

Prayer for Life



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Church of St. Joseph*

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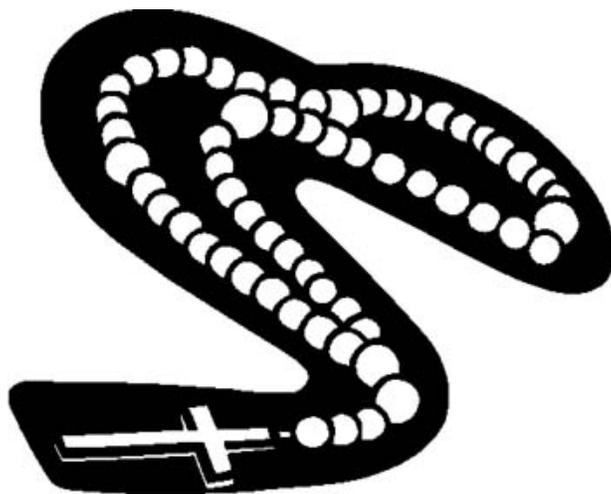
To all who join us in prayer this evening: Welcome!

During this hour we gather before the Most Blessed Sacrament in adoration and reparation for the sins against the lives of God's innocent unborn children and other sins against Life. As children of God, we come together tonight in the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament asking for the intercession of the Holiest of Mothers, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, for the protection of all Human Life, from conception to natural death.

The story of Mary's appearance in Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego is fairly well known. Briefly, this Indian convert to Catholicism, a 57-year-old widower, was on his way to Mass on Saturday morning, December 9, 1531, when the Blessed Virgin appeared to him on Tepeyac hill, outside Mexico City. She bade him go and ask the bishop-elect, Fray Juan de Zumarraga, to have a chapel built there in her honor. In reply to the bishop's need for proof of the validity of the vision, on December 12th Our Lady sent Juan to gather roses on the snow-capped Tepeyac hill where She first appeared to him.

His tilma bulging with blossoms, thinking that roses in December would surely impress the bishop, Juan set off to show the miraculous flowers to the prelate. An even greater miracle awaited them. When the humble Indian opened his mantle, the roses fell to the ground and on the long hemp garment was the image of Our Lady as we have it today – beautiful, inspiring, neither painted nor woven, but somehow miraculously made. And it was so obviously the Madonna, that Popes have been moved to prayer and even to tears. Leo XIII ordered the image crowned with a golden crown and Pius XII called Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Empress of the Americas."

Juan Diego was canonized on July 31, 2002 by His Holiness Pope John Paul II.



The following is taken from Behold Your Mother, a pastoral letter of the American Bishops on the Blessed Virgin Mary:

“Because she is seen as the Mother of all the living, Mary is viewed properly as the guardian of the child in the womb, as well as of the child that enters this earth alive. More than any other person, the Blessed Mother understood that the beginning of human life is attributable to God’s creative love, as well as to the parents’ action.

“When God became man within Mary, the Incarnation began. When Mary accepted the message from the angel and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, the Divine Word, the God-Man began to live. Entrusted with this precious Life of Her Child, Mary loved It and defended It against all dangers. She protected Jesus before and after He was born.

“So, too, the Blessed Mother protects human life today from the moment of conception through birth (the beginning of our pilgrimage of faith), until all mankind realizes its goal in the Beatific Vision. Abortion, the deliberate killing of an unborn fetus, is a heinous crime and a serious sin. We, the Catholic Bishops of the United States, denounce abortion as an affront to the human race, as an unspeakable crime and a serious sin.

“We call upon all people of good will who reverence life to join in a crusade to protect life on all levels. No court, no matter how prestigious, can make acceptable what is obviously totally opposed to the Law of God and the best interests of our society.”



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Stand as Priest enters Sanctuary
Kneel as Priest exposes Blessed Sacrament and begin singing:

O Salutaris Hostia

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| 1. O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of heav'n to us below,
Our foes press on from ev'ry side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow. | 1. O salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostila;
Da robur, fer auxilium. |
| 2. To your great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Grant us, for endless length of days,
In our true native land to be.
Amen. | 2. Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen. |

All:

O Sacrament Most Holy; O Sacrament Divine;
All praise and all thanksgiving Be every moment Thine.

(Recite 3 times)



Priest:

My Lord Jesus Christ, it is Your great love for men that keeps You day and night in this Sacrament, full of pity and love, expecting, inviting, and welcoming all who visit You. I believe that You are really present in the Sacrament of the Altar.

