

6th SUNDAY of EASTER – FAMILY PRAYERS – 17 May 2020



*'Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another **Advocate** to be with you forever, that **Spirit of truth** whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you.*

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you." ' 6

Please prepare small table, cross, candles, Bible, pictures of the Saints, as a small family altar. Choose who is going to preside, read the readings, prayers, sing...

Opening Song:

Presider:

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

All: Amen.

Presider:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider:

Dear Family Members, being aware that our lives are not always reflecting the way of life that Jesus likes us to follow and showed us in his own life, let us ask for his forgiveness and new life, that his Holy Spirit can restore in us, as we humble pray:

P: Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

P: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

P: You bring light to those in darkness: Lord have Mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

All: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

All sing/pray: Glory to God in the highest....

OPENING PRAYER:

Presider:

Let us pray that we may practice in our lives the faith we profess.

Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to express in our lives the love we celebrate through the works of charity in our family and community. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Song/Chorus before readings:

READINGS:

1st READING: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

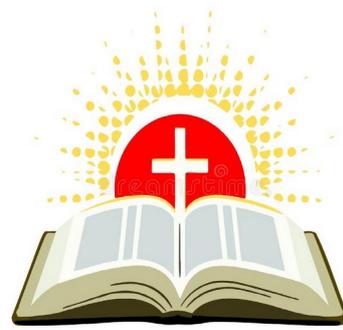
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.



“Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!”
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be *God* who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**



2nd READING: First Letter of St. Peter 3:15-18

Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gospel: St. John 14:15-21

After the readings, the family members share which words have touched their hearts, how to apply to life of the family.



INTERCESSIONS:

Presider:

Dear Family members, the Word of Jesus and the grace of the Spirit assure us of his continued presence among us and prompt us to pray. With peaceful hearts we place the needs of our Family and of the world in God's loving care.

Reader

1. For Church leaders – Pope Francis and Bishops, as successors of the Apostles, that they may clearly teach, lovingly guide the Church and promote the freedom of the children of God: let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, graciously hear us.
2. Loving God, we pray for the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone, for those in pain at home, at work, in the streets. We pray that all who suffer, may feel the Spirit's healing presence. We especially ask for healing for those with Corona Virus and for our wonderful health service who are at the front-line in hospitals and clinics: let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, graciously hear us.
3. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.
4. Merciful Lord, be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace: Let us pray to the Lord.
ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

5. God, our Creator and Father, be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

6. Through the intercession of St. John Paul II, the Pope, whose 100th Birthday is on 18th of May, we pray for our family and all the families around the world, that strengthen by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, become small churches, where the spirit of prayer, unity and mutual love are present and active. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

7. For the deceased from our Family..... and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will take their place in the new Jerusalem where God and the Lamb will be their light: Let us pray to the Lord.

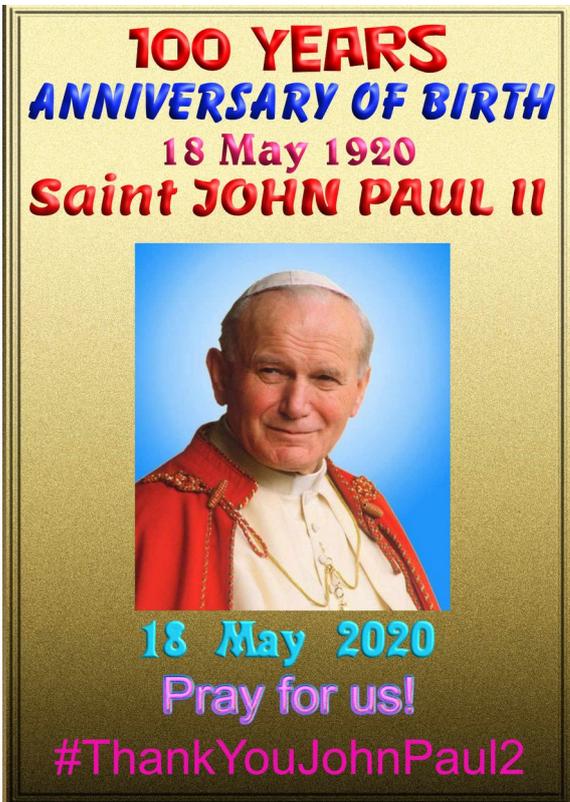
ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

P. Father, you have made your dwelling with us. Hear our prayers, fulfill our needs, and grant us your salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF Saint JOHN PAUL II

O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the Church with Saint John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your fatherly care, the glory of the Cross of Christ and the splendor of the Spirit of love to shine through him. Trusting fully in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. He has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with you. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to your will, the graces we implore.....

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Consecration to Mary

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. So, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering these prayers together, as well as those we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

Our Father..

Coronavirus Rosary

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

"Holy Mary, Mother of Mercy and of Hope, graciously hear our prayers

Apostles Creed.... Our Father....

For an increase in devotion to Holy Mary Mother of God, Virgin most powerful, Virgin most merciful, Healer of the sick, Comforter of the afflicted, Hope of the hopeless, and Comforter of the dying we pray,

Hail Mary (3x)... Glory be to the Father...

1. The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Mother Mary, after the Last Supper Jesus made his way to the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed to the Father saying, "Father if you will, take this cup of suffering away from me, but not my will but thine be done." Mother Mary the world is facing a terrifying cup of suffering, the Coronavirus. We can't run from it. Intercede with the Father, to help us like he did Jesus to face it, accept it and deal with it in trust and confidence.

Our Father... Hail Mary (10x), Glory be to the Father... O my Jesus...

2. The Second Sorrowful Mystery - The Scourging at the Pillar

Lord Jesus, at Pilate's orders you were taken and tied to a pillar where the soldiers scourged you with a lash. Today the whole world is being scourged figuratively with the Coronavirus. You endured the scourging until it stopped. This is what we pray for, an end to the virus and the havoc it is causing in people's lives.

Our Father... Hail Mary (10x), Glory be to the Father... O my Jesus...

3. The Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning with Thorns

How she mourned with bitter grieving, tender Mother, thus perceiving, torments of her glorious Son.' Holy Mary knows the torments of the Coronavirus patients and their families and friends. Let us ask Holy Mary, Hope of the Hopeless, to intercede that our loved ones will survive this virus.

Our Father... Hail Mary (10x), Glory be to the Father... O my Jesus...

4. The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus carries his cross

On the way to Calvary the soldiers enlisted the assistance of Simon of Cyrene to help Jesus carry his cross. Lord the cross we carry of the Coronavirus weighs heavily on the world. Doctors and researchers are struggling like Simon; to ease the burden. Lord bless their efforts with prompt success.

Our Father... Hail Mary (10x), Glory be to the Father... O my Jesus...

5. The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus dies on the cross

Eventually Lord Jesus, you bowed your head and died. The Corona virus has taken the lives of tens of thousands already. Many more still are going to die. We pray for them at the hour of their death, lonely and isolated and like you, seemingly abandoned. You turned to the Father at the last moment of your life. May all those facing their death do the same and commend themselves to the Father in faith.

Our Father... Hail Mary (10x), Glory be to the Father... O my Jesus... Hail Holy Queen...

An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!
for he whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia!
has risen as he said, Alleluia!
Pray for us to God, Alleluia!

Final Blessing

All pray: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Yours in Christ, with prayers for All of you,

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