p>God the Father in heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, One God, Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us. have mercy on us. have mercy on us. have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>
<p>Hearts of Jesus, wellspring of all virtue,</p>	<p><i>have mercy on us.</i></p>

Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, king and center
of all hearts, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, treasure house of
wisdom and knowledge, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, in whom there
dwells the fullness of God, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, in whom the
Father is well pleased, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, from whose
fullness we have all received, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, desire of the
eternal hills, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, patient and
full of mercy, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, generous to all
who turn to you, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, fountain of
life and holiness, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, atonement
for our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed
with insults, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, broken for
our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, obedient even
to death, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, pierced by
a lance, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, source of
all consolation, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, our life
and resurrection, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, our peace
and reconciliation, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, salvation of
all who trust in you, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, hope of all
who die in you, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, delight of
all the saints, *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

V. Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,

R. Touch our hearts and make them like your own.

Let us pray.

Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love
we have received from the heart of Jesus, your Son.

Open our hearts to share his life and
continue to bless us with his love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.

On the Our Father beads say the following words:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads say the following words:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In conclusion, recite these words three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

PRAYERS TO
THE SAINTS

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O happy man, Saint Joseph, to you it was given to see and hear the God whom many kings longed to see but did not see, and longed to hear but did not hear. Not only that, but you were privileged even to bear God in your hands, to kiss him, to dress him, and to watch over him.

V. Pray for us, Saint Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray.

O God, who has given us a royal priesthood: You found Blessed Joseph worthy to hold you only Son, born of the Virgin Mary, reverently in his hands and to carry him. Enable us, too, to serve at your holy altar with pure hearts and innocent lives, so that today we may receive worthily the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, and may be found worthy of an everlasting reward in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Saint Joseph,

Noble son of the House of David,

Light of patriarchs,

Husband of the Mother of God,

Guardian of the Virgin,

Foster father of the Son of God,

Faithful guardian of Christ,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph, chaste and just,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

have mercy on us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

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Joseph, prudent and brave,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Joseph, obedient and loyal,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Pattern of patience,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Lover of poverty,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Model of workers,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Example to parents,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Guardian of virgins,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Pillar of family life,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Comfort of the troubled,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Hope of the sick,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Patron of the dying,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Terror of evil spirits,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Protector of the Church,	<i>pray for us.</i>

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	<i>spare us, O Lord.</i>
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Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	<i>graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
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Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	<i>spare us, O Lord.</i>
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V. God made him master of his household.

R. And put him in charge of all that he owned.

Let us pray. Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY

Almighty ever-living God,
who gave Saint Anthony of Padua to your people
as an outstanding preacher
and an intercessor in their need,
grant that, with his assistance,
as we follow the teachings of the Christian life,
we may know your help in every trial.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

O God, who by your ineffable mercy,
have been pleased through the labors
of your priest Saint Junipero Serra
to count many American peoples within your Church,
grant by his intercession
that we may so join our hearts to you in love,
as to carry always and everywhere before all people
the image of your Only Begotten Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

SAINT PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need: the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in the hearts of all that love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANN

O Glorious Saint Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you under your special protection. [*here mention silently your intentions*] Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary and lay it before the Throne of Jesus so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Please continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face and with you and Mary and all the Saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity. Amen

Three Times

Good Saint Ann, Mother of Her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope pray to Her for us and obtain our requests.

One Hail Mary

LITANY OF SAINTS

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Saint Michael,

Holy Angels of God,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

Saint John,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Mary Magdalene,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Stephen,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Lawrence,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Agnes,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Gregory,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Augustine,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Athanasius,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Basil,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Martin,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Benedict,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Francis Xavier,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint John Vianney,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Catherine of Siena,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Teresa of Jesus,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Francis Cabrini,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Katherine Drexel,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint John Paul II,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Junipero Serra,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Saint Teresa of Calcutta,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Blessed Frederic Ozanam,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Blessed Carlo Acutis,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Blessed Michael McGivney,	<i>pray for us.</i>
All holy men and women,	<i>pray for us.</i>

Christ, hear us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR
VARIOUS NEEDS

PRAYER FOR PEACE
Pope Saint John XXIII

Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
who so often said,
“Peace to you,”
grant us peace.
Make all men and women witnesses of truth,
justice, and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
Amen.

