

***St. Peter RC Parish
Prayer Group***

August 2021

Month of
The Immaculate Heart
of Mary

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

(Leader):

And Mary said:
“ My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For He has looked upon His handmaid’s lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages
call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things
for me, and Holy is His name.
His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear Him.”

- Luke 1:46-49

(All):

Let us always offer to God
our sacrifice of praise.

-Hebrews 13:15

(Leader):

We come before You, Lord, to express our gratitude for the many ways that You protect and guide us, every day throughout our lives.

R (All): We give our thanks and praise.

...For the Light of God which surrounds us. **R**

...For the Love of God that enfolds us. **R**

...For the Power of God that protects us. **R**

...For the Presence of God that watches over us. **R**

...For the Mind of God that guides us. **R**

...For the Life of God that flows through us. **R**

...For the Laws of God that direct us. **R**

...For the Joy of God that uplifts us. **R**

...For the Strength of God that renews us. **R**

...For the Beauty of God that inspires us. **R**

... For the Faithfulness of God who is ever by our sides. **R**

Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be

The month of August
honors
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Leader):

My Immaculate Heart
will be your refuge and the way
that will lead you to God.

-Our Lady to Lucia

(All):

O Mary, Give Us A Heart Like Yours

O Holy Mary,
give us a heart as beautiful,
pure, and spotless as yours.

A heart like yours so full
of love and humility.

May we be able
to receive Jesus as
the bread of life, to love Him
as you loved Him,
to serve Him under the mistreated
faces of the poor.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

-Blessed Mother Teresa

(Leader):

“Like Mary, great are the graces we have received. Like her, let us always accept the cross in whatever way it comes. Like her, let us with grace and delicacy touch the lonely and unwanted. Like her, let us not be ashamed or slow to do humble works.”

- Blessed Mother Teresa

(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.

Pray for us O Mother of God;
That we maybe made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Amen

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Prayer to St. Joseph

Patron of the Church

(Leader):

Let us allow ourselves to be "infected" by the
silence of St. Joseph! We have much need of
it in a world which is often too noisy, which
does not encourage reflection and listening
to the voice of God.

- Pope Benedict XVI

(All):

Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,
be with us this day.
You protected and cherished the Virgin;
loving the Child Jesus as your Son,
you rescued Him from the danger of death.
Defend the Church,
the household of God,
purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family,
be with us in our trials.
May your prayers obtain for us
the strength to flee from error
and to wrestle with the powers of corruption
so that in life we may grow in holiness
and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

Amen

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R (All): St. Joseph, pray for us.

(Leader):

....Please protect our families as you protected the Holy Family. **R**

....Guide us in the raising of our children. May we be able to teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully, as you have done. **R**

....Pray for all our earthly fathers, show them how they may emulate you as a father and a spouse. **R**

....Stand guard over the Holy Father, Pope Francis, please strengthen him against any spiritual or earthly trials that he may face. **R**

....Please watch over and guide our pastor, Father Cole. **R**

....St. Joseph, May you ever be a living example for all our Church fathers. Guide them in the teaching and care of God's people, as you taught and cared for His Son, Jesus. **R**

....Help us all to stay strong in faith, passionate for justice, and tender in compassion. **R**

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(All):

Lastly, Most Loving Father, we turn to You with these personal intentions, knowing that through You all things are possible. We ask, not with the intention of changing Your will, but to secure blessings for others throughout our world.

R (All): Lord of Mercy, hear our prayers.

(Leader):

....Thank You for the strides being made in combating the COVID-19 virus. May we continue to protect people throughout the world as we battle the rising variations of this disease. **R**

....We pray for strength and spiritual guidance for our bishop and Church leaders as they work to heal our wounded, and re-energize our Diocese. **R**

....Holy Spirit, please guide us as we work together to grow into a stronger and more unified body of Christ on earth. **R**

....Please keep our St. Peter Parish of Lewiston and Youngstown under Your loving care. Walk closely with us as we recover from fear and isolation. Help us to keep the Spirit of Christ alive in our homes and communities. **R**

....We pray for the protection and continued spiritual growth of our children of all ages. Please keep our St. Peter's School strong, and continue to bring the light of Your love to all who travel it's halls and classrooms. **R**

....We pray for the Holy Spirit to ignite the souls of our young. May they be filled with the fire of Your Grace, and love of Your Holy word. Please direct them to care for Your people through the vocations of priesthood, and all holy orders. **R**

....We pray that all people come to realize the value and dignity that has been granted human life, from conception to natural death. May they also realize that life is a sacred gift, created with love and purpose by You. **R**

.... By the power and gifts bestowed upon our Blessed Mother by You, May all unbelievers come to know Your Son, Jesus, through her Most Loving and Immaculate Heart. **R**

....May we ever be aware of social injustice throughout the world. Solidify our resolve to right the wrongs, and to give aid to those in need. **R**

....Keep close to You, all who are suffering, especially those separated from loved ones, and those who are facing death alone. **R**

....We pray for those in most need of Your mercy, particularly those on our parish prayer list. **R**

....We pray for the salvation of all our brothers and sisters who have passed from this life into the next. We offer special prayers for those who no longer have anyone left on earth to pray for them. **R**

....Take a moment to offer up the intentions most dear to your heart. **R**

We ask You, Heavenly Father, who is gracious and merciful, to hear these prayers brought before You, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen