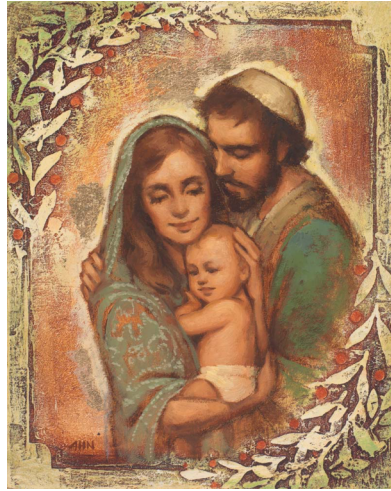


St. Peter RC Parish Prayer Group February 2024

Month of The Holy Family



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

Leader:

Rejoice in the Lord always;
and again I say,
Rejoice.

-Philippians 4:4

All:

For the Lord's word is true;
all His works are trustworthy.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with goodness.

- Psalm 33:4-5

R (All): I Sing to God a hymn of praise.

Leader:

....For Your never ending love and mercy. **R**

....For the gift of family, both secular and holy. **R**

....For the guidance of our pastor, Father Luke, and all of Your ordained who bring Your word to life within us. **R**

....For Your protection and light that keep us safe in the darkest of times. **R**

....For the gift of knowledge that enables us to not only treat and heal the sick, but allows us to discover how best to help each other. **R**

....For our gifts of freedom and justice. May we always value them, and be ready to work together to keep them in place for all. **R**

....For guiding us in our growth of love and service, gifts that allow us to shine our light before others. **R**

....For the gifts of peace, equality and hope generated by Your word. **R**

....For Your loving call to be Your people, Your Church on earth, and a true house of prayer. **R**

Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be



**The Month of February
honors
The Holy Family**



Leader:

**Prayer to
The Holy Family**

O Jesus, we offer our family
to You - our trials and joys -
that our homes, like Yours,
may ever be the shrines of peace,
hope, love and faith.
Dear Jesus, protect and bless us all.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus,
as well as our Heavenly Mother,
pray to Jesus for our family, and for all
the families of the world.
Bless couples with Your love,
parents with Your wisdom,
and children with Your trust.

O Joseph, Holy Guardian of Jesus
and Mary, assist us by your prayers
in all the necessities of life. Watch over
our homes, guard us in our work,
cherish us in our relationships,
and protect us in our later years,
until we may be united with
Jesus, Mary, and you
for all eternity.

Amen

R (All): Holy Family, pray for us.

Leader:

....May we always look to the Holy Family as an example of domestic virtue that we may embody in our own families. **R**

....May You guide us in patience and understanding when our family members need it most. **R**

....Strengthen us to provide love and aid when our family members face addictions and the consequences of bad decisions. **R**

....Pray that we are able to solidify our faith and dependence on our Heavenly Father, as we struggle with illness and handicaps in our loved ones. **R**

....For our family members who are struggling with depression and anxiety, especially during this post pandemic time in life. **R**

....Guide us in the use of love, wisdom, and patience to resolve family adversity and estrangement. **R**

....For those who have strayed, pray that The Holy Spirit may guide them back. Help us to keep our arms open, and our hearts forgiving. **R**

....Show us how to guide our families into being a true reflection of our faith. Teaching, loving, respecting, sharing, and serving in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. **R**

All:

God the Father, draw us into
Your arms, that we might know how
cherished we are as members of Your family.
May our homes and our hearts be living
expressions of Your desire to gather
all people into Your family,
now and forever.

Amen

- Archdiocese of Toronto

**Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be**



**Prayer to St. Joseph
Patron of our Church**



Leader:

St. Joseph

A simple village carpenter,
Joseph, the husband of the
Blessed Virgin Mary and guardian
of the child Jesus,
has become the guardian
and patron of Christ's
Universal Church.

- Catholic Fortress

All:

St. Joseph

St. Joseph patron of
the Universal Church
watch over the Church
as carefully as you watched
over Jesus.