From the depth of my nothingness, I adore You; and I thank You for the many graces You have given me, especially for the gift of Yourself in this Sacrament, for the gift of Your most holy Mother as my intercessor, and for the privilege of visiting You in this Church.

I now speak to Your most loving Heart with a three-fold intention: to thank You for the great gift of Yourself; to atone for all the insults which Your enemies heap upon You in this Sacrament; and to adore You wherever Your Eucharistic Presence is dishonored or forgotten.

My Jesus, I love You with my whole heart. I am very sorry for my ingratitude to Your infinite goodness. I now resolve, with the help of Your grace, never to offend You again. And, sinful as I am, I consecrate to You my entire self, my whole will, my affections, my desires, and all that I have. From now on, do with me and mine as pleases You. I ask for and desire only Your love, final perseverance, and the grace always to do Your holy will.

I intercede with You for the Souls in Purgatory, especially for those who were most devoted to the Blessed Sacrament, and to Your most holy Mother. I recommend to You also, all poor sinners. And lastly, my dear Savior, I unite all my desires with the desires of Your most loving Heart. Thus united, I present them to Your Eternal Father, and beg Him in Your Name and for love of You, to hear and answer them. Amen.

– *From St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Priest: My Dear Brothers and Sisters, we now place ourselves before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ask the Lord to bless us. Let us take a moment to place ourselves in the presence of Him whose Incarnate Presence we are now before.

O Lord, we bring before you now, all that we are and all that we have. We believe you are Truly Present and looking upon us now. We adore Thee, our Savior, present here as God and man, in soul and body, in true flesh and blood.

We acknowledge and confess that we kneel before that Sacred Humanity, which was conceived in Mary's womb, and lay in Mary's bosom; which grew up to man's estate, and by the Sea of Galilee called the Twelve, wrought miracles, and spoke words of wisdom and peace; which in due season hung on the Cross, lay in the tomb, rose from the dead, and now reigns in Heaven.

We praise, and bless, and give ourselves to You, who is true Bread for our souls, and our everlasting joy, for You reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

Litany of the Blessed Sacrament

Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God have mercy on us.
Jesus, Eternal High Priest have mercy on us.
Jesus, Divine Victim on the Altar have mercy on us.
Jesus, hidden under the appearance of bread have mercy on us.
Jesus, dwelling in the tabernacles of the world have mercy on us.
Jesus, truly and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament.. have mercy on us.
Jesus, abiding in Your fullness, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Life have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Angels have mercy on us.
Jesus, with us always until the end of the world have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, summit and source of all worship have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, sign and cause of the unity of the Church have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, adored by countless angels have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, spiritual food..... have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, Sacrament of love have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, bond of charity..... have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, greatest aid to holiness have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, gift and glory of the priesthood have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, in which we partake of Christ..... have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, in which the soul is filled with grace..... have mercy on us.
Sacred Host, in which we are given a pledge of future glory have mercy on us.
On those who do not believe in Your Eucharistic presence have mercy, O Lord.
On those who are indifferent to the Blessed Sacrament have mercy, O Lord.
On those who have offended You in the Holy Sacrament..... have mercy, O Lord.
That we may show fitting reverence when entering Your holy temple,
...we beseech You, hear us.

That we may make suitable preparation before approaching the Altar
...we beseech You, hear us.

That we may receive You in Holy Communion with devotion and true humility
...we beseech You, hear us.

That we may never neglect to thank You for so wonderful a blessing
...we beseech You, hear us.

That we may cherish time spent in silent prayer before You,
...we beseech You, hear us.^{[L][SEP]}

That we may grow in knowledge of this Sacrament of sacraments
...we beseech You, hear us.^{[L][SEP]}

That all priests may have a profound love of the Holy Eucharist
...we beseech You, hear us.^{[L][SEP]}

That they celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass in accordance with its sublime dignity
...we beseech You, hear us.^{[L][SEP]}

That we may be sanctified with Holy Viaticum at the hour of our death
...we beseech You, hear us.

That we may see You one day face to face in Heaven
...we beseech You, hear us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
...spare us, O Lord.^{[L][SEP]}

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
...graciously hear us, O Lord

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
...have mercy on us, O Lord.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,^{[L][SEP]}
...all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

Let us pray,

Most merciful Father, You continue to draw us to Yourself^{[L][SEP]} through the Eucharistic
Mystery. Grant us fervent faith in this Sacrament of love, in which Christ the Lord
Himself is contained, offered and received.

