



THE CONFRATERNITY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE

Summer 2023

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary August 15

August Feast Days

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Guide

CEAL is an association of lay faithful, clergy and religious from various parishes and institutes. CEAL members pray for various life causes during Eucharistic Adoration.

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.

If you are not able to attend your church's scheduled hours of Eucharistic Adoration, but your church is open, you can still worship the Lord. Even though the tabernacle is locked, He is present always. Therefore, worshipping the Lord before the Tabernacle is acceptable.

In special situations, you may be unable to pray in the presence of the exposed Sacrament, due to health reasons or lacking access to Church. In these cases, you can take part in the Eucharistic Adoration online offered by various sources:
Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>
EWTN at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration>.

For more information, visit us at:
www.cealservants.com



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The Assumption of Mary/August Feast Days - August 2023





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1. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY AND OUR FEATURED CEAL FEASTS OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, ST. CLARE, AND OTHERS

The CEAL team hopes you enjoy these prayers and images during your Eucharistic Adoration time. Peace, joy and blessings!

2. CEAL PRAYERS, LECTIO DIVINA AND FEASTS

Meditate and pray for CEAL Life causes. asking for intercession with our CEAL patrons. Learn more about St. Clare, spiritual companion of St. Francis of Assisi. Her feast is August 11.

3. PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FR. BOB
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CEAL Prayers

Pray For All Members of the Confraternity



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



Pray For Protection Of Babies In The Womb From Abortion

Let us pray:

God our Creator and Father, you 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

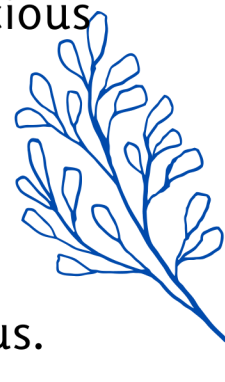
May our prayers rise up to heaven to beg for thy protection
for the babies in the wombs. Your people have been misled
by the evil one to destroy that precious life. May we be made
aware that we are made in thy image and likeness.

Mary, Mother of God, you 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.

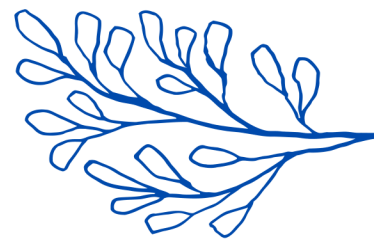
All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

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

Silent Meditation: 2 minutes



Pray 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 little 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 everywhere, and especially
at schools, colleges and workplaces. Amen.

All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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

Silent Meditation: 2 minutes



Pray 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.

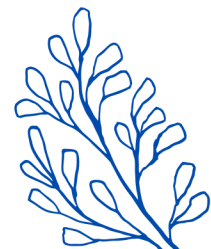
We pray for the protection of the elderly from the evil practice
of euthanasia.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may all the families
care for their elderly loved ones with love and gratitude till
natural passing from this world to the next. Amen.

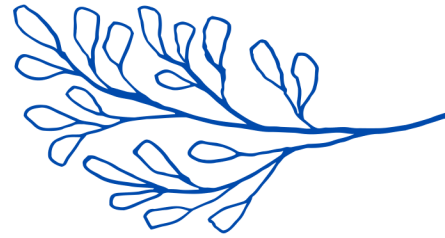
All Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary. Glory Be.

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

Silent Meditation: 2 minutes



Pray For Protection of the Troubled from Suicide



Let us pray:

Merciful Father, your mercy is everlasting and the 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.

Silent Meditation: 2 minutes



The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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)

All: OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, THE APOSTLES CREED.

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 submit ourselves to your Holy Will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.



Feasts: the Assumption of Mary; the Transfiguration

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15

Q: What evidence is there for Mary's assumption in Tradition and Scripture?

A: As discussed by Pope John Paul II, during his General Audience, July 2, 1997:

The first trace of belief in the Virgin's Assumption can be found in the apocryphal accounts entitled *Transitus Mariae*, whose origin dates to the second and third centuries...

Later, there was a long period of growing reflection on Mary's destiny in the next world...

Belief in the glorious destiny of the body and soul of the Lord's Mother after her death spread very rapidly from East to West, and has been widespread since the 14th century...

Although the New Testament does not explicitly affirm Mary's Assumption, it offers a basis for it because it strongly emphasized the Blessed Virgin's perfect union with Jesus' destiny. This union, which is manifested, from the time of the Saviour's miraculous conception, in the Mother's participation in her Son's mission and especially in her association with his redemptive sacrifice, cannot fail to require a continuation after death. Perfectly united with the life and saving work of Jesus, Mary shares his heavenly destiny in body and soul...

Read the entire document to learn more at https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/audiences/1997/documents/hf_jp-ii_aud_02071997.html

The Transfiguration of Jesus

**-from Homily of His Holiness, Pope Francis,
Holy Mass for World Youth Day Lisbon, Portugal,
on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, 2023**

After these exciting days, surely we feel like repeating the words of the Apostle Peter on the mount of the Transfiguration: "Lord, it is good for us to be here!" (Mt 17:4).

