

Powerline Intercession

Please join us in praying for this week's intention:

FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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We pray for those who are being drawn to the Catholic faith. Bring to mind now any people that you are asking us to invite home ... Bless those now receiving instruction in the faith, overcoming every obstacle that blocks your loving plan. Please anoint teachers of RCIA and inquiry classes; make them witnesses not only to the truth, but also to the power of Gospel and the joy of intimate fellowship with you, the Bread of Life and the Savior of the World.

We pray for young Catholics everywhere ... Rain down grace on them, inspiring them to give their lives wholeheartedly to you and to wisely discern their vocations. Give them strength to remain faithful to their baptismal vows; help them to resist the negative pressures of our culture. Bless those in our church who work in youth ministry, giving them wisdom, love, and energy!

Finally, we pray for purification, healing, cleansing, and renewal in the heart of the church ... We see the decline in attendance and vocations, we watch churches closing around us, we hear of scandals and corruption, we are disappointed in weak responses to cultural pressures. Yet we believe that you have established the Catholic Church and that you will never let your bride be destroyed. We pray with trust for the miracles needed all around us. We pray for your glory to cover us and make us spotless and radiant, drawing many souls to you.

Gathering up all these intentions, we implore you, Jesus, for the mending of every breach, the healing of every wound, the forgiveness of every sin. We ask for the lifting of oppression, deliverance out of danger, strength in trial, solace in sorrow. We ask for an infilling of sanctifying grace, and for an outpouring of the actual graces needed at this moment. We ask for angels to guard us, for the mantle of Mary to enfold us, and for the prayers of the saints to protect us. Most of all, we plead for more of the Holy Spirit, and for greater faith, hope, and love in every heart. Amen.

(Our Father, a Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Lord Jesus, on Holy Thursday night, you went to the garden of
Gethsemane to pray and cry out to God the Father.

In that agony, great drops of blood mingled
with your sweat and with your tears.

In you all times are NOW, so we enter that garden
to watch with you
and to comfort your sorrowful heart.

This week's special intention is for the Roman Catholic Church

*As we pray today, let's call to mind faces and names of Catholic brothers
and sisters that we are personally connected to. Jesus has fit us into a
particular part of his body for a reason—part of that reason is to hold up in
prayer those he has entrusted to us.*

Also, let's ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray with us today.

Each prayer begins:

*Lord Jesus, we unite ourselves to your most bitter passion.
We come under the covering and cleansing of your Precious Blood,
poured out for the whole world.*

Each prayer ends: *For this we pray, O Jesus: Amen.*

Thank you for the beautiful Church you have given to us, the Roman Catholic Church ... Raise up within her apostles, prophets, evangelists, worship leaders, catechists, and administrators who advance your kingdom.

Bring renewal in the Holy Spirit to all our hearts and thus to parishes everywhere ... We pray now for our own parish, as well as prayer groups, ministries, and organizations that we participate in.

Protect our church from the enemy and his designs ... Close the doors we have opened to the enemy; break bondage and strongholds within and without. Forgive us our sins, especially the sins of the leaders who have responsibility for your flock. We pray for healing of hearts wounded by members of your church.

We lift up to you all our shepherds, especially Bishop Boyea and Pope Francis ... Make them bold in professing your truth. Make their united voices powerful in the earth, moving kings and governments.

We pray for our own pastors and for all priests, particularly those who have ministered to us ... Strengthen and equip them for the work to which you've called them; provide for their every need: financial, physical, emotional, and spiritual.

We pray for deacons, religious brothers and sisters, consecrated virgins, and seminarians ... We pray that your Spirit would increase vocations to the consecrated life, so that your church may never lack the service and example of souls wholly given to your service. Thank you for the witness they are to us that this world is passing away and that you alone are the highest Good.

We pray for all lay ministers, especially those who have blessed us ... Thank you for how they have responded to your call. Renew their joy in your service. Give them discernment so that, like you, they may do only what the Father is doing.