We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Adoration of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament

All:

Holy, holy, holy, Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Yes, holy and all-holy are You, Jesus. You are silently present under the appearance of a simple small piece of bread. You are in front of me and I am before You. Grant that I may understand with the heart that You are alive here for me and because of me! Fill me with living faith that You are here and that I am before You!

O, grant me grace that I may adore You this evening with all my being, soul, spirit, and body!

O, all you Saints and Angels, be here now! Adore the living Lord Jesus Christ with me! Mary, Mother of my Savior and Mother of us all, be with us now. You called me to adore and assured me that I would not be alone at this moment before your living Son.

Thank you for this message:

Leader:

This evening, too, dear children, I am grateful in a special way that you are here. Adore the Most Blessed Sacrament all the time! I am always present when the faithful are adoring. Special graces are received then.

All: O Mary, thank you for your presence!

(Excerpt taken from Pray with the Heart! Medjugorje Manual of Prayer (1988))



Prayer for the Unborn Child

All:

Almighty God, our Father, You have given us life and intended us to have it forever. We ask that you grant us Your blessings. Enlighten our minds with an awareness and renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in Your image and likeness.

Help us to teach by word and example that life occupies the first place, that human life is precious because it is Your gift, whose love is infinite. Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it.

Give us the grace when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked. Give us the strength to stand up and proclaim that no human being ever has the authority to destroy innocent human life.

Give us the grace when a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need. Give us the strength to stand up and insist that every human being is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, a gift of God with a right to a loving and united family.

Give us the grace when the institution of marriage is abandoned through human selfishness or reduced to a temporary arrangement that can easily be terminated. Give us the strength to stand up and affirm that marriage is an indissoluble bond between one man and one woman. Give us the strength to witness to others that marriage must always be a free, total, faithful, and fruitful union of spouses.

Give us the grace when the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressure. Give us the strength to stand up and reaffirm the demands of justice and social love.

Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and to demand that society itself give its protection.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from Pope John Paul II's Homily, Capitol Mall, October 7, 1979)

A Litany in Honor of Mary

Priest: Mary, God chose you as the Mother of His Son and called all generations to bless the gift of grace He gave you. In the company of those who have gone before us, with people of all races and languages, we call upon you in prayer.

- Holy Mary,**pray for us.**
- Mother of God,**pray for us.**
- Mother of our Redemption,**pray for us.**
- Mother of a Lost Child,**pray for us.**
- Mother of Comfort and Understanding,**pray for us.**
- Mother who shares our joys,**pray for us.**
- Mother who endures our sorrows,**pray for us.**
- Mother whose heart was pierced by a sword,**pray for us.**
- Mother most merciful,**pray for us.**
- Woman responsive to God's word,**pray for us.**
- Woman willing to believe the impossible,**pray for us.**
- Woman who rejoices in her lowliness,**pray for us.**
- Woman with an undivided heart,**pray for us.**
- Woman of perfect freedom,**pray for us.**
- Woman wrapped in mystery,**pray for us.**
- Woman moved by the Spirit,**pray for us.**
- Woman champion of the poor and lowly,**pray for us.**
- Woman graced by a husband's love,**pray for us.**
- Woman widowed by a husband's death,**pray for us.**
- Woman at the Cross,**pray for us.**
- Woman patient and waiting,**pray for us.**
- Woman clothed with the sun,**pray for us.**
- Queen of the fullness of times,**pray for us.**
- Queen of beauty unalloyed,**pray for us.**
- Queen of integrity,**pray for us.**
- Queen of painful meetings,**pray for us.**
- Queen of all our heart's treasure,**pray for us.**
- Queen of our destiny,.....**pray for us.**
- Queen of peace,**pray for us.**

Act of Consecration

All: O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God and Mother of the Church! You, who from this place, reveal your clemency and your pity to all those who ask your protection, hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust and present it to your Son Jesus, our sole Redeemer.

Mother of Mercy, teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, to you, who come to meet us sinners we dedicate on this night all our being and all our love. We also dedicate to you our life, our work, our joys, our infirmities, our sorrows.

Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our people – for we entrust to your care all that we have, all that we are. We wish to be totally yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Christ in His Church. Take hold of us always with your loving hand.

Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the Bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls.

