

PRAYERS FOR THE RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

OPENING PRAYER:

ALL:

My Lord and my God, I firmly believe that You see me; that You hear me.

I adore You.

I beg pardon for my sins.

I beg for Your grace during this time of prayer.

Mary, my mother, Saint Joseph, my father, and my Guardian Angel

Pray for me.

REFLECTION: "BE NOT AFRAID"

When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances.

LEADER: He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.

"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

ALL: *Hail Mary. . . Our Father. . . Glory to the Father. .*

THE ANGELUS

LEADER: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

ALL: *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit*

ALL: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.*

LEADER: Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

ALL: *Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...*

LEADER: And the Word was made Flesh:

ALL: *And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...*

LEADER: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:

ALL: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Hail Mary...*

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL: *Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen*

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND PRIVATE PRAYER:

(Notes)

PRAYER FOR LIFE BEFORE THE PRO-LIFE ROSARY:

ALL: Father, all life is in Your care. You have entrusted us to one another, that we may show our brothers and sisters the same love You have for us.

We pray, then, for an increased respect for human life and for the dignity of the human person in our country and our world.

We pray in particular for the most vulnerable among us, the children in the womb. Protect them. Give new hope to their parents that they will accept and embrace the gift of their child.

We pray for the conversion of those who do not respect human life, particularly those who work at the Hillcrest facility here in our neighborhood. Help those men and women harmed by abortion to find reconciliation and peace.

We pray also for the sick, the handicapped and the elderly. May they know Your grace in their difficulties.

Inspire many more to speak up in defense of life, and give us peace and joy in serving as Your disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRO-LIFE ROSARY INTENTIONS:

LEADER: The Agony in the Garden: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your bitter agony in Gethsemane, we pray for those who are misled, confused, threatened, or afraid to say, 'yes' to human life from conception to natural death. Please lift us out of the darkness of confusion and fear, O Lord, and fill us with your strength and grace.

LEADER: The Scourging at the Pillar: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your painful scourging, we pray for those who have been scourged by the devaluation of human life, especially here in Baltimore and throughout our country. Convert our culture of drugs and death to a culture of life, and grant us the grace to acknowledge the dignity of all life and to conform ourselves to Your Holy Will.

LEADER: The Crowning with Thorns: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your humiliating coronation with thorns, we bring to you our lost and hurting human family, especially those who are involved with abortion. Let us pray for a conversion of heart for the doctors, nurses and all those persons of the medical, social and media professions who bring about death rather than life.

LEADER: The Carrying of the Cross: Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your excruciating climb to Calvary, we pray that parents facing an unexpected pregnancy will lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to them and that women in crisis pregnancies suffering abandonment or neglect, will be aided by compassionate individuals who come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

LEADER: The Crucifixion : Lord Jesus, as we meditate on your suffering and death on the cross and the good thief you so readily pardoned, we pray for all who commit acts of violence and sins against life and who are consequently dreadfully damaged in body and in spirit. Please fill them--and all of us--anew O Lord, with the grace of conversion, so that we may know your Love and Mercy so as to restore and heal us.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:

ALL: *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 about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

CLOSING PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:

ALL: *God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.*

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



BENEDICTION PRAYERS:

TANTUM ERGO (BENEDICTION HYMN):

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

*Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail,
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail*

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

*To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty |
Amen*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

V. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis
R. *Omne delectamentum in se habentem*

(English translation):

V. You have given them bread from Heaven
R. *Having all sweetness within it*

BENEDICTION PRAYER:

ALL: *Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this Sacrament of Your body and blood help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE DIVINE PRAISES:

ALL:

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

PRAYER AFTER BENEDICTION:

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 until the end of time. Amen.*