



NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

FIRST HOUR: ENTRANCE OF MINISTERS

Entrance Hymn: Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest
And in our hearts take up Thy rest
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts that Thou hast made
To fill the hearts that Thou hast made.

O comforter to thee we cry
Thou heavenly gift of God most high
And sweet anointing from above
And sweet anointing from above.

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

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HYMN (A or B)

(A) O Saving Victim

O saving victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to men below!
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee.

(B) O Salutaris

O salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the
cause of life: Look down, O Mother upon
the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be
born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are victims of brutal
violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by
indifference or out of misguided mercy Grant
that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the
Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people
of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that
Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it
with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to
bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together
with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and
love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and
lover of life.

John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Opening prayers of the Rosary – Apostle’s Creed, etc. (NOTE 15 decades are said during the night,
Hail Holy Queen said at end of the 15 decades. A short meditation or Scriptural Rosary may be used.)

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The remainder of the hour finish with silent meditation.

NOTE: We invite all of you to stay with us for the four hours so we may unite our prayers nationwide.

SECOND HOUR: HYMN

IMMACULATE MARY

1. Immaculate Mary our hearts are on fire
That title so wondrous fills all our desire. (Chorus)
2. We pray for God’s glory may His kingdom come
We pray for His Vicar, our father in Rome. (Chorus)
3. We pray for our mother the church upon earth
And bless sweetest lady, the land of our birth. (Chorus)

CHORUS

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

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PRAYER IN REPARATION FOR ABORTION

ALL: Eternal Father, You alone are Master of life and death. So precious in Your sight is the soul of each person that you sent your only begotten Son to Redeem us through the Cross and Resurrection. His coming was attended by the slaughter of the Innocents, the victims of man's selfishness, the first Martyrs of Christ's Kingdom. Death at the outset of their earthly life gave them the beginning of eternal joy.

Today we are the sad witnesses of a new slaughter of the Innocents – the voluntary destruction of unborn children – again because of the selfishness of men and women. We seek to make reparation for these offenses which attach Your sole dominion over life and death.

Let not Your just punishment fall upon us. We ask too, that all who participate in these crimes, whether from ignorance, weakness or fear, or even from malice, may be given the grace of repentance.

Lord, have mercy on us, spare us from the punishment we deserve: "deal with us not according to our sins, or requite us according to our crimes." Grant us "the abundant life" promised to all who live according to Your law. Amen.

PRAYER FOR WITNESSING TO THE GIFT OF LIFE

Heavenly Father, You send the Holy Spirit to us in Baptism and strengthen that Gift in the Sacrament of Confirmation. As the Holy Spirit emboldened the Apostles to bear witness to the truth even before their persecutors, may that same Spirit give us the courage in witnessing to the gift of human life, made in the image and likeness of the Trinity.

Lord, the forces of death and evil can seem overpowering. Some may perceive it to be impossible to make any headway in defending the dignity of human life, but help all of us to remember that "nothing will be impossible for God." (Lk, 1: 37) Give us the virtue of perseverance in our works of charity and justice for those whose lives are threatened. Grant us also confidence in You, so we will understand that You will ultimately conquer the forces of death, just as You raised Your Son to new life through His resurrection from the dead. We ask this in Your Son's name, Jesus, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

ALL: St. Michael the Archangel defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

INVOCATION TO THE HOLY ANGELS

LEADER: Almighty, Eternal and Triune God, before we implore your servants, the holy angels, and call upon them for help, we fall on our knees and adore You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May You be honored and praised for all eternity and may all Angels and men and women whom you have created adore, love and serve You, the Holy, Mighty and Immortal God! Amen.

We implore you also, Mary, Queen of all the Angels, accept the supplications we address to your servants. We beg you, Mediatrix of all Grace and all powerful intercessor, bring these, our petitions, to the throne of the Most High that we may find grace, salvation and help. Amen.

You great holy Angels, you have been given us by God for our protection and help.

LEADER: We implore you in the name of the Triune God,

All: Hasten to help us. (Repeat after each invocation)

- (L) We implore you by the all-powerful name of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
- (L) We implore you by the most sacred wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
- (L) We implore you by all the suffering of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
- (L) We implore you by the Holy Word of God,
- (L) We implore you by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
- (L) We implore you in the name of the love of God for us in our need,
- (L) We implore you in the name of the faithfulness of God to us in our need,
- (L) We implore you in the name of the mercy of God to us in our need,
- (L) We implore you in the name of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother,
- (L) We implore you in the name of Mary, Queen of Heaven and earth,
- (L) We implore you in the name of Mary your Queen and Mistress,
- (L) We implore you by your own happiness,
- (L) We implore you by your own fidelity,
- (L) We implore you by your warfare for the kingdom of God,

LEADER: We implore you. (Repeat after each invocation)

ALL: Cover us with your shield.

