

PRAYERS

I. THE ANGELUS

The Angelus, St. Paul Prayer, and Prayer of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be prayed five minutes before the Church bells ring each day at 8:00 a.m.

*The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. and She conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*And the Word was made Flesh:

R. and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

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

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.

II. SAINT PAUL PRAYER

Oh holy Apostle Paul, forever our special patron of Saint Paul Church, Saint and advocate, who was fore chosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth to the whole world: Obtain for us, we pray to you, lively faith, firm hope, burning love, complete detachment for ourselves, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all our works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of our state of life, constancy in our resolutions, resignation to the Will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death.

That so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, we may be able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for endless ages, to enjoy his presence and love Him forever.

**Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father...*

V. Thou shall make St. Paul prince over all the earth

R. He shall be mindful to Thy Name, O Lord.

Let us pray

O God, Whose right hand raised up and delivered blessed Apostle Paul from the depths of the sea when he suffered ship wreck: graciously hear us and grant, by the merits of St. Paul, that we also may attain unto everlasting glory: Who live and reign, world without end.

Amen

III. PRAYER OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Heavenly Father, you blessed Mother Teresa with gifts of love and compassion so she could spend her life in service for the poorest of the poor. May we imitate her examples of holiness by sharing our faith and reaching out to those in need.

O Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, so compassionate were you toward the sick, the hungry and the unwanted. Your heroic virtues and the graceful faithfulness in which you lived as a servant of God are beautiful examples of your love and union with Him.

We rejoice in your canonization and we praise and thank our loving God for your life and generosity. Help us to follow the Gospel as faithfully and lovingly as you did.

You allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all.

Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (*here make your request*). Teach me to allow Jesus to pierce and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for us.

Amen

IV. NOVENA
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
(Monday)

Leader: In the name of the Father...

All: Amen.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be recreated.

All: And you will renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader: O God, who instructs the hearts of the faithful by the light of your Spirit grant us true wisdom and bring us to the joy of consolation, through Jesus, the Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: O Mary, who bore God to us.

All: Pray for us who honor you.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, you have honored your Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, throughout the ages. She, who was conceived without sin, bore you, our Savior, into the world. May we, who ask her prayers for us, be brought to the fullness of life forever, for you are our Lord now and always, Amen.

O Loving Savior, you have chosen the weak of the world to glorify your name and give witness to the eternal life you promise your faithful people. Working through your servant, Catherine Laboure, you made known the mystery of the Immaculate Conception. May we, your people, come to know you more fully through prayer and meditation on this word. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

MEMORARE

Loving and Most Merciful God, it has never been known that anyone imploring the intercession of Mary, your chosen daughter, has been left unaided.

We, your people, are inspired by this confidence as we come before the Mother of our Savior and pray for her to hear us in our sinfulness.

As she is Mother of the Word Incarnate, may she hear our prayers and our worship of you who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray

Almighty and Ever-Living God, with confidence in your great love, we pray that through the intercession of your Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may be granted the graces and favors we ask during this Novena. We ask this especially for those for whom we pray. *(pause for silent petitions)*

We, your people, ask that you grace us with a love for the things which are of God and the strength to overcome temptation. May a spirit of prayer and justice be with us all our days and may we be ready to come to you when you call each of us home where you live in union with the Son and the Spirit as our one God, now and forever. Amen.

AN ACT OF CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Through the intercession of Mary, Faithful Servant and Mother of our Savior, we ask you, Loving God, to accept our lives as a prayer to you. Bless us with a growing faith in your Word and bring us finally to the joy which you revealed in your Son: everlasting life. For you are our Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

Leader: O Mary, who bore God to us...

All: Pray for us who honor you.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

V. THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(Wednesday)

Prayer: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

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

Then, on the our Father Beads OUR FATHER BEADS you will 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 you will say the following words: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Three times you will recite these words: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Prayer: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion—inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. **Amen**

VI. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (Friday)

Father, in the fullness of time, you sent your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, to be our Savior. He preached the Good News of salvation, healed the sick and cast out evil. Now as crucified and risen Lord, He pours out on us the Holy Spirit of adoption, making us your sons and daughters. Through the Church, He calls us to accept the Gospel and to share in your own divine life. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life for all people. In your mercy, you do not abandon us. In every age, You raise up men and women to offer their lives for the sake of the Gospel and the work of the Church.

We beg you, therefore, grant to this local Church of Paterson an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Give us courageous and faithful men to serve as worthy priests and deacons. Bless us with generous and zealous men and women willing to seek holiness in consecrated life. May we rejoice in an abundance of vocations from our families so that we may yield a rich harvest of good works for your honor and glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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VII. EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

(First Friday of the Month)

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.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VIII. PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

(Saturday)

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 again to eternal life.

IX. PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

X. ANIMA CRISTI (After Communion)

Let us pray

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
Separated from You, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you, bid me;
That with your Saints, I may be, praising You forever and ever.
Amen.

XI. INTO YOUR HANDS (After Communion)

Let us pray

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures—I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. **Amen.**

XII. PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

(After Communion)

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen.**

XIII. PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

Let us pray

Behold, O Kind and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you and pray that you would impress upon my heart the virtues of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. At the same time, with sorrow I meditate on your five precious wounds, having in mind the words which David spoke in prophecy: "They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones." (*Psalm 22*)

Amen.