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FOR ALL
OCCASIONS

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A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Heavenly Father,
watch over our parish family
and help us to follow the example
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
as a model for our parish
and for all our families.

May Saint Joseph,
patron of the universal Church,
watch over our domestic church
and guide us in our decisions,
both great and small.

May Mary, model of the Church,
teach us true love,
help us become more virtuous,
guide us in our temporal affairs,
direct our spiritual well-being,
and intercede for us when all seems lost.

May Jesus, who gave us the Church
for our spiritual health and salvation,
hear us as we call out to him in prayer and
keep our parish family safe in his care,
protecting us from all evil,
both now and forever.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God of love,
grant me daily the graces I need
to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Help me to trust in your love
and to grow in greater fidelity
and friendship with you.

I thank you for the trust
you place in me
as steward of the various gifts
with which you have blessed me.

May your Holy Spirit guide me
as I renew my commitment
to place my time, talent, and treasure
at the service of others.

As I seek to become a more faithful witness
of the saving riches of your Son, Jesus,
grant me the generosity, wisdom, and insight
to live according to your holy will
in all I am and all I do.

This prayer I offer through Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

A CATECHIST'S PRAYER

God of endless charity,
look upon us in your kindness.
Shower us with your grace and love
as we seek to offer
the fullness of faith to your children,
our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May all who are called
to a deeper relationship with you
discover an abundance of joyful hope
as they seek to become your faithful disciples.

May our teaching apostolate
be that of helping to form and inform
those whom you beckon
to be counted among your chosen children.

May all our efforts,
after your example, Great Teacher,
help cultivate new disciples
who, in turn, may become
beacons of light and hope,
calling others to deeper faith and charity,
in imitation of you.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE

God of infinite love,
open wide our hearts and minds,
that we might be worthy advocates
for the voiceless and vulnerable.

Give us the courage of will
to remain vigilant to the unborn,
the generosity of heart
to offer support to the sick,
the constant desire
to be present to the elderly,
the abundance of love
to be committed to the disabled, and
the perseverance to seek and find
the lost and forgotten.

Lord and Giver of life,
in your love and mercy,
keep us safe in your care
as we strive to serve you.

May we always keep before us
the challenge to recognize
the face of Jesus
in all those we meet.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

A PRAYER TO HELP US CARRY OUR EARTHLY CROSSES

Good and gracious Father,
watch over us on our earthly pilgrimage
as we make our journey to you.

Bless us and all those who struggle
under the weight of a cross.
Make us worthy advocates and caregivers
for the voiceless and vulnerable.

Inspire us to embrace our crosses willingly.
May those who live with pain, disability, or
serious illness, or who feel misunderstood or betrayed,
use their suffering well by offering it in union
with your suffering on the cross at Calvary.

Instill within us the grace to embrace
our difficulties and hardships for love of you
and to invite others to do likewise.

Unite us to your Son, Jesus, through prayer
and sacrament, that we may cooperate
fully in your redemptive plan.

Use us in all ways, even in our suffering,
so that nothing is wasted but all is offered
for your greater honor and glory.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Jesus,
comforter of the afflicted,
watch over us always,
but especially in this,
our time of urgent need.

With total surrender to you
and your holy will,
we ask for your healing presence
to surround and penetrate
the body and spirit of our loved one.

Lord and Giver of Life,
as we trust in your mercy,
we recall the prayer
of your prophet Jeremiah:
“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved” (Jeremiah 17:14).

With similar conviction,
we echo the sentiments of your prophet
and of your Church’s prayer for healing.
With hearts overflowing with love for you,
we surrender ourselves to your prerogative
and ask only that you consider our sincere request,
first and foremost for your greater honor and glory.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

A HOUSE BLESSING

God of love,
watch over us, your children,
and keep us in your care.

May we be blessed and protected
by all your generous bounty,
in the safety and security of our home.

Bless our house with your grace
and protect all who live here.
As we seek each day
to make our house a better home,
be present to us in all ways.

May all good things abide with us
and all evil be abolished.
Never allow the devil or his minions
to enter our home.

May your blessing be extended
to all we meet
and to all places we visit.
Keep us safe, Lord, always.

We ask, as we do all good things,
through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Father, God of love, watch over our children.
Give them deep faith, abiding hope,
and everlasting love.

Jesus, Light of the universe,
shine forth your rays of truth
into the minds and hearts of our children.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
pour your divine love on our children,
that they may enjoy forever
the fruit of your affection.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

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