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“Blessed are the merciful.”

Matthew 5:7



*Excerpts
from the Message
of Pope Francis
for the*

31st World Youth Day

You, dear young man, dear young woman, have you ever felt the gaze of everlasting love upon you, a gaze that looks beyond your sins, limitations and failings, and continues to have faith in you and to look upon your life with hope? **Do you realize how precious you are to God, who has given you everything out of love?** Saint Paul tells us that “God proves his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8). Do we really understand the power of these words?

Jesus has confidence in you and is counting on you! He has so many things to say to each of you... Do not be afraid to look into his eyes, full of infinite love for you. **Open yourselves to his merciful gaze, so ready to forgive all your sins. A look from him can change your lives and heal the wounds of your souls.** His eyes can quench the thirst that dwells deep in your young hearts, a thirst for love, for peace, for joy and for true happiness. Come to Him and do not be afraid!

Come to him and say from the depths of your hearts: “Jesus, I trust in You!” Let yourselves be touched by his boundless mercy, so that in turn you may become apostles of mercy by your actions, words and prayers in our world, wounded by selfishness, hatred and so much despair.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR PRIESTS

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil’s traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. I ask You, Jesus, for a special blessing and for light for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime. Amen.



PRAYER

God, merciful Father,
in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have revealed your love
and poured it out upon us
in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;
We entrust to you today
the destiny of the world
and of every man and woman.
We entrust to you in a special way
young people of every language,
people and nation: guide and protect
them as they walk the complex paths
of the world today, and give them
the grace to reap abundant fruits
from their experience
of the Krakow World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father,
grant that we may bear
witness to your mercy.
Teach us how to convey
the faith to those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those
who have done wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.
Allow the spark of merciful love
that you have enkindled within us
become a fire
that can transform hearts
and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.
Saint John Paul II, pray for us.
Saint Faustina, pray for us.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

July 2016

The Pope's Intention of the Month:

Indigenous Peoples. That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Word of God: Acts 2:1-4

Reflection:

It is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. When they remain on their land, they themselves care for it best. Nevertheless, in various parts of the world, pressure is being put on them to abandon their homelands to make room for agricultural or mining projects which are undertaken without regard for the degradation of nature and culture. (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 146)

Prayer:

Creator God, you summoned the Church from every nation by the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. In the variety of our Filipino traditions and cultures keep us united in our belief in you, the one, true God. Let all the people in these islands resound with songs of praise for your wondrous gifts of faith, hope and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen. (www.bibleclaret.org, *Monthly Liturgy Guide*)

Suggested Activities:

Pray for the protection of the rights of the indigenous families' paternity of their lands and communities by offering one holy rosary. Offer a Mass for the repose of the souls of those who died fighting for the rights of indigenous communities.

August 2016

The Pope's Intention of the Month:

Sports. That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Word of God: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Reflection:

It is important that those involved at the various levels of sports promote human and religious values which form the foundation of a just and fraternal society. This is possible because the language of sports is universal; it extends across borders, language, race, religion and ideology; it possesses the capacity to unite people, together, by fostering dialogue and acceptance. (Pope Francis, *Address to the Members of the European Olympic Committee*, Clementine Hall Saturday, 23 November 2013)

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You tell us that whenever two or more are gathered in Your name, You are present in their midst. And so we are confident that as we lift up our thoughts to You, You are indeed with us. Help all we do with this event to reflect Your presence among us and within us. May all our actions give glory to Your name and promote peace and love to the world. We pray this in Your most holy name. Amen.

Suggested Activities:

Offer a short prayer for every game that you will watch. Encourage the children to pray before playing a game.

September 2016

The Pope's Intention of the Month:

Centrality of the Human Person. That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Word of God: 1 John 4:7-16

Reflection:

The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. All this is an expression of our profound Christian belief in the love of the Father who guides and sustains us, a love manifested in the total self-gift of Jesus Christ, who even now lives in our midst and enables us to face together the storms of life at every stage. (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 290)

Prayer:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Suggested Activities:

Pray everyday this prayer, together with your friends and family.

