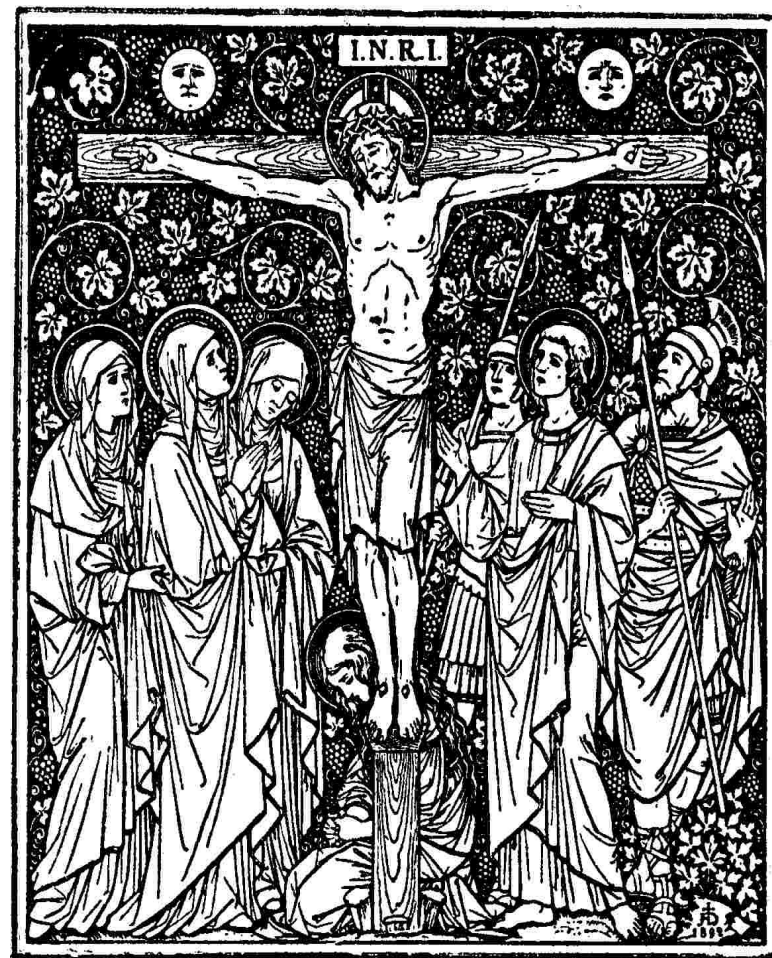


Prayer Service for an End to School Violence



Saint Patrick School, Maysville, KY

Diocese of Covington, KY

School Prayer Service

When all have gathered the Priest begins:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
R/. Amen.

The Priest continues:

O God, Creator of the world,
under whose governance the design for all the ages unfolds,
be attentive, we pray, to our petitions
and grant to our times tranquility and peace,
that we may exult with unceasing joy
in praise of your great mercy.
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.

[Brief Pause]

The Priest continues:

We are confident that God hears our prayers when we call upon
him and so we offer our petitions:

Lector I (Ben Gallenstein):

For Francis, our pope, Roger, our bishop,
and all the priests and religious of our diocese:
that they may help all people
find the peace that Christ alone can offer,
let pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

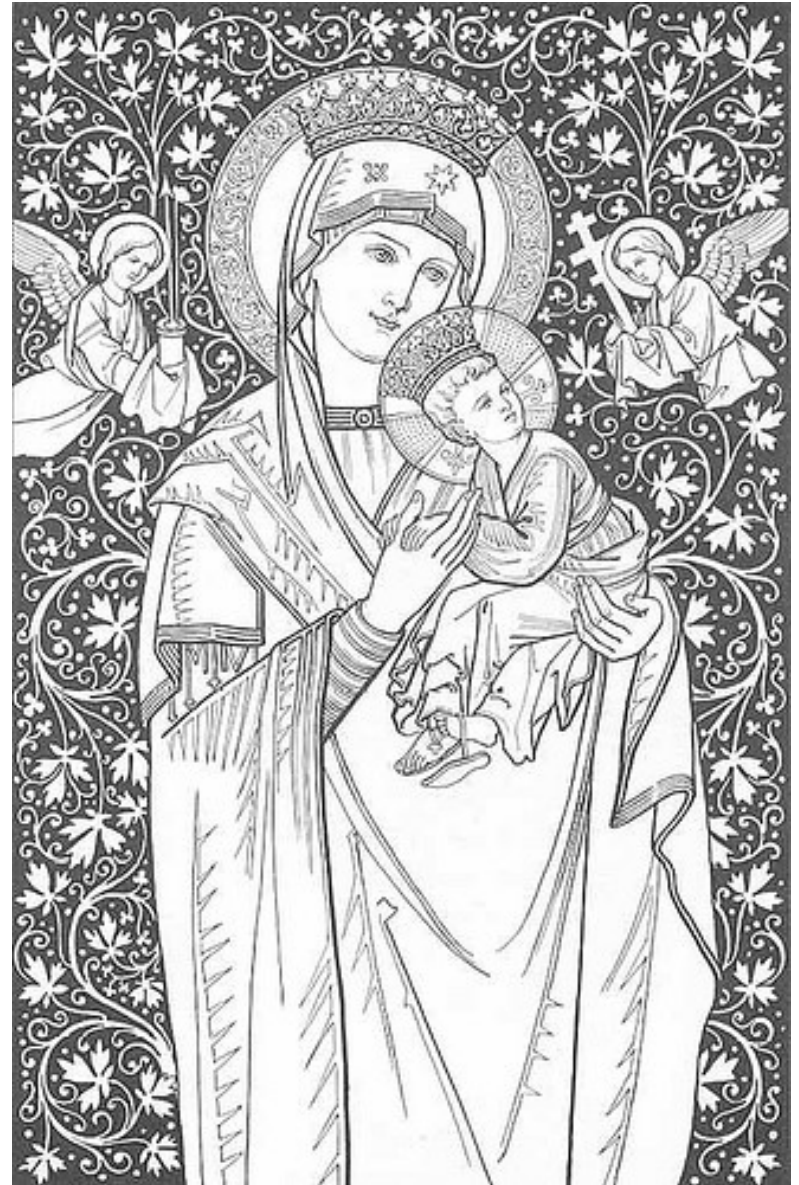
For those who serve us in public office:
that they may always act in accord with God's Law
and the dignity of the human person,
and so contribute to creating a culture of life within our society,
let pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our whole nation:
that it may become ever more a land of peace and tranquility,
so that all of us may serve God in freedom of heart,
let pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mirror of Justice and Queen of
Peace...**



