

## Angelic Warfare Confraternity Prayers

### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Jesus, I know that every perfect gift, and especially that of chastity, depends on the power of Your providence. Without You a mere creature can do nothing. Therefore, I beg You to defend by Your grace the chastity and purity of my body and soul. And if I have ever imagined or sensed anything that could stain my chastity and purity, blot it out, Supreme Lord of my powers, that I may advance with a pure heart in Your love and service, offering myself on the most pure altar of Your divinity all the days of my life. Amen.

1. Dear Jesus, bless our social and cultural climate. Grant that our society may be purified of everything contrary to chastity, and that we may have the strength to resist the pressures of prevailing distortions of human sexuality. “In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Rom 8:37). Hail Mary...

2. Dear Jesus, bless our relationships. Grant that they will be holy, healthy, and honorable at all times. “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart” (1 Pet 1:22). Hail Mary...

3. Dear Jesus, bless our efforts at modesty. Grant that how we dress and carry ourselves may veil what should be veiled, and give us the strength to resist evil fashions and the glamour of sin. “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Rom 12:2). Hail Mary...

4. Dear Jesus, bless our five senses. Grant that the things we see, the music and jokes we hear, our food and drink, and the encounters we have through touch may all be pure and holy. “Seek the things that are above” (Col 3:1). Hail Mary...

5. Dear Jesus, bless our sensuality. Grant that our impulses may not go after base pleasures, but will be freed by Your wisdom and inflamed for what is good. “In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood” (Heb 12:4). Hail Mary...

6. Dear Jesus, bless our imagination. Grant that we may be preserved from the fantasies and daydreams that defile us, that all impure images may vanish, and that we may be protected from all the assaults of demons. “Be renewed in the spirit of your minds” (Eph 4:23). Hail Mary...

7. Dear Jesus, bless our memory. Grant that no dark memories from our past may haunt us, but let Your

light shine within us to fill us with a healing hope in You. “And every one who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure” (1 Jn 3:3). Hail Mary...

8. Dear Jesus, bless our power of estimation. Grant that we may quickly sense dangers to chastity, instinctively flee from them, and that we may never turn away from higher and more difficult goods for the sake of sinful self-indulgence. “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Mk 8:36). Hail Mary...

[Note: estimation ~ ability to make judgments]

9. Dear Jesus, bless our affectivity. Grant that we may love chastity and rejoice in it, that all of our emotions may be in harmony with what is right, and that no sadness, discouragement, fear, insecurity, or loneliness may afflict us unto sexual sin. “For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age” (Titus 2:11-12). Hail Mary...

[Note: affectivity ~ ability to experience feelings and react to them]

10. Dear Jesus, bless our intellect. Grant that it may be purged of all false beliefs and all misunderstandings of human sexuality, and that the good angels may flood our intellects with thoughts that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious. “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phil 4:8). Hail Mary...

11. Dear Jesus, bless our will. Grant that it may never be opposed by our sensuality, that it may never be conflicted in the moment, but that it may hold fast to chastity no matter how difficult it may be. “For the Son of God, Jesus Christ... was not ‘yes’ and ‘no’; but in Him it is always ‘yes.’ For all the promises of God find their ‘yes’ in Him” (2 Cor 1:19-20). Hail Mary...

12. Dear Jesus, bless our conscience. Grant that it may be swift to judge what is chaste, swifter to execute it, and preserved completely from the suggestions of demons. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Heb 9:14). Hail Mary...

13. Dear Jesus, bless our hearts. Grant that the place where Christ abides in us with the Father and the Spirit may become the place where we live with the Holy Trinity in friendship. “Jesus answered him, ‘If a man loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him’” (Jn 14:23). Hail Mary...

14. Dear Jesus, grant us the grace of self-surrender. Grant that we may hand over to God nothing less than our whole lives. “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit” (Lk 23:46). Hail Mary...

15. Dear Jesus, give us Your love. “In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins” (1 Jn 4:10). “But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8). Hail Mary...

**Closing Prayer** (asking for the intercession of St. Thomas Aquinas)

Chosen lily of innocence, pure St. Thomas, who kept chaste the robe of baptism and became an angel in the flesh after being girded by two angels, I implore you to commend me to Jesus, the Spotless Lamb, and to Mary, the Queen of Virgins. Gentle protector of my purity, ask them that I, who wear the holy sign of your victory over the flesh, may also share your purity, and after imitating you on earth, may at last come to be crowned with you among the angels. Amen.

Note: This is a great prayer because it asks for blessings or healing for:

1. our social and cultural climate.
2. our relationships.
3. modesty in dress and movements.
4. our five senses.
5. our sensuality.
6. our imagination.
7. our memory.
8. our power of estimation.
9. our affectivity.
10. our intellect.
11. our will.
12. our conscience.
13. For our hearts.
14. self-surrender.
15. love.

### **Hope and Healing after an Abortion**

Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Please consider attending the Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat, which addresses the wounds that run deep in the souls of many women and men suffering with the psychological or spiritual pain of abortion, as well as memories of condemnation, abandonment, pain and confusion. This is an invitation for all suffering to encounter the healing presence, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ. The next retreat will be held the weekend of February 26 - 28, 2016. Contact Edie at 303-775-4108, or Amee at 720-271-7406. For more information and testimonies of healing go to [www.rvrcolorado.org](http://www.rvrcolorado.org) or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Participation is completely confidential. Deadline: February 22.

