

The 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting – "Mercy and Healing for the Jubilee Year of Hope" – Uniting Catholics and Other Christians in a Global Movement of Prayer & Fasting for Peace

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WASHINGTON, DC, Oct. 22, 2025 — International Week of Prayer and Fasting co-founders and hosts, *Ted and Maureen Flynn*, are calling Christians from around the world to join them for the 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting from November 15 to November 23, 2025. This year's theme for the Conference is "Mercy and Healing for the Jubilee Year of Hope."

"We're thankful for the recent peace accord between Israel and Hamas, but we know this peace remains fragile. Therefore, Prayer & Fasting are critical for this time," said Ted and Maureen Flynn. "There is an ever-increasing urgency to draw all faithful people to an intensified week of Prayer & Fasting to sustain the current peace efforts between Israel and Hamas, and bring an end to the continued aggression between Ukraine and Russia, to avoid having these political hot spots erupt into a major world conflict."

"On this Feast of the Great Pope St. John Paul II, who gave TWO Apostolic Blessings to the International Week of Prayer & Fasting, we recall his words: "Jesus Himself has shown us by His own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil." – Evangelium Vitae (1994)

"We are in critical times at every level of society – we need to continue praying for our Church, our Nation, and our Families. Our entire civilization is at a crossroads," said the Flynns. "Current peace efforts between Israel and Hamas, as well as Ukraine and Russia, call us to redouble our Prayer and Fasting efforts to prevent a major world war."

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

This Opening Day of Prayer features all-day Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at Noon, the Global Living Rosary, Confession, and inspiring talks by 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 survived persecution and imprisonment in an Albanian prison for 28 years under the Communist regime at that time. Pope Francis was moved to tears upon hearing the Cardinal's account of his persecution in 2014, which motivated the late Pontiff to elevate this humble priest to the College of Cardinals in 2016. Cardinal Simoni's spiritual gifts have been likened by many 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."

The 3-day Virtual Conference follows on November 17, 18, and 19, with talks by special guest speakers including: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. B. Thomas Celso, BDV; Fr. Robert Altier, MIC; 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.

For the past 33 years, the Flynns, along with a coalition of many groups, have brought this world-wide movement to Catholics and other Christian peoples to inspire prayer and fasting for conversion of all peoples and nations, a culture of life, the sanctity of marriage and family life, peace and God's mercy, and for all priests, vocations, and holiness of the members of the Church.

The Flynns said, "No matter where you are in the world, this is a Divine appointment you don't want to miss. God is calling us all to step up our spiritual life and be equipped for the battle. We are bringing together dynamic and faithful Christian speakers, in-person and virtually, to inspire us with wisdom, witness, and practical ways to incorporate more prayer and fasting to transform families and society."

"It may feel darker than ever, but with prayer and fasting, Our Lady says we can conquer the darkness and defeat evil. We can change the course of history and world events, and appeal to the merciful heart of God as we pray and fast. Together, we will see miracles."

Events are live-streamed FREE on the day of each event. **For more information and to register,** or to purchase the **All-Access Pass** (which provides access to these great talks for one year), visit https://IWOPF.org, email info@iwopf.org, or call **888-478-PRAY**.

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