PRAYER OF SOLACE
Saint John Henry Newman

May Christ support us all the day long,
till the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy
may He give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest and peace at the last.
Amen

ACCEPTANCE OF DIVINE WILL

May the most just, the most lovable, and the most high will of God be done, be fulfilled, be praised and exalted in all things forever. Amen.

ABANDONMENT TO GOD'S PROVIDENCE

My Lord and my God: into your hands I abandon the past and the present and the future, what is small and what is great, what amounts to little and what amounts to a lot, things temporal and things eternal. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR OR CIVIL DISTURBANCE

O God, author and lover of peace,
to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign;
defend against every attack those who cry to you,
so that we may not fear the weapons of any foe.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

**NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
(Prayed the nine days before Pentecost)**

Come, Spirit of Wisdom,
dispose our hearts to know and value
the things of heaven above the things of earth
and show us the way to salvation.

Come, Spirit of Understanding,
enlighten our minds to the mysteries of salvation
and grant that we may come to a fuller knowledge of you.

Come, Spirit of Counsel,
guide us in the way of your commandments.
Incline us to do good. Keep us from evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

Come, Spirit of Fortitude,
strengthen us in every trial and help us in our struggle
against evil. Never let us be parted from you.

Come, Spirit of Knowledge,
help us to see beyond the passing joys of this world
to the glories you have prepared for us.

Come, Spirit of Piety,
stir up our hearts to true holiness and love of you.
May we always seek you in spirit and in truth.

Come, Spirit of the Fear of the Lord,
teach us ever to set the Lord before us
and to avoid whatever is displeasing to you.
Bring us all one day to the fullness of your love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father, Giver of life,
we entrust the United States of America
to Your loving care.

You are the rock
on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source
of our cherished rights
to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
Reclaim this land for Your glory
and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts
of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds
to the great worth of human life
and the responsibilities
that accompany human freedom.
Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted
in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,
Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage
to reject the "culture of death."
Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are Your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE ASSUMPTION
(Prayed the nine days before the
Solemnity of the Assumption)

Mary, full of grace, all generations rejoice to call you blessed and to acknowledge the great things that God your Savior has done for you. In preserving you from the stain of sin, God already prepared you to be taken to the place that had been readied for you in heaven. As we commemorate this Assumption of your body and soul into heaven, we recall that you intercede for us powerfully in your reign as Queen of the Universe and that you remember us tenderly as Mother of the Church.

Seeking the help of your power and the consolation of your gentle compassion, we ask that you join us in praying for the intentions that we now entrust to your loving attention.

(Pause to mention prayer requests here)

As you join in presenting these petitions to our Father in heaven, pray too that we may accept God's response to our petitions with the spirit of joy that marked your life on earth and which now fills your soul in heaven.

Help us to long for our own heavenly inheritance, so that we might join with you in praising God's goodness forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Father all-powerful,
your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite;
as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day
with gratitude for your kindness,
open our hearts to have concern
for every man, woman, and child,
so that we may share your gifts in loving service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

**NOVENA PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Prayed the nine days before the Solemnity
of the Immaculate Conception)**

Immaculate Virgin Mary,
you were pleasing in the sight of God
from the first moment of your conception
in the womb of your mother, Saint Anne.
You were chosen
to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

I believe the teaching of Holy Mother Church,
that in the first instant of your conception,
by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God,
in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ,
Savior of the human race and your beloved Son,
you were preserved from all stain of original sin.

I thank God for this wonderful privilege and grace
He bestowed upon you
as I honor your Immaculate Conception.

Look graciously upon me as I implore this special favor:

(Mention your request)

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother,
please intercede for me as these prayers now rise before God.
Filled with confidence in your goodness and power,
I ask you to help me in this journey of life
and to preserve me from all that is displeasing to God.