### **Walk for Life—West Coast; Saturday, January 23**



### **Politicians and the Culture of Death**

If we do not respect life at the *beginning* (abortion, infanticide), we will not respect it in the *middle* (school shootings, theater shootings, terrorism, severe bullying), and we will not respect it in the *end* (direct euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide).

Politicians who promote abortion, directly and indirectly, are leading Americans to a culture of death. When politicians go to “comfort” families of terrorism and shootings, these politicians do not even realize that they are part of the problem of this death culture. Please do not vote for politicians who usher in a culture of death! Do not vote against God: you will lose.

Visit the following youtube video to see the commercial that was banned from the Superbowl a few years ago: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2CaBR3z85c>

### **Physician Assisted Suicide**

Catholics should show love through actions. Have you acted to stop House Bill 1054 and Senate Bill 25?

A handout is available at the doors with questions and answers about this part of the culture of death. Please inform yourself and your friends.

Contact your representatives and tell them we do not need this evil legislation:

-Randy Baumgardner, 303-866-5292;

[randy.baumgardner.senate@state.co.us](mailto:randy.baumgardner.senate@state.co.us)

-K.C. Becker, 303-866-2578; [kcbecker.house@state.co.us](mailto:kcbecker.house@state.co.us)



The Goats; from Fr. Michael



On Thursday, I went for a Rosary walk to the small airport close to Our Lady of the Snow. On my way back, six small goats were in the road. I talked to them and petted them. They followed me to the church parking lot and then to the rectory door. I had Fr. Joseph bring some carrots to feed them while I called 911 to get the police so that we could find their owner. Two police officers arrived. Jokingly, one said, “When you are trying to build a congregation, you need to specify what kind of parishioners you want.”

### **Quick Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)— Confession**

#### **Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest?**

Let’s look at a few passages from the Bible and understand it from God’s design.

We see that Jesus gave His authority to the Apostles, the first bishops. In the book of Acts this authority was given from the bishops down to the priests, who are co-workers of the bishop (see Acts 14:22-23). Here are a few places in the Bible that we see this authority given: -Mark 6:7. Jesus gives to the Twelve authority over unclean spirits.

-Luke 17: 11-19. Jesus sends the lepers to the priests; then they are healed. [Note: leprosy, in some instances in the Old Testament, was a symbol of sin. Moses’ sister, Mariam, received leprosy because of her sin of rebellion (see Numbers 12:10). A priest had to examine the leprosy and pray for the person. We go to Jesus after we sin and say “sorry”; then we show ourselves to a priest in the confessional. Even priests have to go to confession to another priest.]

-John 20:23: Jesus tells the Apostles, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” [Apostles and priests do not have the power to read minds; we must go to them and confess our sins]

In 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, St. Paul explains how the Apostles (the first priests) are ambassadors of Christ’s work of reconciliation.

Bishops and priests have been ministers of God’s healing and forgiveness for 2000 years. In this year of mercy, humble yourself and receive God’s gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.

### **Annual Pregnancy Resource Connection Banquet**

-When: Friday, Feb 19

-Where: Younglife—Crooked Creek Camp;  
3000 CR 517, Fraser

-Time: 6 p.m. -Cost: Free Admission

-Pre-registration only: call the PRC at 970-887-3617;

Email: [office@prcgrand.com](mailto:office@prcgrand.com)

Visit: [www.pregnancyresourceconnection.org](http://www.pregnancyresourceconnection.org)

-Free childcare; be sure to register the children in advance. Contact the PRC office at 970-887-3617

### **Calendar of Events**

-Feb 14 (Sun). Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

-Feb 19 (Fri). PRC Banquet at Younglife

-Mar 13 (Sun). Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

-Apr 10 (Sun). Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

### **Mass Collections, January 16 – 17**

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| St. Anne             | \$ 1903        |
| St. Bernard          | 1947           |
| Our Lady of the Snow | 1338           |
| St. Peter            | 409            |
| St. Ignatius         | 270            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 5867</b> |

### **Vocations Prayer Calendar; January**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat**--Chad Smith & John Stapleton

**Sun**--Manuel Alarcon & Peter Srsich

**Mon**--Ryan Kent & Sean Conroy

**Tue**--Sile Wilfred Kone & Tony Davis

**Wed**--Yaroslav Cherniavskyi & Zach Taudien

**Thu**--Christian Mast & Christopher Marbury

**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, Jan 23, StA, 5 p.m., Michael and Joan Good

-Sat, Jan 23, StB, 7:30 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jan 24, StB, 7 a.m., Ken and Trudy Rozas

-Sun, Jan 24, OLS, 9:30 a.m., John and Carolyn Murphy

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Jan 25, StA, 8:30 a.m., Jim and Jeri Moat

-Tue, Jan 26, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Thomas and Karen Giblin

-Wed, Jan 27, StB, 8:30 a.m., Chris and Olga Laursen

-Thu, Jan 28, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Alex Freihofer neighbor

-Fri, Jan 29, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Danny, Susie Freihofer

### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StI and StP**

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

-Sat, Jan 23, StI, 4 p.m., Jim and Mary Braun

-Sun, Jan 24, StP, 10 a.m., Parishioners and visitors