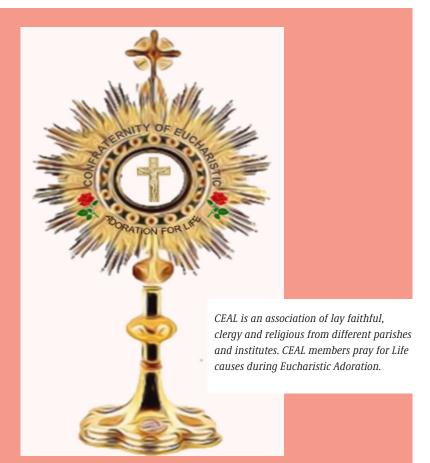
# CEAL Monthly Devotional

Prayers and Intentions for May 2021



The Confraternity of Eucharistic Adoration for Life (CEAL)

Dedication:
Mary, Our Mother
and Mother of the Church
May 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.

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 in the Tabernacle 24/7. Therefore, worshiping the Lord before the Tabernacle is acceptable.

In special situations, you may be unable to pray in the presence of the exposed Sacrament, such as in the current health pandemic or if you are confined to home without any access to Church. In these cases, you can take part in the Eucharistic Adoration online offered by various sources such as:

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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# Our May Devotional Mary Our Mother and Mother of the Church

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 ever shall be world

without end.

Amen.

### A Novena for Life for the Feast of the Visitation

### DAY ONE Reading (Lk 1:35-37):

The angel said to Mary in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Versicle: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

- My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Prayer: O God, nothing is impossible for You. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us, that the power of the Most High might overshadow us. Grant us the grace of evangelization and conversion, so that all may know the sanctity of human life. Amen.

### DAY TWO Reading (Lk 1:38-40):

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

Versicle: For the Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant,—from this day all generations will call me blessed. Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Your mother was obedient to the Divine will amid trembling and awe. Through her intercession, we pray You, look kindly on all expectant mothers. May any trials they now endure yield in the joy of new life. Amen.

### DAY THREE Reading (Lk 1:41-42):

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."

Versicle: The Almighty has done great things for me,

- and holy is His Name.

Prayer: Draw near, we beseech you, O Lord, to those contemplating abortion. As John leaped for joy in the womb of his mother when You came near, may struggling women, and the children they bear, experience Your presence. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit, that they, too, may cry for joy at Your coming. You who live and reign for ever. Amen.

### DAY FOUR Reading (Lk 1:43-44):

Elizabeth said to Mary, "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."

Versicle: He has mercy on those who fear Him,

-- in every generation.

Prayer: Your mercy, O Lord, extends to the thousandth generation. Show forth Your mercy and love to those who have had an abortion. Through the intercession of Your mother, may they know Your compassion, and may they announce Your love to the nations. Amen.

https://www.usccb.org/resources/novena-life-feast-visitation-blessed-virgin-mary

#### DAY FIVE Reading (Lk 1:45, 56):

Elizabeth said to Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." ... Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Versicle: He has shown the strength of His arm,

-- He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Prayer: Father, You know us even before we are formed in our mother's womb. May Your plans for all the unborn be fulfilled, and may we have the grace to be obedient to Your word. Amen.

#### DAY SIX Reading (Lk 1:57-58):

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbor and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

Versicle: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

-- and has lifted up the lowly.

Prayer: O God, all life is Your gift of love. In the joy that comes with the birth of a child, may we recognize Your great mercy, and so come to know the love You have for all people. Amen.

### DAY SEVEN Reading (Lk 1:59-61):

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John."

Versicle: He has filled the hungry with good things,

-- and the rich he has sent away empty.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray You send Your Holy Spirit upon all parents. May the birth of their child rouse their hearts. Approaching the sacrament of baptism, may they recommit to faith in You, who live and reign for ever. Amen.

#### DAY EIGHT Reading (Lk 1:62-64):

So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

Versicle: He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy, – the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Prayer: Father, grant that all men may find in You the source and model of their fatherhood. May they aspire to know Your will for their children, and live in righteousness and truth. Grant them the grace to be men of virtue, and the reward of children faithful to You. Amen.

#### DAY NINE Reading (Lk 1:66):

All who heard these things took them to heart, saying "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

Versicle: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

-- -for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

Prayer: Lord, so often we cannot recognize Your work in the lives of others. Grant that, like John's relatives, we may see You working in all, and, freed from envy, we may give You glory. For You live and reign for ever. Amen.

## Mary Our Mother and Mother of the Church

- History of Devotions to Mary in May
- Marian Feast Days in May

### Mary, Mother of the Church May 24, 2018

We all have a physical mother, but Christians also believe we all have another spiritual mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus willed to give Mary as a mother to the early Church, when, from the cross, he said, "Woman, behold, your son" (John 19:26). And to the beloved disciple, "Behold, your mother" (John 19:27).

