

## Spiritual Motherhood for Priests, Weekly Prayers

February 14, 2019

**Theme** based on Readings for

[Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time \(Year C\)](#) - February 17, 2019

*O Holy Spirit, give our priests the gift of fortitude!*

### Scripture Highlights:

#### Reading 1 - [Jer 17:5-8](#)

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

#### Responsorial - [Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6](#)

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

#### Reading 2 - [1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#)

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain...

**Gospel** - [Lk 6:17, 20-26](#) – “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.”

#### [The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions](#) for **February 2019**

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

#### [Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Prayer Partner Intentions](#)

**February 17** – We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and marriages that will foster love for the Church.

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Fr. Robert Banken, Fr. James Byrnes, Fr. Richard Creason, Fr. James Gahan and Fr. Frederick Meyer recuperating, Fr. Robert Heimos under hospice care, and Fr. Rickey Valleroy

## Priests of the St. Louis Archdiocese, for February 14-20, 2019

St. Louis Archdiocesan Priests (318) continued	127	Fr. Larry Huber
	128	Fr. John Jay Hughes (Ret)
	129	Fr. Joseph Jiang
	130	Fr. John Johnson (Ret)
	131	Fr. Scott Jones
	132	Msgr. Robert Jovanovic (Ret)
	133	Fr. Lijo Kallarackal
	134	Fr. Nicholas Kastenholz, J.C.L.
	135	Fr. Richard Kasznel (Ret)
	136	Fr. Dan Kavanagh
	137	Fr. John Keenoy
	138	Fr. Thomas Keller
	139	Fr. Joseph Kempf
	140	Fr. William Kempf
	141	Fr. William Kester (Ret)
	142	Fr. Thomas Kirchhoefer (VA Hosp chaplain FL)
	143	Fr. Gregory Kirsch (serving in CA)
	144	Fr. Gerald Kleba (Ret)
	145	Fr. Gregory Klump
	146	Msgr. Jeff Knight
	147	Fr. Robert Knight
	148	Fr. Urban Knoll (Ret)
	149	Fr. Francis Koeninger
	150	Fr. Thomas Kopfensteiner (serving in CO)
	151	Fr. John Kovalcin, Lt. Col. (USAF Chaplain)
	152	Fr. Philip Krahman, Liason to Senior Priests
	153	Fr. Philip Krill
	154	Fr. Eric Kunz
	155	Fr. Michael Lampe
	156	Fr. Robert Lampert (Ret)
	157	Fr. Robert Lane (Ret)
	158	Msgr. William Leach (Ret)
	159	Fr. Robert Leibrecht (Ret)
	160	Fr. Leo Lewis (Ret)
	161	Msgr. John Leykam
	162	Fr. Robert Liss (Ret)
163	Fr. Michael Lydon	
164	Fr. Jeffery Maassen	
165	Fr. Clark Maes	
166	Fr. Martin Mannion (Ret)	

[http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/tp/Prayers\\_February.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/tp/Prayers_February.htm)

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. **In February, it is the Holy Family**, the perfect example of family life for all Christians. In these prayers to the Holy Family, we meditate on the example of the Holy Family and ask the Holy Family to intercede on behalf of our families. Some or all of the following prayers to the Holy Family can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month.

**Invocation to the Holy Family**

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph most kind,  
Bless us now and in death's agony.

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**For the Protection of the Holy Family**

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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**In Honor of the Holy Family**

O God, Heavenly Father, it was part of Thine eternal decree that Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother, and His foster father, Saint Joseph. In Nazareth, home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament in Honor of the Holy Family**

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, faithfully to imitate the examples of Thy Holy Family, so that in the hour of our death, in the company of Thy glorious Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, we may deserve to be received by Thee into eternal tabernacles.

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**Consecration to the Holy Family**

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home in Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (three times each).

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**Daily Prayer Before a Picture of the Holy Family**

O most loving Jesus, Who by Thy surpassing virtues and the example of Thy home life didst hallow the household in which Thou didst choose to live while on earth, mercifully look down upon this family, whose members, humbly prostrate before Thee, implore Thy protection. Remember that we are Thine, bound and consecrated to Thee by a special devotion. Protect us in Thy mercy, deliver us from danger, help us in our necessities, and impart to us strength to persevere always in the imitation of Thy Holy Family, so that, by serving Thee and loving Thee faithfully during this mortal life, we may at length give Thee eternal praise in heaven.

