

# Prayers for our Nation

*During the presidential election 2020*

## **Prayer for our Nation**

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new culture of life, liberty and truth! We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## **Sacred Scripture**

"All the nations you have made shall come to bow before you, Lord, and give honor to your name. For you are great and do wondrous deeds; and you alone are God" (Psalm 86:9-10).

## **Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty**

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Sacred Scripture**

"All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations." (Psalm 22:27-28)

## **Gratitude for our Nation**

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Sacred Scripture**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalms 33:12).

## **Prayer for Election Day**

Eternal God, stir thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach Election Day. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world. Grant that we may highly resolve on this day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of thy holy name and the good of our nation and of all mankind. Amen.

## **Sacred Scripture**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

# The Patriotic Rosary

**On the Cross** ~ For the Conversion of our Nation's Capital~ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**On the First Bead** ~ For the Pope ~ **OUR FATHER**, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**On the next three beads** ~ For Bishops, Priests, Religious ~ Three Hail Mary's ~ **HAIL MARY**, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

For the Conversion of our Country ~ **GLORY BE**, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

## The First Mystery:

"No one can rejoice more than I do at every step the people of this great country take to preserve the Union, establish good order and government, and to render the nation happy at home and respectable abroad. No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means, and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us, so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass. The Great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far on the road to happiness and glory, to forsake us in the midst of it. By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost." George Washington, June 29, 1788

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> Large bead**~ For the Presidency of the United States of America ~ Our Father

On the next 10 beads, to be prayed before each Hail Mary: "**We plead the Blood of Jesus over Alabama (name a different state for each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state.**"

Alabama	Arkansas	Connecticut	Georgia
Alaska	California	Delaware	
Arizona	Colorado	Florida	

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Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

*We recommend the singing of all the verses of the songs after each decade of the Rosary. You will discover by doing so, that the songs become prayers in and of themselves and it deepens the prayer of the whole Rosary.*

## AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, from ev'ry mountain side, let freedom ring.

My native country thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love. I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills, My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song: Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we pray. Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

## The Second Mystery:

"It may be the will of Heaven that America shall suffer calamities still more wasting and distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect, at least: it will inspire us with many virtues, which we have not, and correct many errors, follies, and vices, which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in states as well as individuals. And the new governments we are assuming, in every part, will require a purification from our vices, and an augmentation of our virtues or there will be no blessings... But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence; in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe." John Adams, July 3, 1776

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Large bead**~ For the Supreme Court of the United States of America ~ Our Father

**On the next 10 beads** ~ **"We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state prior to each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."**

Hawaii	Indiana	Kentucky	Maryland
Idaho	Iowa	Louisiana	
Illinois	Kansas	Maine	

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### **THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

*Refrain:* Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on. *Refrain*

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel; As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;

Let the "Mother of the Savior" crush the serpent with Her heel; Since God is marching on. *Refrain*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat.

O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea; With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.

As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free. His truth is marching on. *Refrain*

### **The Third Mystery:**

"Review the great scenes of history: you will find mankind has always been obliged to pay dear for the blessings they enjoyed... The struggles of a great people have almost always ended in the establishment of liberty.... Such a people are spoken of with admiration by all future ages...." "Their souls glow with gratitude for the virtue and self-denial of their forefathers. They consider them as patterns for their own conduct on similar occasions and are continually pointing them out to the reverence and imitation of their children. These are the glorious effects of patriotism and virtue. These are the rewards annexed to the faithful discharge of that great and honorable duty, fidelity to our country.... I pray to God that the fair character I have described may be that of America to the latest ages." James Iredell, May 1, 1778

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Large bead**~ For the Senate of the United States of America ~ Our Father

**On the next 10 beads** ~ **"We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state prior to each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."**

Massachusetts	Mississippi	Nebraska	New Jersey
Michigan	Missouri	Nevada	
Minnesota	Montana	New Hampshire	

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### **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

### **The Fourth Mystery:**

"To the kindly influence of Christianity, we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism."

"All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness."

"Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them." Jedediah Morse, 1799

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> Large bead** ~ For the House of Representatives of the United States of America ~ Our Father

**On the next 10 beads** ~ **"We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state prior to each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."**

New Mexico

North Dakota

Oregon

South Carolina

New York

Ohio

Pennsylvania

North Carolina

Oklahoma

Rhode Island

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### **THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh! say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

### **The Fifth Mystery:**

"Soldiers! Let us humble ourselves before the Lord, our God, asking through Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, beseeching the aid of the God of our forefathers in the defense of our homes and our liberties, thanking Him for His past blessings, and imploring their continuance upon our cause and our people."

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray - to really pray."

"Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight - all through the day. Let us pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for the churches."

"Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and His redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice." ~ General Robert E Lee, 1863

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> Large bead** ~ For all city, town and state politicians in the United States of America ~ Our Father

**On the next 10 beads** ~ **"We plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a different state prior to each Hail Mary) and every soul in that state."**

South Dakota

Utah

Washington

Wyoming

Tennessee

Vermont

West Virginia

Texas

Virginia

Wisconsin

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### **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

God bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her, Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam. God bless America. My home sweet home. God bless America. My home sweet home.

**HAIL, HOLY QUEEN**, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** ~ Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **St. Michael Prayer**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.