I entrust myself entirely to you, knowing that you will help me
to avoid sin and to always live a humble and pure life.
I consecrate myself to you forever,
for my firm desire is to love your Divine Son Jesus.
Mary, since those devoted to you have never been known to perish,
pray that I too may be saved. Amen.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets,
and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince
of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of
your love.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY CHURCH

O God, who in your wonderful providence decreed that Christ's kingdom should be extended throughout the earth and that all should become partakers of his saving redemption, grant, we pray, that your Church may be the universal sacrament of salvation and that Christ may be revealed to all as the hope of the nations and their Savior. Who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF PEOPLES

O God, who sent your Son into the world as the true light, pour out, we pray, the Spirit he promised to sow seeds of truth constantly in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith, so that, being born to new life through Baptism, all may become part of your one people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

We humbly ask you, Lord, lover of the human family, to pour out more fully upon us the grace of your Spirit, and grant that, walking worthily in the vocation to which you have called us, we may bear witness to the truth before others and seek with confidence the unity of all believers in the bond of peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THOSE GATHERED AT A MEETING

Lord,
may everything we do
begin with your inspiration
and continue with your help,
so that all our prayers and works
may begin in You
and by you be happily ended.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A NEW HOME

Lord,
be close to your servants
who move into this home (today)
and ask for your blessing.
Be their shelter when they are at home,
their companion when they are away,
and their welcome guest when they return.
And at last receive them
into the dwelling place you have prepared for them
in your Father's house,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER ON THE OCCASION OF A BIRTHDAY

God of all creation,
we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life.
Hear the prayers of N., your servant,
who recalls today the day of his/her birth
and rejoices in your gifts of life and love, family and
friends.

Bless him/her with your presence
and surround him/her with your love
that he/she may enjoy many happy years,
all of them pleasing to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR A FAMILY

O God,
you have created us in love and saved us in mercy,
and through the bond of marriage
you have established the family
and willed that it should become a sign of Christ's love
for his Church.

Show your blessings on this family gathered here in
your name.

Enable those who are joined by one love
to support one another
by their fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer.
Make them responsive to the needs of others
and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,
hear our prayers for your servants who are sick:
grant them, we implore you, your merciful help,
so that, with their health restored,
they may give you thanks in the midst of your Church.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER DURING DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

Gracious God,
We know that your love is infinite and that you care about all areas of our life.

In this time of economic insecurity, help us to trust that all of our security is in you.

Keep us mindful that you always have and always will provide for our needs.

Apart from you we can do nothing.

Merciful God,

We ask that you give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation and the world out of the current economic crisis.

Help us to protect the poor and all those who are struggling during this difficult time.

Provide for their needs and give them hope.

Open new opportunities for them and furnish the resources they need to live with dignity.

Encourage those who have enough to share essential resources with those who lack the necessities of life, and to do so with humble, grateful, and loving hearts.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANY NEED

O God, our refuge in trials,
our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow,
spare your people, we pray,
that, though rightly chastised now by affliction,
they may find relief at last through your loving mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have the power to impart the breath of life
as you form each of us in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray,
that we, whom you have made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding the dignity of human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

MARCH FOR LIFE NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life.

Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life.

May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin.

Encourage those who will be involved in the March for Life; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people.

O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE
CHAPEL PRAYERS

In response to the
many requests we receive
from visitors to the National Shrine,
the following prayers are
from the Shrine chapels.

MARY, MOTHER OF MANKIND (Memorial Hall)

Mother, I commend and entrust to you all that goes to make up earthly progress, asking that it should not be one-sided, but that it should create conditions for the full spiritual advancement of individuals, families, communities, and nations. I commend to you the unborn, the poor, the suffering, the sick, and the handicapped, the aging and the dying. I ask you to reconcile those in sin, to heal those in pain, and to uplift those who have lost their hope and joy. Show to those who struggle in doubt the light of Christ your Son. Amen.

