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Announcing the 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting – November 15 to 23, 2025

"Mercy and Healing for the Jubilee Year of Hope"
Uniting Catholics and other Christian Peoples in a Global Movement of Prayer and Fasting

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 – WASHINGTON, DC <u>International Week of Prayer and Fasting</u> co-founders and hosts, *Ted and Maureen Flynn*, are calling Christians from around the world to join them for the 33rd <u>International Week of Prayer and Fasting</u> from November 15 to November 23, 2025. This year's theme is "Mercy and Healing for the Jubilee Year of Hope."

"In this time of escalating civil unrest, especially in the wake of the assassination of Charlie Kirk and the growing number of school and church shootings, there is an ever-increasing urgency to draw all faithful people to an intensified week of prayer and fasting," they said. "Civil unrest, the killing of the innocent, wars, crime, human trafficking, addictions, and natural disasters are turning many people back to God. Many people realize that prayer and fasting is needed to tear down demonic strongholds. It may feel darker than ever, but with prayer and fasting, Our Lady says we can conquer the darkness and defeat evil."

This global gathering begins on November 15, with a LIVE, in-person Opening Day of Prayer to kick off the nine days of prayer and fasting at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

"Join us as we kick off on Saturday, November 15, and be inspired by incredibly anointed leaders who will impart a renewed spirit of prayer and encourage fasting as a way to conquer the darkness," said Ted and Maureen Flynn.

This Opening Day of Prayer features all-day Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at Noon, the Global Living Rosary, Confession, and inspiring talks featuring powerful Catholic speakers including: Cardinal Ernest Simoni, Fr. Dan Reehil, Patricia Sandoval, and Andrew Niewald. A relic of Saint Carlo Acutis will be available for veneration by the faithful.

Cardinal Ernest Simoni, who will also serve as Homilist for the Noon Mass, is called a living martyr by many, having spent 28 torturous years in an Albanian prison. Pope Francis was moved to tears upon hearing the Cardinal's account of his persecution, which motivated the late Pontiff to elevate this humble priest to the College of Cardinals. Cardinal Simoni's spiritual gifts have been likened to those of Saint Padre Pio.

Cardinal Simoni has said, "The Mass, mortification, and the Rosary are the most powerful tools we can use against the devil. It is with these three weapons that we can crush the head of the devil."

"We see the prophecy of Fatima revealing itself today. If the people do not turn towards Christ, darkness and error will consume the world. If we trust in God and turn towards Him, we should have no fear."

Then, on November 17, 18, and 19, talks by special guest speakers will be part of the 3- Day Virtual Conference. Speakers include: Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. B. Thomas Celso, BDV; Fr. Robert Altier; Ted Flynn, Kathleen McCarthy, Dr. Seggy Yanez Acosta, Fr. Lawrence Carney, Kendra Von Esh, Dr. Elizabeth B. Rex, Dr. Andrew Kubick, Missy Smith, and Susan Tassone.

Every year for the past 33 years, the couple has brough this world-wide movement of prayer and fasting to Catholics and other Christian peoples to inspire prayer and fasting for the conversion of hearts, world peace, and the building up of a Culture of Life.

Ted and Maureen Flynn said, "You don't want to miss this gathering. We have brought together some of the most dynamic and faithful Christian speakers to inspire an international audience with wisdom, witness, and the practical ways to bring more prayer and more fasting into the lives of the faithful."

"No matter where you are in the world, this is a Divine appointment for every believer. God is calling us all to step up our spiritual life and be equipped for the battle. Join us virtually and join our army of prayer."

"We can change the course of history, world events, and appeal to the merciful heart of God as we pray and fast," said the Flynns. "Prayer and fasting are important tools that every Christian soldier needs in the spiritual war against evil. Our Lady has assured us of this."

"As the Great Pope St. John Paul II told us: 'Jesus Himself has shown us by His own example that prayer & fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil.'"

"We are in critical times at every level - societally, politically and in the family. Our entire civilization is at a crossroads. We are here to remind you, equip you and encourage you to press in with renewed fervor to move the heart of God with our prayer and fasting. Together, we will see miracles."

For more information and to register, or to purchase the All-Access Pass, visit https://www.IWOPF.org, email info@iwopf.org, or call 888-478-PRAY. Talks by additional speakers will be available with the purchase of an All-Access Pass.

To schedule an interview with Ted and Maureen Flynn, please contact them at 888-478-PRAY, or via email at info@iwopf.org.