Look down on this immense harvest, and intercede with the Lord that He may instill a hunger for holiness in the whole People of God and grant abundant vocations of Priests and Religious, strong in the Faith and zealous in dispensing God's mysteries.

Grant to our homes, the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginning, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb, the Life of the Son of God. O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair Love, protect our families, so that they may always be closely united. Guide us in the Christian formation and rearing of our children.

Mary, our Hope, look upon us with compassion. Teach us to go continually to Jesus. If we fall, help us to rise again and to return to Him by means of the confession of our faults and sins in the Sacrament of Penance, which gives peace to the soul. We beg you to grant us a great love for all the Holy Sacraments which are, as it were, the great signs that your Son left us on earth.

Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our conscience, with hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all true joy and true peace, which come to us from your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

All: O Mary, Mother of God, we beseech you by the joy you experienced in the birth of Jesus, your divine Son, to take under your protection all the babies not yet born. Obtain for them and all human life the grace to survive in this abortion-oriented society. Watch over them always. Pray that from the very moment of conception, when they receive God's gift of life, their hearts and spirits, pure and innocent, may respond to the beating of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and attach themselves to Him forever. Amen.

The Memorare

All: Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee do I kneel sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.

Our Father – Hail Mary – Glory Be

Latin

Pater Noster, qui es in caelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum.
Adveniat regnum tuum.
Fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in caelo et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidianum
da nobis hodie,
et dimitte nobis debita nostra
sicut et nos dimittimus
debitoribus nostris.
Et ne nos inducas in tentationem,
sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Iesus.

Sancta Maria mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

Croatian

Oče naš koji jesi na nebesima
sveti se Ime Tvoje,
dođi kraljevstvo Tvoje.
Budi volja Tvoja
kako na nebu tako i na zemlji.
Kruh naš svagdašnji daj nam i danas
i otpusti nam duge naše
kako i mi otpuštamo dužnicima našim,
i ne uvedi nas u napast
nego izbavi nas od zla. Amen.

Zdravo, Marijo, milosti puna,
Gospodin s tobom.
Blagoslovljena ti među ženama
i blagoslovljen plod
utrobe tvoje, Isus.

Sveta Marijo, Majko Božja,
moli za nas grešnike,
sada i na času smrti naše. Amen.

Slava Ocu i Sinu
i Duhu Svetomu,

kako bijaše na početku,
tako i sada i vazda
i u vijeke vjekova.
Amen

Italian

Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,
sia santificato il tuo nome,
venga il tuo regno,
sia fatta la tua volontà
come in cielo così in terra.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,
e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
come noi li rimettiamo
ai nostri debitori,
e non ci indurre in tentazione,
ma liberaci dal male. Amen

Ave O Maria, piena di grazia,
il Signore è con te.
Tu sei benedetta fra le donne
e benedetto è il frutto del tuo
seno, Gesù.

Santa Maria, Madre di Dio,
prega per noi peccatori,
adesso e nell'ora della nostra
morte. Amen

Gloria al Padre e al Figlio e
allo Spirito Santo.

Come era nel principio,
ora e sempre nei secoli dei
secoli.
Amen.

Spanish

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal. Amen.

Dios te salve, María,
llena eres de gracia,
el Señor es contigo.
Bendita tú eres entre
todas las mujeres,
y bendito es el fruto
de tu vientre, Jesús.

Santa María, Madre de Dios,
ruega por nosotros, pecadores,
ahora y en la hora de nuestra
muerte. Amen

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al
Espíritu Santo.

Como era en el principio,
ahora y siempre,
por los siglos de los siglos.
Amen.

French

Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons
aussi à ceux
qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal. Amen.

Je vous salue, Marie,
pleine de grâce,
le Seigneur est avec vous.
Vous êtes bénie
entre toutes les femmes,
et Jésus, le fruit de
vos entrailles, est béni.

Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu,
priez pour nous, pauvres pécheurs,
maintenant et à l'heure
de notre mort. Amen.

Gloire au Père et au Fils
et au Saint-Esprit.

Comme il était au
commencement,
maintenant et toujours
et dans les siècles
des siècles. Amen.

The Holy Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries

The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

Leader: Upon arriving, the Angel said to her: “Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women.” Mary said, ‘I am the servant of the Lord. Be it done unto me, according to thy word.’”

All: Let us pray for those mothers considering abortion, that they may learn from Mary’s humility and courage, to say “yes” to life for their children.

The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

Leader: Thereupon Mary set out, proceeding in haste into the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leapt in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: “Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb.”

