

NOVENA OF
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOURS
FOR THE FATHERS OF OUR FAMILIES



EVERY THIRD THURSDAY
FROM FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER, 2008
AT THE CHAPEL OF PERPETUAL ADORATION
OF THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE IMMACULATE
GRISWOLD, CONNECTICUT

Ave Maria!

Welcome to the Marian Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe and our *Novena of Holy Hours for the Fathers of Our Families*. This prayerful event is sponsored by the Knights of Lepanto, under the direction of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate.

The Knights of Lepanto are Catholic men, consecrated to Mary the Mother of Jesus, and who are committed to recapturing their Catholic identity, the moral headship of their families and their role in society to defend the common good.

In this novena of Eucharistic holy hours, we are committed to praying for all fathers. We pray for fathers of families, that they become good and holy husbands and providers for their children, and that those fathers who are derelict of their duty may return to their station. We pray for fathers within the Church, for our Holy Father Pope Benedict, and all bishops and priests, especially our bishop, Most Rev. Michael Cote. We pray also for fathers within civil society, for politicians and all civil servants. We offer these holy hours so that all Catholic men will stand and fulfill their Christian duty in the spirit of Chivalry, and protect the weak and innocent, especially the unborn.

In a particular way we offer this novena of holy hours for an outcome of our presidential election that will be favorable to the Culture of Life. We pray that all fathers will shun the cowardice of those in society who imitate the derelict “washing of the hands” of Pontius Pilate, and will, on the other hand, have the courage to do their duty to the end, like Christ and the great martyrs and soldiers of the Church Militant.

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PROGRAM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

<i>Ave verum Corpus natum, de Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cujus latus, perforatum, fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis, praegustatum, mortis in examine: O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu fili Mariae.</i>	<i>Hail, true body, Born of the Virgin Mary, Truly suffered, sacrificed On the Cross for mankind, Whose pierced side Flowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O gentle Jesus O Jesus, Son of Mary</i>
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FATIMA PRAYERS:

My God, I believe in You, I adore You, I hope in You, and I love You. I beg Your pardon for those who do not believe in You, adore You, hope in You, or love You. (thrice)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, present in all the tabernacles of the earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart... (pause)

I embrace You as One who has already come, and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. (thrice)

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: LED BY A KNIGHT OF LEOPOLDO

CHAPLET PRAYERS:

(ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS)

V. Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS)

V. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(CHAPLET CONCLUDING PRAYERS)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (thrice)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you! (thrice)

MOST HOLY ROSARY: LED BY A KNIGHT OF LEOPOLDO

(The meditations on the Rosary by Father Frank Pavone, followed in this evening's holy hour, have been adopted by the Holy League, a group of Catholic men's organizations that have banded together to pray a nine month novena of Rosaries for the intention that the "outcome of the U.S. election in November will result in an increased respect for human life at all stages." In order to join the Holy League go to HolyLeague.org.)

THE FIRST LUMINOUS MYSTERY:

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN

When Jesus is baptized, the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son." All are called to become adopted sons and daughters of God through baptism. We pray that children in the womb may be protected, so that they may be born and welcomed into the Christian community by baptism.

THE SECOND LUMINOUS MYSTERY:
CHRIST IS MADE KNOWN AT THE WEDDING OF CANA

Jesus revealed His glory by the miracle at Cana. The new couple was blessed not only with wine, but with faith in Christ. Let us pray for strong marriages, rooted in the Lord, and open to the gift of new life.

THE THIRD LUMINOUS MYSTERY:
CHRIST PROCLAIMS THE KINGDOM AND CALLS ALL TO CONVERSION

“Repent and believe the Good News.” Let us pray that these first words of Jesus’ public ministry may be heard by all who have committed abortion. May they know that the Lord calls them to conversion, and may they experience life-giving repentance.

THE FOURTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY:
THE TRANSFIGURATION

Christ is transformed on the mountain, and the disciples see His glory. May the eyes of all people be transformed, that they may see each and every human life as a reflection of the glory of God Himself.

THE FIFTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY:
JESUS GIVES US THE EUCHARIST

“This is My Body, given up for you.” The Eucharist teaches us how to live and how to love. Let us pray that parents who sacrifice the babies for the sake of themselves may learn instead to put themselves aside for the sake of their babies.

