

St. Peter Parish Prayer Group

May 2021
The Month of Mary

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

(All):

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts,
that we in turn might make known
the glory of God
shining on the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

With awe and wonder, we travel this Easter season amazed at
the perfect embodiment of Christ's sacrifice and of the fulfillment
of our Heavenly Father's Word. All of this was made to redeem His faithful children,
throughout the coming ages.

R (All): Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

(Leader)

...Glorify the Lord with me, let us extol His name together. **R**

...Glory to God who relieves us of our burdens, and to whom we may always call
upon. **R**

...We give thanks to Our Lord, who provides love, peace and security in our homes. **R**

...Bless the name of Our Father who ever offers light in the darkest of times. **R**

...Honor and praise to the Lord, who offers everlasting mercy, forgives our sins and
redeems our souls. **R**

....Rejoice in the One who creates a clean heart, and renews a steadfast spirit within us. **R**

....Give thanks to Our Lord and protector, who offers refuge to those who seek His shelter. **R**

Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be

The month of May
honors
Our Mother Mary

(Leader)

Pope Francis has asked the Virgin Mary to watch over the world in this current moment of crisis. He has invited the Faithful to especially pray to Mary for her intercession during her month of May. "Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!"

(All):

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary

Mary, you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

Protectress of God's people, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself
and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen

(All):

Holy Mary Mother of God

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
you have given the world it's true light,
Jesus, your Son - the Son of God.
You abandoned yourself completely to God's call
and this became a wellspring
of the goodness which flows forth from Him.
Show us Jesus.
Lead us to Him.
Teach us to know and love Him,
so that we too, can become capable of true love
and become fountains of living water
in the midst of a thirsting world.
Amen

- Pope Benedict XVI

(Leader):

The name Mary, which means 'Lady of Light', shows that God has filled her with wisdom and light, like a shining star, to light up Heaven and Earth. By His Divine Grace and Mercy, He has seated her in Heaven, to intercede on behalf of His Son, to all those on Earth and in Purgatory. Through the centuries, Our Blessed Mother has made special appearances, to guide us in ways to make reparations for a world going astray. Along with her dire warnings, she has given us tools to help us fight evil, and to grow in Holiness. One such visit was to St. Mechtilde (1241-1298) of Bavaria. In one of her earliest contacts with Our Blessed Mother, Mary relayed to her the power of saying the Rosary. Our Lady also revealed that saying the Hail Mary slowly and thoughtfully filled her heart with delight. Furthermore, one Hail Mary said slowly and intentionally gave her more joy than one thousand quickly and thoughtlessly said.

Towards the end of her life, St. Mechtilde had further recourse with Our Heavenly Mother, where Our Lady asked for her to say three special Hail Mary's to her everyday. The first was to honor God the Father, the second to honor the Son of God, and the third to honor the Holy Spirit. The blessed saint carried out these daily prayers throughout her remaining life, and saw the practice spread throughout their faith community. The prayer continued to spread, and was picked up and recommended to the wider faith by St. Anthony of Padua. The daily prayer goes as follows:

(All):

A Daily Prayer of Three Hail Mary's

Mary, my Mother,
free me from falling into mortal sin.

In honor of the Eternal Father, and the power that He graced you with,

Hail Mary full of grace.....

In honor of the Son, and the wisdom with which He granted you,

Hail Mary full of grace.....

In honor of the Holy Spirit, and the great love with which He filled you,

Hail Mary full of grace.....

Glory Be

Mary, by your Immaculate Conception,
purify my body
and sanctify my soul.

Amen

**A Year Long Devotion of
St. Joseph**

Promoted by the Diocese of Buffalo

(All):

Prayer of 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 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

(Leader):

Some Saints are privileged,
to extend to us,
their patronage, with particular efficacy,
in certain needs
but not in others
however, our holy patron St. Joseph,
has the power to assist us in all cases,
in every necessity,
and in every undertaking.

- St. Thomas Aquila's

(All):

Blessed Joseph, guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel confident that your prayers said on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

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

(Leader)

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

....Inspire us to respect and cherish each other. **R**

....Help us to be strong in faith, passionate for justice, and tender with compassion. **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**

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

....As a diligent worker in life, we ask you to watch over those who have been displaced in their work, and are seeking means to sustain their families. **R**

Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be

Lastly, Loving Father, we offer these most personal of intentions,
knowing that through You, all things
are possible.

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

(Leader)

....We pray for an end of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the world. May concern over the welfare of all people continue to drive our recovery. **R**

....We pray for the spiritual strength and guidance of our bishop, and spiritual leaders as they work to rebuild and re-energize our fractured Diocese. **R**

....Holy Spirit, guide us in working together to grow into a stronger and more unified body of Christ on earth. **R**

....We thank You for the appointment of Father Cole as our pastor. May he continue grow in faith, wisdom, and holiness as he leads our parish family forward. **R**

....We pray also for the Holy Spirit to ignite the souls of our young, directing them to tend to Your people through the vocations of priesthood and all holy orders. **R**

.....Please continue to keep our St. Peter Parish of Lewiston and Youngstown under Your loving care. Walk closely with us as we go through these days of epidemic and separation. Help us to keep the Spirit of Christ alive in our churches, homes, and communities. **R**

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

....Holy Spirit guide all those who are completing their Sacraments of Confirmation, Communion and Penance. May these vines grow to bear much fruit. **R**

....We pray that growing awareness of social injustice sweeps throughout our world, changing our earthly views to be more in line with those taught by Your Son, Jesus. **R**

...We pray for the universal recognition of the dignity and value of all human life, from conception to advanced age. May all come to realize the sacredness of this gift, created with love and purpose by You. **R**

...Hold close to You, all who are suffering, most especially those who are separated from loved ones, and have been left to die alone. **R**

...We pray for those in most need of Your care and 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 to those who no longer have anyone left on earth to pray for them. **R**

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

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

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Amen