

Novena for Our Country in Honor of the Saints

In the *Diary* of St. Faustina (59), Jesus said, “**Make a novena for your country. This novena will consist of the recitation of the Litany of the Saints.**”

I invite you to pray the Litany below for nine days in a row for the USA, beginning on October 23. Then you will have it done for All Saints Day, November 1.

Litany of the Saints

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

God, the Father of heaven, **have mercy on us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, [repeat boldface]
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, **pray for us.**
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All you Holy Angels and Archangels,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All you Holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

St. Peter, **pray for us.**
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Jude,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnabas,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All you holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All you holy Disciples of the Lord,
All you holy Innocents,

St. Stephen, **pray for us.**
St. Lawrence,

St. Vincent,
Saints Fabian and Sebastian,
Saints John and Paul,
Saints Cosmas and Damian,
All you holy Martyrs,

St. Sylvester, **pray for us.**
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All you holy Bishops and Confessors,
All you holy Doctors,

St. Anthony, **pray for us.**
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All you holy Priests and Levites,
All you holy Monks and Hermits,

St. Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.**
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Anastasia,
St. Catherine,
St. Clare,
All you holy Virgins and Widows,
[You may add some of your favorite saints here.]
All you holy Saints of God,

Lord, be merciful, **Lord, save Your people.**
From all evil,
From all sin,
From Your wrath,
From a sudden and un-provided death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
From the spirit of uncleanness,
From lightning and tempest,
From the scourge of earthquake,
From plague, famine, and war,
From everlasting death,
By the mystery of Your Holy Incarnation,
By Your Coming,
By Your Birth,
By Your Baptism and holy fasting,
By Your Cross and Passion,
By Your Death and Burial,

By Your holy Resurrection, **Lord, save Your people.**
By Your wonderful Ascension,
By the coming of the Holy Spirit,
On the Day of Judgment,

Be merciful to us sinners, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
That You will spare us,
That You will pardon us,
That it may please You to bring us to true penance,
Guide and protect Your holy Church,
Preserve in holy religion the Pope, and all those in
holy Orders,
Humble the enemies of holy Church,
Give peace and unity to the whole Christian people,
Bring back to the unity of the Church all those who
are straying, and bring all unbelievers to the light
of the Gospel,
Strengthen and preserve us in Your holy service,
Raise our minds to desire the things of heaven,
Reward all our benefactors with eternal blessings,
Deliver our souls from eternal damnation, and the
souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors,
Give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
Grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
That it may please You to hear and heed us, Jesus,
Son of the Living God,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. **Lord Jesus, hear our
prayer.**
Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on
us.**
Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Distractions in Prayer (from Fr. Michael)

We all want to pray well. To help us, I recommend a book by Thomas Dubay called *Prayer Primer: Igniting A Fire Within*. All of us get distracted in prayer at times. Fr. Dubay has the following question and answer in his book:

Question: I am often pestered with distractions in prayer. I really do not want them, but is there anything I can do to get rid of them? I try but don't much succeed.

Answer: The first thing you can do is be at peace. As long as distractions are not deliberate or intentional,

they do much less harm than you think. If you sincerely want to pray, and you try reasonably well, you are praying. As St. Teresa puts it, "Your will is with His Majesty." Gently turn your mind back to Him when you notice that it has strayed. You are succeeding.

Listen to the following story about a distraction in prayer. St Bernard of Clairvaux was once traveling with a poor, uneducated farmer, who noticed that the abbot kept his eyes cast downward. When the farmer asked why the saint wasn't looking at the beautiful countryside, Bernard explained that he wanted to avoid distractions while praying.

In response, the farmer boasted, "I'm never distracted when I pray."

The saint objected, "I don't believe it. Now let me make a deal with you. If you can say the Our Father without one distraction, I'll give you this mule I'm riding. But if you don't succeed, you must come with me and be a monk."

The farmer agreed and began praying aloud confidently, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name..." Then, after pausing for moment, he asked St Bernard, "Does that include the saddle and the bridle, too?"

Here is an idea. Before we pray, we tell God that we want to focus and pray well. In other words, we pray before we pray. We can turn distractions into prayers. Whatever we think about while we are praying, we give it to God. For example, if we begin to think about food, we say to God, "I know you will provide food later on." Then we gently turn back to Him in prayer.

Prayer for Power from the Holy Spirit

Lord, in the book of Acts You said "you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...and you shall be My witnesses...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Give me a fresh anointing, Lord, and a fuller release of Your Spirit's power and gifts that are already present in me through water Baptism and Confirmation.