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

We turn to you,
Our Mother of Good Counsel,
as we seek to imitate
your faith-filled life.
May we be led by the same Wisdom
which God sent forth from heaven
to guide you along unfamiliar paths
and through challenging decisions.
Keep us united in mind and heart
as we go forward in joyful hope
toward the grace-filled freedom
that Augustine recommends.
O Virgin Mother of Good Counsel,
hear our prayer
as we look to you for guidance.
Pray for us
to our loving and merciful Father,
to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
giver of all wisdom
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MARY, QUEEN OF MISSIONS

Holy Mary, our Mother.

Today, each day and in our last hour
we entrust ourselves entirely to your
loving and singular care.

We place in your hands:
our entire hope and happiness,
our every anxiety and difficulty,
our whole lives.

May our every endeavor be directed and guided
according to the Will of Your Son,
which is your will, by the aid of your
prayers and special favor with God. Amen.

OUR LADY OF LA VANG

O Mary, Holy Mother of La Vang, filled with grace and
crowned in splendor, you are above all the angels and
saints in heaven. None can compare to you. God graciously
chose you, a pure and holy maiden, to be the Mother of the
Savior of the world.

O Mary, you appeared at La Vang amid the pain and
misery of war and persecutions, to help our Catholic and
non-Catholic ancestors. From the first moment, you poured
out your blessings, spiritual and physical, upon the sick and
the sorrowful who had recourse to you.

O Mary, Holy Mother of La Vang, Mother of God and
our most loving Mother, pour out your abundant blessings
upon your children who earnestly implore you. Give us a
heart of compassion and charity to build a culture of love
and of life. Help us to live lives of virtue and hope, so that
we may enjoy eternal life and the happiness of the Trinity
with you for all eternity. Amen.

OUR LADY OF ANTIPOLLO

Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, Virgin of Antipollo, look kindly upon our needs in this pilgrimage to our home in heaven. As you accompanied Christ in His journey from Bethlehem to Calvary, you discovered the loving presence of God in ever new ways. Guide us now in our own turn so that we may discover God in our lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters. Help us to recognize Him with the eyes of our hearts and to grow deeper in His love through life's joys and pains. And at our journey's end, lead us to the doorsteps of heaven and bring us to your Son, Jesus, who has secured and prepared for us a place in our Father's house. Amen.

OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI

O Mary! Our Mother of Health and Our Heavenly Queen, seated on your throne of mercy and compassion in your Holy Shrine at Vailankanni, we praise and honor you to be our refuge and our relief. Numerous are the sick who through you have recovered health. Relying on your power and goodness, we fly to you and implore you to heal our infirmities and to obtain for us perfect health of body and soul, that we may better be able to serve you and your Divine Son. At all times you have been the help and consolation of the sick. You obtain for them health, when it is conducive to their salvation. You assist them at time of their death. Help them O Most amiable Mother and obtain for us cure from all our sufferings, or patience to endure them in the spirit of resignation agreeable to God's Holy Will, so that all our trials and sufferings may help to purify our souls and help us to detach ourselves from earthly ties. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF HOPE

O Mary, my Mother, I kneel before you with heavy heart. The burden of my sins oppresses me. The knowledge of my weakness discourages me. I am beset by fears and temptations of every sort. Yet, I am so attached to the things of this world that instead of longing for Heaven, I am filled with dread at the thought of death.

O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me in my distress. You are all-powerful with your Divine Son. He can refuse no request of your Immaculate Heart. Show yourself a true Mother to me by being my advocate before His throne. O Refuge of Sinners and Hope of the Hopeless, to whom shall I turn if not you?

Obtain for me, then, O Mother of Hope, the grace of true sorrow for my sins, the gift of perfect resignation to God's Holy Will, and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus.

But above all I pray, O dearest Mother, that through your most powerful intercession my heart may be filled with Holy Hope, so that in life's darkest hour I may never fail to trust in God my Savior, but by walking in the way of His commandments I may merit to be united with Him, and with you in the eternal joys of Heaven. Amen.