Pray for us!

For all children:
that they will be safeguarded and supported
by those responsible for their care,
so that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ,
let pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those tempted to commit acts of unjust violence:
that Christ may remove all hatred from their hearts
and turn them back to Himself,
let pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have lost loved ones through acts of violence:
that they may find comfort and consolation
in the arms of Mary, the Queen of Peace,
let pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the souls of the faithful departed,
especially those whose lives were taken from them unjustly,
that, having shared in the Passion and Death of Christ,
they may now share in the new life and glory of His Resurrection,
let pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest concludes:

O God, Father of Mercies, we beg you to hear and answer the
prayers that we offer today. Through Christ our Lord.

[Brief Pause]

Priest continues:

Mary is the Mirror of Justice and the Queen of Peace. Let us turn
to her now and pray that our world may come to know true peace
through the grace of her Son.

Priest:

The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest:

Apostles' Creed

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 rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Everyone:

**R/. 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.**

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.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou amongst 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.**

Hail Mary...

Hail Mary...

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.**

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (x10)

Glory be to the Father...

O my Jesus...

[brief pause]

Priest:

Hail, Holy Queen

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 us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, Most holy Mother of God.

R/. That we made be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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.

Priest concludes the prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
R/. Amen



Whatever evils and sufferings we have to face in this life, let us pray that we may never lose sight of the joy that awaits us in Heaven and that we may always trust in the power of God's grace to bring us safely to Himself.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (x10)

Glory be to the Father...

O my Jesus...

[brief pause]

Lector V (Caleb Poczatek):

The Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. . . . She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. (Revelation 11:19 - 12: 1-2, 5)

[brief pause]

The Blessed Virgin Mary reigns forever as Queen of Heaven and Earth. From Heaven she continues to watch over the members of her Son's Body with a mother's love. Our Lady remains close to us at every moment of our lives and supports us in our trials by sharing with us the life and love of Christ her Son. Let us pray that we may always remember that we are not alone, but that all the saints and angels and even God Himself accompany us and support us as we make our journey through the difficulties of this life to the peace and joy of the new life to come.



Lector I (Ben Gallenstein):

The First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. (Matthew 28: 1-8)

[brief pause]

In His Resurrection, Jesus shows Himself to be victorious over the powers of sin and death. There is no evil that He cannot overcome. Let us pray that He may destroy the works of sin in our hearts and in our world, so that we may know the peace of being reconciled to God.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (x10)

Glory be to the Father...

O my Jesus, **forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy.**

[brief pause]



Lector II (Logan Kalb):

The Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

Jesus said to them: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” (Acts 1: 8-11)

[brief pause]

Through the Ascension of Jesus, our humanity is elevated to the heights of Heaven. He brings our nature with Him into divine glory. Every human person has dignity and nobility that can never be taken away, because they come from God Himself. Let us pray that all people in our society may recognize and respect the dignity of each and every human person.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (x10)

Glory be to the Father...

O my Jesus...

[brief pause]

Lector III (Anna Porter):

The Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,



but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2: 1-6, 38-41)

[brief pause]

The descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost strengthened the disciples to overcome their fear in order to go out and preach the Gospel to the whole world. Let us pray that God may give us the courage that we need in order to be witnesses to His love and mercy in our own world.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (x10)

Glory be to the Father...

O my Jesus...

[brief pause]

Lector IV (Evan Kalb):

The Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15: 20-26).

[brief pause]

At the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Where she has gone, we hope one day to follow. Our destiny is with God in Heaven.