LITANY OF LORETO, ROSARY PRAYER AND PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY FATHER

PRAYER TO END ABORTION:

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life
than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snare of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and may you, Prince of the heavenly army, cast into hell satan and the other evil spirits, who wander about the world for the ruin of souls. O Archangel Saint Michael, defend us in battle, so that we may not perish on the terrible day of judgement. Amen.

PRAYER FOR BISHOPS

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock; Give grace, we beseech thee, to all Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, especially Michael, our bishop, that they may diligently preach thy Word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOVEDA PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Mary, Mother of Jesus
you were with Jesus
at the beginning of His life and mission.
You stood beside Jesus when He was lifted
on the cross and gave His life for all.
We ask you now to be with our priests,

who give themselves in service to God's people.
Intercede for them that they may grow in holiness;
proclaim God's word with courage;
celebrate the sacraments with joy;
and be among God's people as Jesus,
the Good Shepherd, was.
We offer this prayer to God, the Father,
through your intercession,
in the name of your Son, Jesus,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

(Opus Angelorum)

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR FATHERS

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

(Blessed John XXIII)

PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

We pray thee, almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ hast revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of thy mercy; that thy Church, being spread throughout the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of thy name. We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgement decreed, assist with thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of the United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people, over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and the Supreme Court, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed and interpreted for our rule and government; so that they may tend to the protection of life, the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty and justice for all, born and unborn.

(adapted from Archbishop Carroll)

AD ELECTION PRAYER TO MARY

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg You to

reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to You from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in Your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

(Msgr. William J. Blacet)

EXTENDED PERIOD OF SILENT ADORATION

BENEDICTION PRAYERS

*O salutaris Hostia
Quae coeli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.*

*Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.*

*O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to all below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength
bestow.*

*To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.*

AD ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

I give myself and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being, save to honor, love and glorify the Sacred Heart.

This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all my heart whatever is displeasing to Him.

I therefore take Thee, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

Be then, O Heart of goodness, my justification before God Thy Father, and turn away from me the strokes of His righteous anger. O Heart of love, I put all my confidence in Thee, for I fear everything from my own wickedness and frailty, but I hope for all things from Thy goodness and bounty.

Do Thou consume in me all that can displease Thee or resist Thy holy will; let Thy pure love imprint Thee so deeply upon my heart, that I shall nevermore be able to forget Thee or to be separated from Thee; may I obtain from all Thy loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Thee, for in Thee I desire to place all my happiness and all my glory, living and dying in very bondage to Thee. Amen.

AD ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, I consecrate myself to thine Immaculate Heart.

I consecrate to Thee my very being and my whole life; all that I have, all that I love, all that I am. To Thee I give my body, my heart and my soul; to Thee I give my home, my family, my country. We desire that all that is in me and around me may belong to Thee, and may share in the benefits of Thy motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, I renew this day at Thy feet the promises of my Baptism and my first Holy Communion. I pledge myself to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith, and to live as befits a Catholic who is duly submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him. I pledge myself to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day. I likewise pledge myself to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of my life, in so far as I may be able so to do. Finally, I promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote myself whole-heartedly to the service of Thy blessed cult, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of Thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of Thine adorable Son, in my own heart and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in Heaven, so on earth. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

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

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

V. Panem de coelo praestitisti eis (Alleluia).

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem (Alleluia).

Orémus: Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabilis passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis

*Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.*

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

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven (Alleluia).

R. Having within it all sweetness (Alleluia).

Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant, we implore Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, as

tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

OREMUS PRO PONTIFICE

V. Oremus pro Pontifice nostro Benedicto.

R. Dominus conservet eum, et vivificet eum, et beatum faciat eum in terra, et non tradat eum in animam inimicorum eius.

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.

always to be conscious of the fruit of Thy Redemption. Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever.

R. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

V. Let us pray for Benedict, our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

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.

Ant. Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus, Christus imperat.

V. Laudate Dominum omnes gentes.

R. Laudate eum omnes populi.

V. Quoniam confirmata est super misericordia eius,

R. et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,

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

(Repeat Ant.)

Ant. Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ, Christ rules.

V. Praise the Lord all you nations

R. Praise Him all you peoples.

V. For his merciful kindness is great toward us:

R. and the truth of the LORD endures for ever.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

MARIAD ANTIPHON

*Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.*

*Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.*

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven.
Hail, O Lady of Angels
Hail! thou root, hail, thou gate
From whom unto the world,
a light has arisen:*

*Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Lovely beyond all others,
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,
And pray for us to Christ.*

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