- Tracy Christianson

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 and grandchildren. Help us to teach them how to find Jesus near them, and to watch over Him faithfully, as you have done. **R**

....Pray for all our earthly fathers, encourage them to emulate you as a father and a spouse. **R**

....Pray for the guidance and protection of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in any earthly or spiritual trials. **R**

....Pray that our Holy Catholic Church continues to be guided solely by the works of Christ, and the Holy Spirit. May all worldly contamination be eliminated. **R**

....Please pray for the guidance of our tenth grade confirmation candidates, as well as for those in RCIA. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit to be true disciples of God's Holy Word. **R**

....We ask for additional prayers of spiritual guidance for all our brothers and sisters who left the Church. May they be strengthened in spirit so that they can answer the call to return to the Catholic Church, and their spiritual family. **R**

....Pray that all of God's people stay strong in faith, passionate for justice, and tender in mercy. **R**

Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be



**Preparing Ourselves for
Ash Wednesday,
and Lent**



Leader:

Lenten Reflections

Lord Jesus,
You call us to repent and to believe;
for the Kingdom of God is at hand.
You teach us to do God's will.
You invite us to follow You
on the way to the cross.

Lord,
renew in us the grace of our baptism.
Transform our thoughts, words, and
deeds so that we might turn
away from sin and live the gospel.

Amen

2/12

All:

Merciful God,

You called us forth from the dust of the earth; You claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these forty days, bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayers, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in His cross You proclaim Your love.

Forever and ever

Amen

2/19

All:

O Lord,

Be with me as we enter the desert of Lent. Please give us the courage, honesty, and humility needed to recognize our own sins; and the strength, tears, and firm resolve to overcome them.

Purify our hearts, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. May we turn away from sin and be ever faithful to the Gospel. Lord, we offer every little sacrifice of this Holy Season for the following intentions _____.

(Pause for personal reflection.)

May we remember throughout these forty days that every little thing that we give up for love of You can become a spiritual gift for the good of others. By Your Grace, Dear Lord, may we grow in virtue and holiness; may we enter deeper into a life of prayer, fasting, and care of the poor.

Lead us Lord, through Your sorrowful passion and death, that we may rejoice in Your resurrection.

Forever and ever

Amen

2/26

All:

Most gracious Father, keep us ever mindful of Jesus' teaching on redemption; Judge not, lest we be judged. Remind us that "as we do," so it shall be done to us. As we look for Your mercy, so must we also show mercy to those whom we feel have wronged us. Sow then, within us, a heart of mercy and forgiveness, encouraging us to find those in our lives that we need to make reparations with. Let us start in this Lenten season to let go of old habits and start anew, as we walk these days with our Savior.

Through the divine grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ

Amen

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

All:

Lastly, 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 Your people and Church throughout the world.

R (All): God of Goodness, hear our prayers.

Leader:

....Loving God, we pray for the spiritual guidance of our bishop and church leaders as they work to heal the wounded, strengthen our parishes, and make reparations for past transgressions. **R**

....Please keep our St. Peter Parish of Lewiston and Youngstown under Your watchful care. We ask the same our family members of St. Raphael's. Walk closely with us all, and help us to keep the Spirit of Christ alive in our homes and communities. **R**

....We pray for the protection and spiritual growth of all our children, regardless of their age. May our St. Peter's School and Parish stay strong and continue to bring the light of Your love to all who travel its halls and classrooms. **R**

....We pray for our catechumens as they prepare to confirm their faith in You. May the Holy Spirit bless them and guide them as they move forwards in their spiritual journey. **R**

....We pray for universal recognition of the sanctity of all human life. May all come to realize that even those yet to be born, have been created with love and purpose by You. **R**

....We pray for our Church, our community, and the world as a whole, that all may receive the grace to see every human as a child of God, regardless of race, language, or culture. **R**

....We pray for an end of war and violence throughout our world. May peace, respect, and truth reign once again. **R**

....We pray for our overworked healthcare workers. May they be refreshed and strengthened by Your loving grace. **R**

....We pray for Your most gracious mercy on behalf of those who are suffering, as well as for those who are dying alone. **R**

....We pray for those in most need of Your mercy and care, especially 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 also extend extra prayers to those souls who no longer have anyone left on earth to pray for them.
R

*****Take a moment to offer our intentions for February*****

....We take a moment to offer up those intentions most dear to our hearts. **R**

Leader:

..... In a world that is broken and often divided, it is important to take a moment to share with each other those things in our lives that reflect God's Grace and Merciful Love. **R**

R (All): Glory and Honor to You, O Lord.

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.

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

Amen



Lent

This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15

**You are cordially invited to join our
St. Peter Parish Prayer Group.**

**We meet every Monday. We offer two times,
Immediately following our 7:30am Mass or at
7:00pm at our St. Peter Worship Site.**

All Are Welcome