

## St. Peter Parish Prayer Group

### March

Honoring St. Joseph

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

**Amen**

Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Give glory, all you peoples!  
The Lord's love for us is strong;  
the Lord is faithful forever.

**Amen**

Psalm 117:1-2

As we walk with Your Son through these forty days of reflection and correction, help me to set aside time in each day to focus on Your great love and the incredible sacrifice made for each one of us. May I ever look to correct those things in my life that are most displeasing to You, Lord God, and to keep my eyes open with gratitude for the many marvels and blessings in my life, wrought by Your hand.

**R** (All): Praise the Lord, who is so good; His love endures forever.

**(Leader)**

....For giving us our families and loved ones. **R**

....For blessing us with health and strength, both spiritually and physically. **R**

....For Your unconditional, undying and endless love, that graces us each day. **R**

....For the new blessings and mercies which You reveal to us over time. **R**

....For the sacrifice of Your Son, and the endurance of so much pain and suffering, so that we may have eternal salvation. **R**

....For never abandoning us in situations of trouble and despair. **R**

....For providing us with a spiritual family who can lead us by example, and offer prayerful intercessions on our behalf. **R**

Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be

**(Leader)**

In Honor of St. Joseph

St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker,  
the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care.  
May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.  
-St. Pope John Paul II

**(All):**

2021 Prayer for St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became a man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage  
and defend us from every evil.

**Amen**

- Pope Francis

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

(Leader)

....Foster father to Christ, pray that we may be able to still ourselves enough to hear God's voice in our lives. Also pray that we may be granted the courage to act quickly and decisively when called to do so. **R**

....We ask for your intercession in our ability to practice daily the sacrificial love demonstrated by both you and our Lord Jesus. **R**

....We ask you to pray that we may grow in selflessness, and humility. **R**

....Please pray that we may be instilled with compassionate hearts, especially for those entrusted to our care. **R**

....Pray for us to have the strength to exercise the virtues of prudence and wisdom in our daily lives. **R**

....St. Joseph, pillar of families, pray for ours. By your example may we be inspired to trust fully that God has a plan, both for us and our families. **R**

....St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Church, pray for the Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons. May they be renewed in their vocation and be able to humbly and faithfully carry out their missions. **R**

Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be

**(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**

### **March 1st**

**(All):**

Most gracious Father, keep me ever mindful of Jesus' teaching on redemption. Judge not, lest I be judged. Remind me that as I do, so it shall be done with me. As I look for Your mercy, so must I also show mercy to those whom I feel have wronged me. Then sow within me a heart of mercy and forgiveness, finding those in my life that I need to make reparation with. Let me start in this Lenten season to let go of old habits and start anew, as I walk these days with our Savior. Through the divine grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

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**March 8th**

**(All):**

Heavenly Father, as Your Son Jesus cleansed the temple, allow Him to cleanse me in the same way. Let Him remove from me all that impedes my way to You. May any worldly idols be removed to make clear the way to glorifying only You. May falsehoods and slander give way to a clear understanding of Your sacred truth. May all that is corrupt and unholy be driven from my very being, so that I may live in accordance to Your word.

Through the divine grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

***Amen***

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**March 15th**

**(All):**

Heavenly Father, please fill me with gratitude for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May I ever give honor for His supreme sacrifice, which was made on our behalf, to save us from sin and grant life everlasting. May I also be filled with mercy and the light of Your truth. By the power of Your loving grace, may I be strengthened and encouraged to reflect Your light upon all who cross my path.

Through the divine grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

***Amen***

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**March 22nd**

**(All):**

Heavenly Father of light and love, give me the open heart that I need to accept what is put before me, the joy and sorrows, the pain and laughter, knowing that life will always contain both. May I live and breathe in the realization that You have a plan for me, just as You did for Jesus. May I never doubt that You will be by my side through it all.

Grant this through the divine grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

***Amen***

- Mary DeTurris Poust  
Liturgical Press

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**March 29th**

**(All):**

O Lord, King of Kings, who led and taught not as a mighty ruler, but as a servant leader, show me how to lead and live through love. Teach me how to love and serve others with a gracious and humble heart.

Help me to always remember Your words, being reminded each time I come before Your table to share in the cup and the bread. As I come before You to eat the bread of salvation, may I recommit my heart to serving You and leading through love. To You, O Lord, who are mighty indeed, pour out Your mercy and grace to lead me in Your way.

Through the divine grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

***Amen***

- Kathryn Shirley  
Prayer + Possibilities

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Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be

Lastly, Ever Loving God, we turn to You with these most personal of intentions, knowing that through You, all things are possible.

**R** (All): Heavenly Father, hear our prayer.

(Leader)

....We thank you, Lord, for the appointment of our new bishop, Bishop Mike Fischer. May the Holy Spirit guide his steps as he works to renew our fractured Diocese. **R**

....Guide our Diocese as we move forward in our healing process. Please allow Your Divine Grace to inspire us to grow together as a stronger, more unified body of Christ on earth. **R**

....We give thanks for the strides You have given us, in the battle against COVID-19. May all Your people return to You with faith and prayers, feeling secure enough to return to in- person worship. **R**

....Please keep our St. Peter Parish of Lewiston and Youngstown under Your loving care. Walk closely with us as we continue through these days of epidemic and separation. 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 allow it to continue to bring the light of Your love to all who travel its halls and classrooms. **R**

....Holy Spirit, guide all who are readying themselves for the completion of Holy Sacraments. Be it for communion, confirmation, marriage, or any other sacrament; create in them all a strong and growing faith. **R**

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

....We pray for universal recognition of the dignity and value of all human life, both born and unborn, that has been created with love and purpose by You. **R**

....Strengthen all civic leaders and elected officials in the fair and unbiased treatment of all their constituents. May they have more concern for the health and welfare of their people, than of partisan pandering. Let them work together with integrity and compromise for the betterment of all. **R**

....We pray for Your most gracious mercy on behalf of those who are suffering, and those who are left to die alone. Many are being separated from loved ones due to current circumstances. Hold them close to You in the absence of their families. **R**

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

....We pray for the salvation of all of our brothers and sisters who have passed from this life into the next. **R**

....Please take a moment to offer up the intentions most dear to your heart.( feel free to share your intentions out loud, allowing the group to bolster your prayer.) **R**

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

**Amen**