**OUR LADY OF HOSTYN
(Confessional Chapel)**

O God, who by the marvelous protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary has strengthened us firmly in hope, grant we beseech You, that by persevering in prayer at her admonition, we may obtain the favors we devoutly implore. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

God our Father,
Creator of the world,
You established the order which governs all ages.
Hear our prayer and grant us peace in our time
that we may rejoice in your glory
and praise you without end.

Mary, Queen of Peace, look upon us kindly.
Through your prayers
obtain for us the gift of peace
which your Son promised.

We ask this through the same Lord Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace,
Son of God, Son of Mary,
who lives and reigns with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

OUR MOTHER OF AFRICA

Mary, Our Mother of Africa,
hear the drumbeat of our prayers,
may Your Son Jesus continue
to bring us joy, relieve our tensions,
and forgive us our sins.
Help us to walk in His light.
Help us to help others do the same.
And bring us to life everlasting,
with the Holy Saints and Angels. Amen.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comforter of the afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles,
my sufferings;
look with mercy on me.
By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a
privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favors;
and already many sufferers have
obtained the cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.
I come, therefore, with complete confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of
my requests. Through gratitude for your favor,
I will endeavor to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

MOTHER OF GOD
(Byzantine-Ruthenian Chapel)

O Mary, Mother of God,
as you are above all creatures
in heaven and on earth,
more glorious than the Cherubim,
more noble than any here below,
Christ has given you to His people,
firm bulwark and protectress,
to shield and save sinners
who fly to you.
Therefore, O Lady,
all-embracing refuge,
we solemnly recall your sweet protection,
and beg the Christ forever for His mercy. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF BREZJE

Mary, Help of Christians,
you show us how to be Christian,
how to “hear the word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28).
Help us to respond to God as you did,
that His power work in us,
that the Spirit form Christ in us,
and that His mind, His heart, His will be ours.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Father,
you prepared the heart of the Virgin Mary
to be a fitting home for your Holy Spirit.
By her prayers, may we become more worthy temples of
your glory. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

O Mary, Mother of Divine Providence,
you sit as Queen at the right hand of your Son.
You aid the Church in her needs and, with maternal
care, provide for the personal needs of us, her
children, who were entrusted to you at the foot of
the Cross by Jesus, our Lord.
I implore you to remove from us whatever is harmful,
evil or destructive, and bestow on us only that which
is helpful, holy, and loving.
I ask you this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MARY, QUEEN OF IRELAND
(Ninth Century Poem)

Holy Mary, if thou wilt,
hear thy suppliant;
I put myself under the
shelter of thy shield.
When falling in the slippery
path, thou art my smooth
supporting hand staff.
There is no hound in
fleetness or in chase,
north wind or rapid river,
as quick as the
Mother of Christ
to the bed of death,
to those who are entitled
to her kindly protection. Amen.

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

O Virgin Mother of God,
Mary Immaculate,
we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you
under the title of Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal.
May this Medal be for each one of us
a sure sign of your affection for us
and a constant reminder of our duties toward you.
Ever while wearing it,
may we be blessed by your loving protection
and preserved in the grace of your Son.
O Most powerful Virgin,
Mother of our Savior,
keep us close to you
every moment of our lives.
Obtain for us, your children,
the grace of a happy death;
so that, in union with you,
we may enjoy the
bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer, offered with deep-felt confidence to beg this favor...

O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to thee under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe," the Virgin who crushed the serpent.

Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate Heart was pierced by seven swords of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns strewn across my pathway.

Queen of Apostles, aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior.
I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
Blessed Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski

O Mother of God, Immaculate! To Thee do I dedicate my body and soul, all my prayers and deeds, my joys and sufferings, all that I am and all that I have. With a joyful heart I surrender myself to Thy bondage of love. To Thee will I devote my services of my own free will for the salvation of mankind, and for the help of the Holy Church whose Mother Thou art. From now on my only desire is to do all things with Thee, through Thee, and for Thee. I know I can accomplish nothing by my own strength, whereas Thou canst do everything that is the will of Thy Son and Thou art always victorious. Grant, therefore, O Helper of the faithful, that my family, parish, and homeland might become in truth the Kingdom where Thou reignest with Thy Son. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CHINA

Hail, Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Mother of all nations and all people.
You are the special heavenly Mother of the
Chinese people.