Divine Lord, I do not wish to be just Your follower. Take away any indifference that I have toward Your Divine Presence in me. Change and release that passive indwelling power of Your Spirit in me into that active infilling power. Let that "rose bud" become a "rose bloom," the "acorn" become the "oak tree," so that I may experience that same infilling power as did the disciples at the first Pentecost.

By that same power, give me a new inner strength over the sinful habits of my life. Help me to become an effective witness for You and draw others to You according to Your plan and purpose in my life.

Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary* of St. Faustina

811. When I entered my solitude, I heard these words: **At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son.**

Quick Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)—Call No Man Father

One time when I was working at Lackland Air Force Base as a chaplain candidate, a good man asked me, "Why do you call your priests 'father'? The Bible says not to call any man 'father' in Matthew 23:9."

Matthew 23:9 does state: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven."

I told him that if we took everything literally in the Bible that I would be a blind paraplegic. He smiled. He knew what I was saying. In Matthew 5:27-30, Jesus basically says that if our eyes cause us to sin, we should pluck them out, and if our hands cause us to sin, we should cut them off. We know that Jesus is, in this passage, trying to get us to think about avoiding sin, not to maim our bodies.

Anyway, I explained to him that we needed to look at the whole Bible in context. Even God the Father called human men fathers in the fourth commandment: "Honor your father and mother." Also, in Romans 4:16-17, St. Paul refers to Abraham as "the father of us all." In 1 Corinthians 4:15, St. Paul says, "You do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."

So there are many times in the Bible where 'father' is permitted. Priests are called 'father' in the sense that they are called to be spiritual fathers to everyone meet. Priests ask God the Father to participate in His Fatherhood. God is the origin and source of all fatherhood. He is perfect in love and mercy. All of us pray to the Father to be more like Him.

A Father's Covenant (by Stephen Gabriel)

A few promises of a husband to his wife:

- I will continue to court you.
- I will find ways to keep the embers of our romance glowing.
- I will remind you often why I married you and assure you that I would do it again.
- I will call you during the day and tell you that I love you.

New Hymnal-Missal Coming in Advent

The parish-finance council unanimously chose the *St. Augustine Hymnal*. It is a hardback book that contains

about 800 hymns and all the readings for the 3-year cycle. It should last 6-10 years. Obviously it will replace the paperback hymnal and missal (which will be recycled).

Temporary Mass Time Changes at St. Peter Sunday, October 25 at 11:15 a.m.

Temporary Communion Services at St. Ignatius Saturday, October 24 at 4 p.m.

Begin to Turn In Your All Souls Envelopes/Offerings

The offering money goes to pay for Vacation Bible School (*Totus Tuus*).

St. Anne Renovation Payoff Countdown: \$29,288

St. Peter Renovation Collection: \$37,380

Calendar of Events

- Oct 23 – Oct 25 (F-Sun).** Men's retreat in Winter Park
- Nov 8 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.
- Dec 12 (Sat).** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish at Our Lady of the Snow at 10 a.m.
- Dec 13 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

Mass Collections, October 10 - 11

St. Anne	\$ 1608
St. Bernard	3074
Our Lady of the Snow	741
St. Peter	674
St. Ignatius	<u>917</u>
Total	\$ 7014

Vocations Prayer Calendar; October

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat--Francesco Basso & Guillermo Bustillos

Sun--Joe Grady & Deacon James Claver

Mon--Deacon Mason Fraley & Deacon Matt Magee

Tue--Deacon Salvador Sanchez

Wed--Connor Lyle

Thu--Nicholas Larkin & Peter Wojda

Fri--Men and women applying for formation

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

- Sat, Oct 17, StA, 5 p.m., Chip McGinn
- Sun, Oct 18, StB, 7 a.m., Parishioners and visitors
- Sun, Oct 18, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Paul and Sonia Jones

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

- Mon, Oct 19, StA, 8:30 a.m., Todd W. and Leslie Larkins
- Tue, Oct 20, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Paul and Sonia Jones
- Wed, Oct 21, StB, 8:30 a.m., Tim and Pat Pulliam
- Thu, Oct 22, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** Carl and Anne Ingham
- Fri, Oct 23, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** David and Carol Cox

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StI and StP

KEY: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

- Sat, Oct 10, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioner and visitors
- Sun, Oct 11, StP, **11:15 a.m.,** Parishioners and visitors