All: Let us pray that, like Mary, we may “proceed in haste” to support expecting mothers.

The Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Jesus

Leader: Mary gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

All: Let us pray for those who mistakenly advocate abortion, who wrongly believe it is a cure for poverty and hunger, that they may learn to trust in God’s Providence.

The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Leader: When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be consecrated to the Lord.”

All: Let us pray that all children be brought to birth, in Baptism and dedication to the Lord.

The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Leader: On the third day they came upon Him in the Temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

All: Let us pray that our spiritual and political leaders will be fearless in proclaiming the primacy of God's laws.

The Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light)

The First Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

Leader: The Baptism in the Jordan is the first of all mysteries of light. Christ descends into the waters, the Innocent One who becomes 'sin' for our sake, the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares Him the beloved Son, while the spirit descends on Him to invest Him with the mission which He is to carry out.

All: Let us pray that all children will be brought to birth and dedicated to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana

Leader: The first sign is given at Cana when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to Faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among the believers.

All: Let us pray that we may be "the first" to support expecting mothers.

The Third Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Leader: Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God and calls all to conversion. It is the inauguration of the ministry of mercy which He continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which He has entrusted to His Church.

All: Let us pray that all mothers of aborted babies find comfort in the mercy and compassion of our all-forgiving God, and may we extend to these women our sympathy in their time of grief.

The Fourth Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration

Leader: The mystery of light par excellence is the transfiguration. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to listen to Him. In this the Lord prepares them for the agony of the passion, so as to come with Him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us pray for those mothers considering abortion, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and choose life.

The Fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

Leader: A final mystery of light is the institution of the Eucharist, in which Christ offers His body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies ‘to the end’ His love for humanity, for whose salvation He will offer Himself in sacrifice.

All: Let us pray that the right to life of all human beings be respected so that all may attain the Heavenly goals for which they were created.



The Sorrowful Mysteries

The First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

Leader: In His anguish Jesus prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then Jesus rose from prayer and came to His disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted with grief.

All: Let us pray for those who assist expecting mothers in their time of fear and loneliness.

The Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar

Leader: Pilate's next move was to take Jesus and have Him scourged.

All: Let us pray for parents who welcome new life in spite of hardship.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns

Leader: They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed it on His head, and stuck a reed in His right hand. Then they began to mock Him by dropping to their knees before Him, saying, "All hail, King of the Jews!"

All: Let us pray for all those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross

Leader: Jesus was led away, and carrying the Cross by Himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha).

All: Let us pray for parents who love and care for God's exceptional children, sick and handicapped babies.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion

Leader: Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit." After He said this, He expired.

All: Let us pray for the souls of our unborn brothers and sisters who have been aborted or who are in danger of abortion.

The Glorious Mysteries

The First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection

Leader: This frightened them thoroughly, but He reassured them: “You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the One Who was crucified. He has been raised up; He is not here.

All: Let us pray that all physicians and nurses who use their God-given talent to kill instead of heal, will repent and return to the service of the sick.

The Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

Leader: Then after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into Heaven and took His seat at God’s right hand.

All: Let us pray that the efforts of all those involved in Pro-Life activities may be pleasing to God, our Father.

The Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Leader: All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.

All: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and strengthen members of the courts and legislatures to protect the right to life from the moment of conception to natural death.

The Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption

Leader: 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.

All: Let us pray that mothers, fathers and their families will accept responsibility towards their precious infants and each other.

The Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Coronation

Leader: Hail, Queen of Mercy, protect us from the enemy, and receive us at the hour of death.

All: Let us pray that the right to life of all human beings be respected so that all may attain the Heavenly goals for which they were created.

Concluding Prayers

Hail Holy Queen

All: 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, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Slave Regina

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Iesum,
benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Rosary Prayer

Let us pray:

All: 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; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

All: 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 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.**

Prayer to Defeat the Work of Satan

All: O Divine Eternal Father, in union with Your Divine Son and the Holy Spirit, and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg You to destroy the power of Your greatest enemy - the evil spirits. Cast them into the deepest recesses of hell and chain them there forever! Take possession of Your Kingdom which You have created and which is rightfully Yours.