O Mary, dearest Mother, we implore thy assistance, knowing that thy divine Son will hearken to thy petition.

And do thou, most glorious patriarch, St. Joseph, help us with thy powerful patronage, and place our petitions in Mary's hands, that she may offer them to Jesus Christ.

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## NOVENA - PRAY FOR STRENGTH, HUMILITY AND RESOLVE FOR OUR BISHOPS

The Apostolate of Spiritual Motherhood for Priests in St. Louis is asking you to **pray FEB. 13-21, 2019** for the **Pope's Summit of world-wide Catholic Church leaders meeting on Feb. 21-24** at the Vatican to address worldwide clerical abuse.

**Fr. Richard Heilman proposed the prayers below** on his website, Roman Catholic Man, last November as the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their annual Fall Assembly:

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**On each of the 9 days of this novena, offer the following:**

1. **Intention for Novena:** *“Grant our bishops the grace to be strong, to be willing to suffer, to be humble and to keep the course in their essential functions in the keeping of order in the Church through governing, teaching, and sanctifying.”*
2. Offer your **Daily Rosary** by concluding with the **Sacred Heart Novena Prayer**. (see next page)
3. **Sacred Heart Novena Prayer** (Padre Padre Pio’s “Secret Weapon Prayer”) ... In each of the places that ask for your intention, pray the Intention for this Novena above (#1).
4. Offer Sacrifice: Be resolved to combat your own personal demon(s) [repetitive sin(s) great or small], starting on Day 1 of this Novena. Offer up a specific sacrifice that matches your resolve to combat your own personal demon(s).

Then ask God ...

- Make me strong
- Give me the willingness to suffer
- Keep me humble
- Help me to keep the course

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger says if you do those four things, you will attain the crown of glory that St. Paul talks about:

*“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (1 Corinthians 9:25).*

## EXPLANATION OF THIS NOVENA

The **Rosary** keeps us closely tied to our Blessed Mother, as our great intercessor.

**Sacred Heart Novena Prayer** has been known to be very efficacious, especially as it was the “go to” prayer Padre Pio would use when anyone asked him for prayer (Padre Pio had tens of thousands of miracles associated with him).

**Resolve to Combat Demons:** Praying for others to be released from their demons begins with our resolve to combat our own demons. This “combat” is what makes us stronger and stronger spiritual warriors!

## WHY PRAY FOR STRENGTH, HUMILITY AND COURAGE FOR OUR BISHOPS?

On November 5, Msgr. Charles Pope (courageously) wrote an impassioned article entitled, [“A Cry of the Heart to Our Bishops: Please Restore Order to the Church!”](#) subtitled, “Our collective cowardice must be transformed into a clear, loving witness that is willing to endure the scorn of the world to reassert the truth of the Gospel.”

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I would add that, having just passed through a critical election, we saw only a handful of Bishops presenting clear Church teaching entering the election, especially with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in the balance. One can’t help but believe that historians will look back at the collective weight and influence of these bishops and say, for all intents and purposes, it was absent just as our culture had been handed over to the demons of sexual promiscuity (impurity), homosexuality and child sacrifice.

These demons are VERY strong! Prayer and sacrifice is much needed! I believe this novena is no small matter or just another novena. As Fr. Ripperger points out, in our lifetime, the “Five Generals of Satan” have been allowed in to our country, while our leadership failed to “stand in the gap and heal the breach.” The time is now to pray and offer sacrifices for supernatural strength for our bishops and all clergy, as we seek to exorcise these demons and implore God to heal our land!

## **Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

-- from St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

*(Padre Pio recited this novena every day for all those who requested his prayers.)*

**I.** O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... (here name your request)

Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father....  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.*

**II.** O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of.....(here name your request)

Our Father...Hail Mary....Glory Be To the Father....  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.*

**III.** O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of.....(here name your request)

Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father...  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Recite the Hail, Holy Queen and add:

*St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.*

*Heart of Jesus, rich unto all that call upon Thee, have mercy on us!*

*Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in Thee, have mercy on us!*

NOTE: This is what St. (Padre) Pio of Pietrelcina prayed when people asked him to pray for them.

<https://www.romancatholicman.com/padre-pios-secret-weapon-prayer-brought-thousands-miracles/>