# CEAL Monthly Devotional

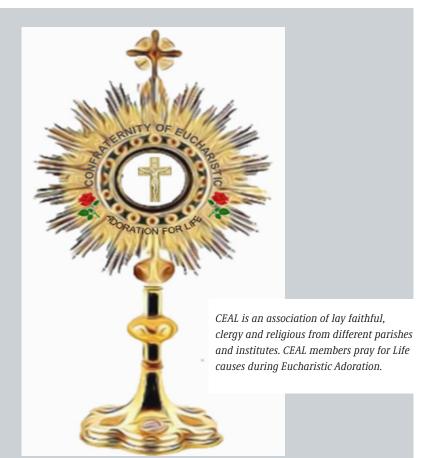
Prayers and Intentions for August 2021



The Confraternity of Eucharistic Adoration for Life (CEAL)

Dedication:

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Solemnity of The Assumption of Mary and Feast Day of St. Clare
August 2021



This guide to Eucharistic Adoration includes suggested readings, prayers, hymns, devotionals, and prayerful images upon which to reflect to make your experience a greater blessing.

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# Our August Devotional The Transfiguration of the Lord

Leader:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit All: Amen

Leader:

O God, come to my assistance

All: O Lord, make haste to help me.

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 will be forever. Amen.

### Novena for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the Earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Dear God, as we prepare for the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration, please hear our prayers (insert petition here.)

### Day 1

God of life and glory, Your Son was revealed in splendour before He suffered death upon the cross. Grant that we, beholding His majesty, may be strengthened to follow Him. Amen.

### Day 2

God, You scattered the darkness and poured Your light into our hearts so that we might look upon the radiant face of Jesus Christ. Nourish in us the desire to contemplate Your beloved Son. Amen.

### Day 3

O God, according to your plan, You have called us to holiness by Your grace revealed in Jesus Christ. Show us the way to share in your mission and the glorious splendor of unending life. Amen

### Day 4

Loving Father, You have so loved us that we have been called to be sons of God. When Christ comes again, grant that we may see Him. Amen.

### Day 5

O Christ, before Your passion and death you revealed the resurrection to your disciples on Mount Tabor. Today, we pray for Your church which labors amid the cares and anxieties of this world. May it be transfigured by the joy of Your victory. Amen.

### Day 6

O Christ, You took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. We pray today for Pope Francis and all bishops that they may also be inspired by the hope of being transfigured on the last day. Amen.

### Day 7

O Christ, You gave light to the world when the glory of the Creator was revealed in You. We pray today for all persons to see how they walk in Your light. Amen.

### Day 8

O Christ, upon the mountaintop You let the light of your face shine over Moses and Elijah. We ask Your blessing upon Your people who call on Your name, who want to belong to your kingdom of light and life. Amen.

### Day 9

O Christ, one day you will renew our lowly body and make it like your glorious one. We pray today for all our brothers and sisters who have died that they may share in Your glory forever. Amen.

Read more at: https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2012/08/06/prayer-novena-to-our-lord-of-transfiguration-long/

## The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord August 6, 2021

- History of the Devotion
- Devotional Practice

### History of the Devotion

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation.

The earliest testimony of the association of Mount Tabor with the miracle of the Transfiguration is in the third century writings of Origen. It is also mentioned by St. Cyril of Jerusalem and St. Jerome in the fourth century.

A church that was first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

https://www.franciscan media.org/saint-of-the-day/transfiguration-of-the-lord

https://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2017/08/history-of-feast-of-transfiguration.html

# Reflection on The Transfiguration & Psalm 104 - Praise of God the Creator

In Psalm 104 God's wonderous creation is revealed as written in Genesis. In the New Testament, Jesus reveals how He cooperates in the ongoing work of creation and our salvation in the Transfiguration.

Let's imagine ourselves walking up the mountain with Jesus, Peter and James and John to pray. The day is warm but gentle breezes flow down, cooling our faces. Alongside the path is a clear stream winding dutifully down to the valley below. Jesus sets a brisk pace- we hurry to keep up.

Arriving at the top of the mountain, Jesus calls us to all kneel. As He begins to pray the Psalm:
Lord, my God, you are great indeed! flocks of birds begin to settle in the fragrant trees, their joyful songs filling the air, branches dancing in rhythm.
Forest creatures gather around. God's own symphony, His creation, joins with Jesus and the Holy Spirit in praise of God's majesty and power.

Suddenly, all around us the light becomes intense. We see Jesus shining brightly from within, the joy of creation radiating from His very face. We hear God's booming voice from a cloud, commanding us to listen to Jesus. Then Jesus and the mountain return to normal. He leads the way back down. We are quiet, reflecting on the burning love in our hearts.



### Fr. Bob's Scripture Readings

Exodus 34: 29-35

1 Chronicles 15: 1-3

Mark 9: 1-8

1 He also said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come in power."

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

4 Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

5 Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6 He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

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

8 Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

Luke 1:46-56

John 15: 12-13

12 This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13



### **Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph**

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly peer, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen

### Prayer for CEAL Intentions

Dear Jesus, we pray to You today to ask for Your help for Life causes, including: protection for babies in the womb from abortion, protection of children and adults from human trafficking, protection for the elderly from ethanasia and the troubled from suicide. Amen

# For All Members of The Confraternity of Eucharistic Adoration For Life

### Prayer To Grow In Perfect Love

Lord, your servant St. Therese of Lisieux said:
"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Father, your truth is made known in your word.

Teach us the way to love because you are Love

Jesus, you embody Love and Truth.

Help us to recognize your face in the Poor.

Enable us to live out our Vocation

to bring Love and Justice to your People.

