

We bring under your protection all first responders and policemen ...

Thank you for these men and women whose work can be difficult, dangerous, and sometimes troubling. Help them to do their jobs well, with respect for all those they encounter. Inspire them with a pure intention to serve, not to overpower or abuse their authority.

We ask you to spare our community from natural disasters and disease ...

Please protect us, especially as we re-emerge from isolation. Bring an end to the coronavirus pandemic and help those affected to recover fully. Give us all patience with one another as we adjust back.

We pray for the hospitals around us ... Bless the medical workers; be near to the suffering; give salvation to the dying; comfort those who mourn. Give wisdom to those who cure, but also give them humility to recognize you as the true source of all healing.

We lift up to you now **all the prayers** written in our parish book of intercession, all the requests submitted to Powerline prayer team, the prayers of our pastor, Fr. Bill, and those special intentions we have brought here today.

Gathering up all these needs, 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 in our parish 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.

We end this time of intercession, praying an *Our Father*, a *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the Holy Father's intentions.

Powerline Intercession

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

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



Got needs? Request prayer by emailing prayer@sta2.org, calling the St. Thomas front desk at 734.761.8606 X 1008, or by using the link on our home page, stthomasannarbor.org.

Got knees? Join the Powerline Prayer Team!
Simply contact us as above.

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 our local community

As we pray today, let's call to mind the neighbors, businesses, service people, and others in our town we are connected with. Jesus has situated us into this place and time for a reason—part of that reason is to hold up in prayer those he has entrusted to us.

Let's ask St. Elizabeth and Mary the Mother of God, saints of the Visitation, to pray with us today and inspire in us greater love and attention to our neighbors.

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.*

We pray for those who live close to St. Thomas Church who have never been inside ... May the ringing of the bells, the coming and going of parishioners, the stained glass shining into the night all speak of truth, goodness, and beauty to their souls and call them to come home to you.

We remember before you our own neighbors ... In today's culture, so few people even know the names of their neighbors. Help us to be different! Remind us to pray for our neighbors, to find opportunities to show them charity, to greet them and show interest in them. Bless our neighbors today, Jesus, and provide for the needs of their hearts and bodies, souls and minds.

We lift up to you all our leaders and government officials ... Guide the decisions they make for us all. Preserve them from corruption and the abuse of power. Raise up men and women of faith and integrity who make decisions with concern for the dignity of the human person; through their efforts, bring about protection for the unborn.

Take care of the poor in this community ... Lord, show your kindness to the homeless and those in want for basic needs. Bless those organizations that minister to the poor and inspire good people to support them generously.

We pray for the schools in this area ... Strengthen those in school systems who believe in you and can influence others for good. Protect and help students who want to share the good news of faith in you. We ask you to destroy any strongholds of hate, unbelief, suicide, substance abuse, and other evils that operate within the walls of our schools.

Protect our town from evil ... Jesus, in your name we stand against spiritual forces of greed, exploitation, violence, addiction, abuse, and despair. Send angels into our streets to fight for the souls of those who are in darkness. Bring your kingdom here and now!