- (A) Protect us with you sword. Illumine us with your light.
- (A) Save us under the sheltering mantle of Mary,
- (A) Hide us in the heart of Mary,
- (A) Place us in the hands of Mary,
- (A) Show us the way to the gate of life, the open heart of Our Lord,
- (A) Guide us safely to our heavenly Father's house,

LEADER: All you choirs of blessed spirits.

(A) Hasten to help us. (Repeat after each)

- (L) You angels of life,
- (L) You angels of the power of the word of God.
- (L) You angels of love,
- (L) You our personal companions especially given us by God,

LEADER: Hasten, help us,

ALL: We implore you!

LEADER: Since we are privileged to have the Precious Blood of Our Lord and King as an inheritance,

ALL: Hasten to help us, we implore you. **(Repeat after each invocation).**

- (L) Since we are privileged to have the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and King as our inheritance,
- (L) Since we are privileged to have the Immaculate Heart of Mary the most pure, your Queen, as an inheritance.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SILENT MEDITATION for the remainder of the hour.

THIRD HOUR: HYMN

HAIL HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

1. Hail holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!
2. Turn then most gracious advocate, O Maria!
Towards us thine eyes compassionate, O Maria!

Chorus: Triumph, all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us, you Seraphim,
Heaven and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve Regina!

A PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, look kindly on all the unborn whom You have called to life. Your Son once lived in the womb of His mother, Mary, who provided nourishment and protection for Him during the nine months before He was born. We pray through Mary, who brings us to Your Son, Jesus, Who as God shares human life with us and became like us in all things but sin, and prays for us at Your right hand.

From the moment of their conception protect all innocent unborn children whose hearts begin to beat at an early stage of pregnancy and who can serve You for a lifetime on earth and can praise and love You for all eternity. Give their mothers the means to bring these babies into the world. Provide them with the insight to know that even though they may not be able to feed, clothe, and educate them, someone is willing to adopt them and give them the love they need. Give both the mothers and their unborn babies health of mind and body. Help all their family members to be accepting of this gift of new life, so that they will be able to encourage the mother and father and support them in any necessary way. We ask this in Your Son's name, Jesus, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

RESPONSE: Lord of Life, Hear Our Prayer

- That the citizens of America may be strong, loving, and wise in their defense of human life, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- May God remove from our country the oppression of violence, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- May God restore to science its savor for true human advancement under God, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- That our society may never judge human worth by human appearances, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- That God may endow the families of our land with the patient endurance of love, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- That our country may not abandon to death the weak and the infirm entrusted to our care, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- That we may always rejoice at the birth of a child, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- That the Spirit may come to the aid of those weakened by age or illness, let us pray to the Lord. (R)

- That America's search for the good life may never diminish concern for the children of our country, let us pray to the Lord. (R)
- That the earth's nations may sincerely seek the peace that fosters life, let us pray to the Lord. (R)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

ALL: O divine Heart of Jesus, grant, I pray Thee, eternal rest to the souls in purgatory, the final grace to those who are about to die this day, true repentance to sinners, the light of faith to all, and Your blessing to me and to all who are dear to me. To You, therefore, O most loving Heart of Jesus, I commend all these souls, and in their behalf I offer unto You all Your merits in Union with the merits of Your most blessed Mother and all the prayers and good works, which are this day being offered throughout Christendom. Amen.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
SILENT MEDITATION

FOURTH HOUR: START WITH THE ANGELUS AT MIDNIGHT THE ANGELUS

LEADER: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
 ALL: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. HAIL MARY...
 LEADER: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
 ALL: Be it done unto me according to Thy Word. HAIL MARY...
 LEADER: And the word was made Flesh.
 ALL: And dwelt among us. HAIL MARY...
 LEADER: Pray for us, O holy Mother of god.
 ALL: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
 LET US PRAY: (ALL) Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Apparition of the the Lady of Guadalupe

(Melody – America the Beautiful)

Upon the hill of Tepeyacac
 Our Blessed Lady came.
 To Juan Diego she appeared
 And called to him by name.
 O Lady of the Americas
 Your portrait we revere.
 Enfold us in your loving arms,
 Our Queen and Mother dear.