Holy Spirit, You inspire us to transform our world.

Empower us to seek the common Good for all Persons.

Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Therese of Child Jesus and The Holy Face, pray for us.

-Based on the encyclical 'Caritas in Veritas'- Charity in Truth of Pope Benedict XVI)



### For Protection Of Babies In The Womb From Abortion

have created man in your own image

-Genesis 1:27

and breathed into his nostrils your life

-Genesis 2:7

You have said, Before I formed you, I knew you

- Jerimiah 1:5

May our prayers rise up to heaven to beg for thy protection for the babies in the wombs. Your people have been misled by the evil one to destroy that precious life. May we be made aware that we are made in thy image and likeness.

protected the Baby Jesus from every harm.

Please intercede for all the fathers and mothers so that they see their babies in the wombs as your precious gifts and will treasure and protect those gifts. Amen.

All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

St. Therese of Child Jesus and The Holy Face, Pray for us.





# For Protection Of Children, Youth And Adults From Human Trafficking

Let us pray:

God our Protector, you have appointed angels to guard us
-Psalm 91:11

Your son Jesus said,
Let the litle children come to me.
For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these

-Matthew 19:14

We pray for the protection of children, youth and adults from the evil and wicked people who are involved in human trafficking. St. Josephine Bakhita, please intercede on behalf of children, youth and adults to keep them safe at schools, colleges and work places. Amen.

All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, pray for us.





# For The Protection Of The Elderly From Euthanasia

### Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, you gave us life to live to the full.

As your Son Jesus said,
I have come that they may have
Life, and have it to the full
-John 10:10

We pray for the protection of the elderly from the evil practice of euthanasia. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may all the families care for their elderly with love and gratitude till natural passing from this world to the next.

Amen.

All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary. Glory Be.

St. Therese of Child Jesus and The Holy Face, pray for us.





### For Protection Of The Troubled From Suicide

Let us pray:

Merciful Father, your mercy is everlasting and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible.

We pray for the troubled, the mentally ill, and those at the point of despair that your grace will protect them from taking their own lives.

Through the intercession of St.
Faustina, may they experience Your
mercy and forgiveness

and heed to the invitation of your Son Jesus who promised

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, I will give you rest.
-Matthew 11:28.

All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

St. Therese of Child Jesus and The Holy Face, pray for us



# Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Leader:

In the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

#### OPENING PRAYER: (Optional)

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.

O Blood and water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you! (Repeat 3 times)

#### 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 thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe 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 to the dead. on the third day, He rose again. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

FOLLOW THE FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY.

ON EACH OF THE 'OUR FATHER' BEADS PRAY:

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 EACH OF THE '10 HAIL MARY' BEADS PRAY:

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

CONCLUDING PRAYER: (Repeat 3 times) Holy God, Holy Mighty one, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

CLOSING PRAYER: (Optional)

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

despondent, but with great Confidence submit ourselves to your holy Will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.



### The Holy Rosary

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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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: (3 times for FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY)

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy 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, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in the most need of Thy mercy. Amen.



#### **JOYFUL MYSTERIES:**

1. THE ANNUNCIATION (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 2. THE VISITATION (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 3. THE NATIVITY (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys,, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 4. THE PRESENTATION (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 5. THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

#### SORROWFUL MYSTERIES:

1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN
(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys,
Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)
2. THE SCOURGING
(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys,
Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)
3. THE CROWNING OF THORNS
(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys,
Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)
4. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS
(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys,
Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)
5. THE CRUCIFIXION
(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys,
Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

#### **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES:**

1. THE RESURRECTION (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 2. THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD TO **HEAVEN** (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 3. THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES AND OUR LADY (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 4. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO **HEAVEN** (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 5. CORONATION OF MARY AS QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

#### **LUMINOUS MYSTERIES:**

1. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 2. THE MIRACLE AT CANA OF TURNING WATER INTO WINE (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 3. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 4. THE TRANSFIGURATION (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer) 5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE **EUCHARIST AT THE LAST SUPPER** (One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

AFTER PRAYING THE FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY:

### HAIL HOLY QUEEN:

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our Life, our sweetness, and our Hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of Mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Let us pray:

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, though the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Feast of St. Clare August 11



St. Clare was a noble woman of the Italian town of Assisi at the end of the 12th and the beginning of the 13th centuries. Inspired by the preaching of her contemporary St. Francis of Assisi, Clare left her family home and followed Francis in giving herself to living a poor, simple, Gospel life at the little church of San Damiano on the outskirts of Assisi. Soon, her sister Agnes and others joined her. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her – Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano. Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration.

A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. Clare had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenseless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled. St. Clare is considered the Patron Saint of television and eye disorders.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-clare-of-assisi http://www.poorclares.org/history-1

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### The Solemnity of the Assumption August 15

### Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty and everlasting God,

You have taken up body and soul

into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary,

Mother of Your Son. Grant, we beseech You,

that, ever intent upon heavenly things,

we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.

Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

https://lourdesprayerrequest.com/prayer\_\_\_assumption\_of\_the\_blessed\_virgin\_mary

### Act Of Consecration of The United States of America To The Immaculate Heart Of Mary

Most Holy Trinity:

Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters;

Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse;

Son of God, 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 county to you. Through her we wish to thank You for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been it's heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace.

Have mercy on our leaders and 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 precious gift of many Religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, the sinners and on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give our country and ourselves to your sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. O sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced by the sword of sorrow, save us from degeneration, disaster, racial divisions and violence and war. Protect us from all harm. Be our advocate. Pray for us, that acting always according to the will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

### Prayer To St. Michael The Archangel

St. 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 all the evil spirits

Who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