What will we take back with us? I would respond with these three words: to shine, to listen, and to be unafraid...

The first: to shine. Jesus is transfigured. The Gospel tells us: "his face shone like the sun" (Mt 17:2)... Jesus takes three of the disciples, Peter, James, and John, and leads them up the mountain, where he is transfigured. Through this brilliant burst of light, Jesus prepares the disciples for the dark night of the Passion.

Dear young friends, today we too need something of this burst of light, so that it can fill us with hope as we face the many failures of each day and the darkness that assails us in life... Yet, I would like to tell you that we do not radiate light by putting ourselves in the spotlight ... To love like Jesus: that is what makes us shine, makes us do works of love. Friends, I am telling you the truth: whenever you do works of love, you become light. But the moment you stop loving others and become self-centered, you extinguish your light.

Read the entire homily at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230806-portogallo-omelia-gmg.html>



Lectio Divina

Genesis 3: 1-7

Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?'"

The woman answered the snake: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.'" But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Revelation 12: 1-9

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. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.

Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God, that there she might be taken care of for twelve hundred and sixty days. Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

Luke 1: 39-45

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. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Matthew 17: 1-9

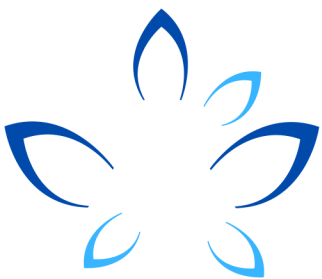
After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

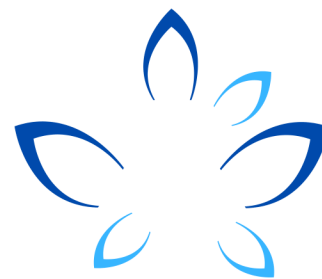
When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.



Personal Reflection



Your personal reflections space
for the Lectio Divina





Celebrate Our Saints - Inspired by the Holy Spirit!



St. Clare of Assisi - Feast Day August 11

Clare was eighteen years old when St. Francis, preaching the Lenten sermons at the church of St. George in Assisi, influenced her to change the whole course of her life.

Talking with him strengthened her desire to leave all worldly things behind and live for Christ. She founded the Order of Poor Clares and was abbess for 40 years, living in poverty and service to the sick. She died in 1253.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/clare-of-assis-526>



St. Monica of Hippo

St. Monica was born North Africa in the 4th century. She was married to a pagan man and suffered greatly. Her son, later to become St. Augustine, was a talented young man but not a Christian. She fervently prayed that he might be converted from his dissolute life. Her prayers were answered when Augustine was 33 years old. He credited his conversion in part to her petitions to God on his behalf.

<https://www.stmonica-edmond.org/our-patron-st-monica>



St. Augustine of Hippo

St. Augustine was a brilliant and learned man, leading a life of wealth and fame, rejecting Christianity. He began teaching rhetoric in Rome and Milan, a prominent occupation in the 4th century. His mother, St. Monica, prayed constantly for his conversion. After his baptism at age 33, he founded a monastery based in contemplation. He wrote hundreds of articles and books' the most famous was his "Confessions" where he writes "our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

<https://www.augustinian.org/saint-augustine>

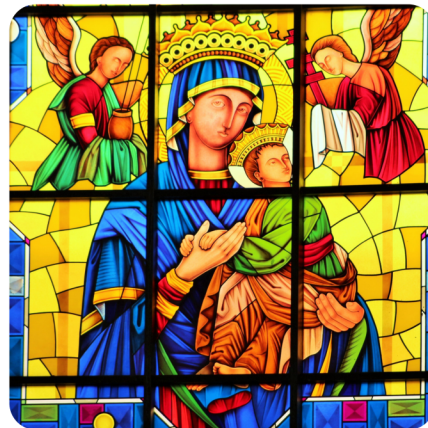




Pray for the Intercession of Our CEAL Patrons



St. Therese of Lisieux



Blessed Mother Mary



St. Joseph



St. Josephine Bakhita



St. Francis of Assisi



St. Faustina



CEAL News and Events



Members News to Share



We are continuing to work on our application for recognition for CEAL. We'll keep you updated. Please continue praying!

Let your friends and prayer partners know about CEAL and encourage them to join! Learn more and enroll at: <https://cealservants.com/contact>



Upcoming Events



CEAL is publishing devotionals for liturgical seasons rather than monthly this year. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Our Fall devotional will feature prayers and saints in for Ordinary Time including our CEAL Patrons St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, & St. Faustina.





CEAL Prayer Requests

You can request to add your special intentions to Fr. Bob's CEAL prayer list.

Click below to go to the intentions sign up form or go to
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ADD YOUR REQUEST!

Remember to Pray for Our CEAL Intentions

For all Life causes:

including protection for babies in the womb from abortion,
protection of children and adults from human trafficking,
protection for the elderly from euthanasia.
and the troubled from suicide.



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 country 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 the Son, and 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 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.