And Juan Diego's picture, too
 She kept within her eyes
 That future generations might
 Her knowledge realize.
 This proof of love she gave to us
 That we might never fear:
 Discouragement, anxiety,
 All flee when she is near.

She bade Juan fill his tilma then
 With roses of Castille
 As sign for which the Bishop asked
 Her presence to reveal.
 And on the cloth she had impressed
 Her portrait bright and clear

We thank You, Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit too,
 That You have sent Our Lady here
 To draw us close to You.
 O Lady of the Americas
 Your portrait we revere

That all who see may be convinced
That she is ever near.

Enfold us in your loving arms
Our Queen and Mother dear.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

LEADER: Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Christ, have mercy.
LEADER: Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us.
ALL: Christ, graciously hear us.
LEADER: God, the Father of Heaven,
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: God, the Holy Spirit,
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: Holy Trinity, One God.
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: Holy Mary,
ALL: Pray for us. (Repeat after each)
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of Heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into Heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of peace,

LEADER: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
ALL: Spare us, O Lord.
LEADER: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
ALL: Graciously hear us, O Lord.
LEADER: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
ALL: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PIUS XII'S PRAYER TO OUR QUEEN

ALL: Out of the depths of this valley of tears, through which suffering humanity painfully struggles, up from the billows of this sea, endlessly buffeted by the waves of suffering, we raise our eyes to you, most beloved Mother Mary, to be comforted by the contemplation of your glory and to hail you as Queen of Heaven and earth, Queen and Mother of mankind. With legitimate filial pride, we wish to exalt your queenship and to recognize it as due to the sovereign excellence of your entire being, O dearest one truly Mother of Him Who is King by right, by inheritance and by conquest.

Reign, O Mother and Queen, by showing us the path of holiness, and by guiding and assisting us that we may never stray from it. In the heights of Heaven, you exercise your primacy over the choirs of Angels, who acclaim you as their sovereign, and over the legions of Saints who delight in beholding your radiant beauty. So, too, reign over the entire human race above all by opening the path of faith to those who do not yet know your Divine Son.

Reign over the Church which acknowledges and extols your gentle dominion and has recourse to you as a safe refuge amid the calamities of our day. Reign especially over that part of the Church which is persecuted and oppressed; give it strength to bear adversity, constancy never to yield under unjust compulsion, light to avoid falling into the snares of the enemy, firmness to resist overt attack, and at every moment unwavering faithfulness to your kingdom. Reign over the minds of men, that they may seek only what is true; over their wills, that they may follow solely what is good; over their hearts, that they may love nothing but what you yourself love.

Reign over individuals and over families, as well as over societies and nations; over the assemblies of the powerful, the counsels of the wise, as over the simple aspirations of the humble. Reign in the streets and the squares, in the cities and the villages, in the valleys and the mountains, in the air, on land and on the sea; and hear the pious prayer of all those who recognize that yours is a reign of mercy, in which every petition is heard, every sorrow comforted, every misfortune relieved, every infirmity healed, and in which, at a gesture from your gentle hands, from death itself there arises smiling life.

Obtain for us that all who now, in every corner of the world, acclaim and hail you Queen and Mistress, may one day in Heaven enjoy the fullness of your kingdom in the vision of your Divine Son, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (HYMN A or B)

A. DOWN IN ADORATION FALLING

Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding
From them Each eternally,

B. TANTUM ERGO

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori Gentioque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;

Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

CELEBRANT: You have given them Bread from Heaven. (Alleluia)

ALL: Having all sweetness within it. (Alleluia)

CELEBRANT: Lord Jesus Christ,
You gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.
may our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the
Kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

DIVINE PRAISES (Priest and People)

Blessed be God!
Blessed be His Holy name!
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and
True man!
Blessed be the name of Jesus!
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart!
Blessed be His most Precious Blood!
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy
Sacrament of the Altar!
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the
Paraclete!

Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy!
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception!
Blessed be her glorious Assumption!
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin
And Mother!
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most
Chaste spouse!
Blessed be God, in His Angels and
In His Saints!

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection,
at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God we Praise Thy name
Lord of all we bow before Thee
All on earth Thy sceptre claim
All in Heaven above adore Thee
Infinite Thy vast domain
Everlasting is Thy Reign (**repeat last 2 lines**)

Holy Father, Holy Son
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee
While in essence only one
Undivided God we claim Thee
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery. (**repeat**)