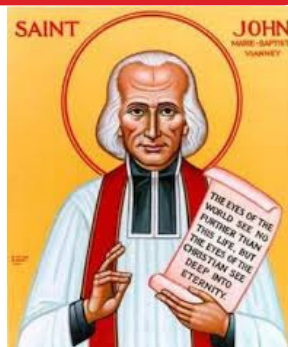
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

Send, O Lord, holy Apostles into your Church!



cateVoc A Catechism of Vocations

What must a youth do when faced by his future?

He must search to discover and live the vocation by which God calls him to fulfill a mission in this world.

Introduction:

In celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis continues to invite us to reflect upon the boundless mercy of God, made manifest in the very person of our Lord Jesus Christ. All of us have the vocation to become “merciful just as the Father is merciful.” We are called to radiate the loving mercy of the God who continues to welcome the wounded, the bruised, and all those who call for mercy. The recently released Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father *Amoris Laetitia* calls everyone to appreciate the vocation to family life, a timely word from our Pope amidst crisis in the family. This momentous event is further sustained by the upcoming 31st World Youth Day which will take place in Krakow, Poland, where young pilgrims around the world unite themselves both spiritually and physically to the event where the beatitude of mercy is celebrated and reflected. May these two providential encounters urge all of us to continue to pray for more holy vocations - vocations who are filled with God’s mercy that champions family, and brings young people in intimate contact with the mercy of God.

Entrance Hymn: *Tinapay ng Buhay*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*kneeling*);

Personal, Silent Adoration

Presider: The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy calls us to contemplate on God’s boundless mercy in the Passion of Jesus. Let us bring in this prayer our intentions for more holy vocations, which are manifestations of God’s mercy today.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles’ Creed...

Send, O Lord, holy Apostles into Your Church!

(The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy uses the beads of the Rosary. The whole Chaplet may be sung with an assembly.)

All (*replaces “Our Father” beads*): Eternal Father, I offer you, the body and the blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins, and those of the whole world.

All (*replaces “Hail Mary” beads*): For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

All (*after completing all the beads, repeat 3 times*): Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

All (*concluding prayer, repeat 3 times*): O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! Jesus, I trust in You.

Presider: Let us entrust to the Lord all pilgrims for the 31st World Youth Day, especially the young people. Let us spiritually unite ourselves with them, with the hope that new and holy vocations may spring forth from the encounter. Let us now pray the official prayer for the 31st World Youth Day (*page 1*).

Pause for Reflection and Meditation

Presider: Dear brothers and sisters, we have just celebrated the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Now we are called to listen to the Gospel, the Good News of mercy to all of us!

Alleluia / Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: *From the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (5:1-12)*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Homily (*by Priest or Deacon*), or **Brief Silence for Reflection** (*after a brief silence, any reflection song of choice*)

Community Prayer: *Please all kneel.*

Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Magdalene from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

(You may recite this prayer personally or as community, even outside the Eucharistic Adoration.)

Tantum Ergo / Benediction / Prayerful Silence after Benediction

Divine Praises for Vocations:

Blessed be God, Author of Vocations
Blessed be the Name of the Lord of the Harvest.
Blessed be Jesus Christ the Compassionate Lord
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart, the Merciful.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood, who washed our sins.
Blessed be Jesus in the Eucharist our spiritual food.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, Light of all those who are called.
Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary Mother of Vocations.
Blessed be her Immaculate Conception, the Model of all Priests.
Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother of all Missionaries.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption,
intercessor upon all the Candidates to the Consecrated life.
Blessed be St. Joseph, Protector of the Universal Church.
Blessed be God, in His Holy Apostles and Saints of the Church.

Recessional Hymn: *Pananagutan*



*"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few,
PRAY, therefore, the Lord of the harvest,
to send out laborers into his harvest."*

- Matthew 9:37-38 / Luke 10:2



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July 25-31 - World Youth Day 2016 (Krakow, Poland)

August 27 - Ordination to the Diaconate of the
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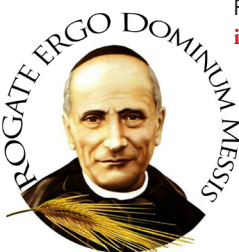
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