Teach us your way of total obedience to
God's will. Help us to live our lives true to
our faith. Fill our hearts with burning love
for God and each other. Stir up in our
youth, an unconditional giving of self to the
service of God.

We call on your powerful intercession for
peace, reconciliation, and unity among the
believers and conversion of the unbelievers
in China and throughout the world, for God's
mercy is our only hope.

Our Lady of China, Mother of Jesus, hear
our petitions and pray for us. Amen.

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin,
Help of Christians, Mother of the Church,
we place ourselves under your motherly protection.
We promise to be faithful to our Christian vocation
and to work for the greater glory of God and the
salvation of our souls and of those entrusted to us.

With faith in your intercession,
we pray for the Church, for our family and friends,
for youth, especially those most in need.

You were St. Bosco's teacher.
Show us how to imitate his virtues:
especially his union with God,
his chastity, humility, and poverty,
his love for work and his temperance,
his goodness and total giving of self to others,
his loyalty to the Holy Father and to the Church.

Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians,
the graces in which we stand in need.

(mention your intentions)

May we serve God with fidelity and generosity until
death. Help us and our dear ones to attain the boundless
joy of being forever with our Father in Heaven. Amen.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,
fruitful vine,
splendor of heaven,
Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin,
assist me in this my necessity...
O star of the sea,
help me
and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Queen of heaven and earth,
I humbly beseech you
from the bottom of my heart,
to succor me in this necessity;
there are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my Mother.
O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.
(three times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.
(three times)

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)**

Oh, Virgin Mary,
Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
you are the glory of Christians,
the Joy of the Universal Church,
the Hope of the World,
pray for us.
Bring to life in all the faithful
a devotion to the most Holy Eucharist.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on you, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations, I shall never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce your sacred name, or even only think of you. I thank God for having given you, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing your name; let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen

MOTHER OF SORROWS

Father,
as Your Son was raised on the cross,
His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His suffering.
May she, who is also our spiritual Mother and Patroness
in Heaven, help us to find renewed strength at the cross
of Christ and so come to share in His rising to new life,
where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Most Holy Virgin, who hast deigned to come to
Fatima to reveal the treasures of graces hidden in
the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with
a sincere love of this devotion, that meditating on
the Mysteries of our Redemption recalled therein,
we may obtain the conversion of sinners, the
conversion of Russia, and the favors we ask you
now for the greater glory of God, for your own
honor, and for the good of souls. Amen.

PRAYERS
FOR VOCATIONS
AND OCCUPATIONS

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on our holy father,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by work and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saint John Vianney

God, please give your Church today many more priests
after your own heart.
May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer
and penance;
being examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;
zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist
and to Mary his Mother
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR A MARRIED COUPLE

Almighty and eternal God,
you have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage
that it has become the sacramental sign
of your Son's union with the Church as his spouse.

Look with favor on this married couple,
whom You have united in
marriage, as they ask for your help
and the protection of the Virgin Mary.
They pray that in good times and in bad
they will grow in love for each other;
that they will resolve to be of one heart
in the bond of peace.

Lord, in their struggles let them rejoice
that you are near to help them;
in their needs let them know
that You are there to rescue us;
in their joys let them see
that you are the source and completion
of every happiness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our young people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COURAGE IN TIME OF BATTLE

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from you. For you are God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC NEED

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. When they are called on in times of need, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Lord God,
your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these students.
Let them enjoy their learning
and take delight in new discoveries.
Help them to persevere in their studies
and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon these teachers.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience
and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Almighty God, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all manner of illness and disease: continue, we beseech you, his gracious work among us especially in... (*Insert Name of Your Facility or Department*). Grant to physicians, nurses and all health care professionals wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; keep them safe and preserve them from all contagion. Cheer, heal and sanctify the sick, and send down your blessing on all who care for them in imitation of our merciful Savior and healer, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