Throughout the centuries, Christians have called upon and honored Mary as their mother.

Titles emphasizing her motherhood has been used throughout the ages, dating back to St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great. St. Isaac of Stella (died 1169), a Cistercian monk, wrote about the inseparability of Mary and the Church.

In modern times, St. Pope Paul VI declared Mary the Mother of the Church. St. Pope John Paul II asked Mary to be a mother in a very personal way, especially in times of grief. In 2018, Pope Francis proclaimed the Monday after Pentecost as the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church. Through Scripture and tradition, we clearly see how Mary has been "Mother of the Church."

http://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/spirituality/mother-ofthe-church

### Mary, Help of Christians May 24

On May 14, 1862, Don Bosco dreamed about the battles the Church would face in the latter days. In his dream, the Pope of those days anchors the 'ship' of the Church between two pillars, one with a statue of Mary (Auxilium Christianorum or 'Help of Christians') and the other with a large Eucharistic Host.

St. John Bosco wrote about his congregation, the Salesians: "The principal objective is to promote veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion

to Mary Help of Christians. This title seems to please the august Queen of Heaven very much." The Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco or Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, are the sister order of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

St. John Bosco, himself, on June 9 1868, dedicated the mother church of his congregation at Turin (Italy) to Our Lady Help of Christians. The Salesian Fathers and their Sisters have carried the devotion to their numerous establishments.

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55428/mary-help-of-christians

### Our Lady of Fatima - May 13

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in connection with her apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima told the shepherd children to pray the rosary daily for the end of the war (World War I). Mary continued to appear once a month for 6 months to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In October of 1930, the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima approved the visions as "worthy of belief."

In response to Our Lady's requests:

- The faithful begin praying the Fatima Prayer at the end of each decade of the Rosary following the approval of Fatima by the Church – October 1930
- Pope Pius XII consecrates "the world and Russia" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary 1942
- Pope John Paul II consecrates "the world including Russia" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary 1984.

Our Lady of Fatima urgently desired for all of faithful to pray daily for the salvation of poor sinners, and for the whole world.

https://www.ocp.org/en-us/blog/entry/our-lady-of-fatima-centennial



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - May 31 by St. Pope John Paul II

In the Visitation episode, St Luke shows how the grace of the Incarnation, after filling Mary, brings salvation and joy to Elizabeth's house. The Savior of men, carried in his Mother's womb pours out the Holy Spirit, revealing himself from the very start of his coming into the world. The Gospel text also reports that Mary made the journey "with haste" (Lk 1:39). Even the note "into the hill country" (Lk 1:39), in the Lucan context, appears to be much more than a simple topographical indication, since it calls to mind the messenger of good news described in the Book of Isaiah: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion: 'Your God reigns"' (Is 52:7).

Like St Paul, who recognizes the fulfillment of this prophetic text in the preaching of the Gospel (Rom 10:15), St Luke also seems to invite us to see Mary as the first "evangelist", who spreads the "good news", initiating the missionary journeys of her divine Son. Mary's visit to Elizabeth, in fact, is a prelude to Jesus' mission and, in cooperating from the beginning of her motherhood in the Son's redeeming work, she becomes the model for those in the Church who set out to bring Christ's light and joy to the people of every time and place.

https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2020/5/31/feast-of-the-visitation-of-mary-to-elizabeth

### Fr. Bob's Scripture Passages

Psalm 90:17 Psalm 128:2

Colossians 3: 23-24

2 Thessalonians 3: 10-12

Matthew 2:13 Luke 1: 39-56



### **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 Kisswhen 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.

# The Solemnity of the Ascension May 13 or 16, 2021



### On the Ascension - by Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters,

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The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension.

He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us.

In our life we are never alone: We have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us.

We are never alone: The Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.

We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

https://www.ncregister.com/blog/7-things-pope-francis-wants-you-to-know-about-jesus-ascension



### The Solemnity of Pentecost - May 23, 2021

The way in which the Lord established the New Law, written upon the hearts of His people, is reminiscent of the way He approached the Israelites in the Old Testament. They celebrated Pentecost long before the Holy Spirit ever descended upon the disciples. The word "Pentecost" comes from a Greek word that means "50th day," because this Jewish festival was always celebrated 50 days after Passover. It commemorated the Lord giving the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Like the Israelites, the disciples were "all in one place together," waiting to encounter the Lord (Acts 2:1). They expected His coming because before Jesus ascended, He told them God would send down upon them a "power from on high" (Lk 24:49). So on the ninth day after the Ascension, from the sky came a "noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were" (Acts 2:2). Then tongues of fire rested 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 2:4).

https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/what-pentecost

### 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.