Heavenly Father, give us the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I repeat this prayer out of pure love for You with every beat of my heart and with every breath I take. **Amen.**



Litany for Life

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
God of all creation. have mercy on us.^[L]_[SEP]
Christ, through whom ^[L]_[SEP]all things were made. have mercy on us.^[L]_[SEP]
Spirit of life and truth, have mercy on us.
^[L]_[SEP]
For each child just conceived..... Lord, hear us.
For their safety and health Lord, hear us.
For nine months of growth Lord, hear us.
That an angel may protect them Lord, hear us.
For peace and for hope Lord, hear us.

On all new fathers, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who are alone, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers unemployed, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers addicted, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who are abusive, Lord, have mercy.
On young fathers who are afraid, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who've run away, Lord, have mercy.
On all new mothers, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are alone, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers unemployed, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers addicted, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are abusive, Lord, have mercy.
On young mothers who are afraid, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are in pain, Lord, have mercy.
On those who defend life, Lord, have mercy.
On those who love the child in the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On those who pray for the unborn child, Lord, have mercy.
On all who work to change unjust laws, Lord, have mercy.
On all who live the Gospel of Life, Lord, have mercy.
On Congressmen who work for life, Lord, have mercy.
On our President, Lord, have mercy.
On the members of the House, Lord, have mercy.
On the members of the Senate, Lord, have mercy.
On all too little to vote or persuade, Lord, have mercy.

On all who work for life, Lord, have mercy.
 On doctors of life and of truth, Lord, have mercy.
 On residents who love the little child, Lord, have mercy.
 On doctors who gaze on life's mysteries, Lord, have mercy.
 On physicians who see into the womb, Lord, have mercy.
 On surgeons who heal the unborn child, Lord, have mercy.
 On all who defend the child in the womb, Lord, have mercy.
 On nurses who love little babies, Lord, have mercy.
 On nursing students, Lord, have mercy.
 On those who first hear the heartbeat, Lord, have mercy.
 On those who first feel a kick, Lord, have mercy.
 On nurses who cradle the newborn, Lord, have mercy.
 On nurses who foster the unborn, Lord, have mercy.
 On all who protect defenseless life, Lord, have mercy.
 On judges who struggle with justice, Lord, have mercy.
 On lawyers who seek to speak truth, Lord, have mercy.
 On judges who love life, Lord, have mercy.
 On the judges of our Supreme Court, Lord, have mercy.
 On those who argue before them, Lord, have mercy.
 For the unborn child ^[L]_[SEP]who rests in their hands, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For all victims of abortion, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For the woman whose memories ^[L]_[SEP]cause her to cry, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For those whose pain nags and holds on, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For the unborn who rest with God, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For all who seek mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For all who seek peace, Lord, hear our prayer.
 For all who seek healing, and mercy and perfect peace, Lord, hear our prayer.

God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life,^[L]_[SEP]and safety and care to every human being.^[L]_[SEP]For you alone formed us in our mother's wombs,^[L]_[SEP]and call us home to heaven.^[L]_[SEP]We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The priest will incense the Blessed Sacrament
Meanwhile, the people kneel and begin to sing:

Down in adoration falling
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding
From them Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.
Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio;
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

Priest: You have given them Bread from Heaven. (Alleluia)

All: Having all goodness within it. (Alleluia)

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.



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 St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints. Amen.

All: 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 unto the end of time. Amen.

Reposition

The Priest removes the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance
and returns It to the Tabernacle.
Meanwhile, the people stand and sing:

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heav'n above adore Thee;
Infinite, Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
Infinite, Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the Heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!”
Fill the Heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As this hour of Adoration closes, O Jesus, I renew my faith and trust in Thee. I am refreshed after these moments with Thee, and I count myself among a privileged number, even as Thy disciples were, who shared Thy actual presence.

Realizing that my visit to Thee is of little avail unless I try to live a better life and set a better example, I am resolved to go forth again to my duties and my concerns with a renewed spirit of perseverance and good will. In my daily life I will try to love and serve God well, and love my neighbor also, for these two things go together. I will try to be a true disciple, indeed. Help me, O Jesus, in this my resolution.

Bless me, dear Lord, before I go. And bless not me alone, O Lord, but all as well who are here present, and all who could not come, especially the sick and the dying. Bless our homes and all the children there. Bless all our life and the hour of our death.

Grant rest to the souls of the faithful departed, and bring them into the light of Thy divine glory. So may we who have worshipped Thee and been blessed by Thee here on earth, come to behold the radiant glory of Thy unveiled countenance in Heaven forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, make intercession for the Holy Church protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke Thee in their necessities, and since Thou art ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from Thy Holy Son, the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity and the precious gift of final perseverance.

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