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Catholic prayer for the United States on Independence Day



A short Catholic prayer for the United States as its citizens celebrate the 4th of July.

While the United States celebrates its independence on the 4th of July, it is important to pause for a moment and ask God to bless and protect this nation.

Here is a short prayer from the *Roman Missal* to pray for the United States on Independence Day.

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.

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
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By Dr. Cathleen McGreal

PARENTING: WAYS TO BRING YOUR KIDS BACK TO THE CHURCH

It is not uncommon to find parents worrying about a child who has strayed from the Church. Sons and daughters failing to recognize the

importance of God in their lives may be a major source of anxiety for parents. When parents desire the greatest good for their children, namely eternal salvation, they naturally ask, "What can we do to bring our child back to the Church?"

Reflecting on Scripture may provide insight into this matter. The Book of Revelation, with its extraordinary visions and descriptions of terror, often evokes fear, especially when we read of the judgment of the unfaithful. Among those who pondered these verses was the artist Holman Hunt. His painting, *The Light of the World*, was based on Revelation 3:21, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." The painting shows Jesus standing in a dark orchard, the only light coming from His lantern. He is knocking on a door overgrown with vines and weeds. The door evidently has been shut for a long time. Hunt intentionally did not paint a handle on the door saying that the door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside. More than 150 years after its creation, The Light of the World can help us sort out some of our concerns and worries.

Keep in mind that God is gentle.

It is difficult when a loved one isn't opening the door to Christ, but you can't force open the door to another person's heart.

Trust God to continue calling to your loved one.

This isn't a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. God yearns for the door to be opened. Remember how the shepherd sought out the lost sheep, rejoicing when it was found! (Luke 15:3-5)

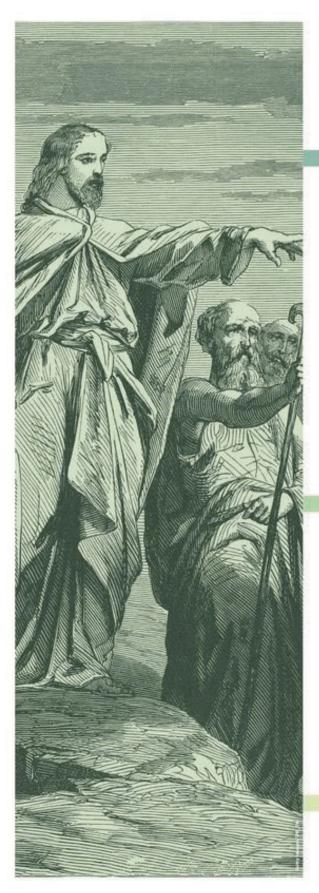
Accept God's timing.

As the Psalmist said, "All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you." (Ps 38:9)

Psychologists describe two styles of reacting to stress – problem-focused coping and emotion-focused coping. Sometimes, it is best to focus on a problem because direct action is needed. Worrying about the spiritual journey of a loved one, however, is more likely to involve emotion-focused coping, reviewing your own feelings toward the situation. Share your emotions with Christ and be renewed in the Eucharist. When you hear His voice, open your own heart and let His peace cast out all fears.

Dr. Cathleen McGreal- author of the "Parenting Journey" for 19 years. Cathleen has offered her expertise, pulling from her role as a professor at Hope College and Michigan State University. She's shared anecdotes and personal family stories with readers, who appreciate her knowledge and frankness while enjoying the gift of her writing.

Thoughts Worth Sharing



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Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

So what comes to mind when you imagine your dream road trip? A well-planned route with scenic stops, nice hotels, good restaurants and quirky sights along the way? Jesus may be my copilot, but given his words in today's Gospel I'm not sure I'd want him to be my travel agent! As he sends the 72 ahead of him, he gives them no illusions about the mission that lies ahead: "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." Settle for the first house that welcomes you, regardless of the amenities. Eat and drink whatever they offer. Give those you encounter a greeting of peace and remind them the kingdom of God is at hand. As always, Jesus gives these travelers all they will need to share the Good News with others. They return rejoicing! The early disciples refute my "travel agent" doubts, as they show us by example to place our trust in God and take nothing for the journey except our faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we can rest assured that our "names are written in heaven."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm a planner. When we went to Disney World, my sons split off from me after I unveiled an app that would show us exactly which ride or attraction to hit based on crowd numbers, time of day and other variables. I loved that app! So had I been one of the 72 we read about today appointed by Jesus to spread the Gospel in pairs, hopefully my companion would not have abandoned me because of my insistence on planning. Ultimately, our journey of faith – as we share it with others and walk toward the kingdom ourselves – is not something we can choreograph. The more we plan and the more baggage we carry, the less likely we are to hear God's voice cutting through the noise. By stripping away the nonessentials, we can place our trust in the Lord, who will show us the right path. When we place our lives in the service of the Lord, the harvest will be abundant.

PRAY Many U.S. dioceses will be welcoming newly ordained priests this month. Pray for them as they begin their ministry, and pray for more vocations.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, July 3, The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Alan Harman (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Monday, July 4, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Tuesday, July 5, Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest

8:00 a.m. Vince Heffern (Dec)

Wednesday, July 6, Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Lucia Daniele (Dec)

Friday, July 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. The Forteau Family (Liv & Dec)

Saturday, July 9, Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong,

Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Phil Roach (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, July 10, The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Phil Roach (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

07/03 • Rev. Ralph D'Elia

07/04 • Rev. Jose Glenn Diaz

07/05 • Rev. Connor Penn

07/06 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

07/07 • Rev. Gary Dowsey

07/08 • Andrew Zsebedics, Seminarian

07/09 • Rev. Dermot J. Dunne

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Trinity Conference



Our Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Conference, a 501(C)3 organization, provides assistance to families in need in our local area and we are looking to add additional members who can assist in performing this mission

Visiting the needy enables us to grow spiritually, and to share the good news that God loves them. He provides assistance through our parishioners, whose donations make it possible for us to help with utility bills. We also provide help with furniture and clothing vouchers for the local SVDP thrift store. At Christmas time we sponsor the Angel Giving Tree for families we have assisted during the year.

We thank our parishioners for their generous spirit by using the monthly SVDP envelopes and our Poor Box in the back of the church. Your contributions are a blessing as the hot weather season makes it especially difficult for the poor.

If you would like to learn more about what we do and how you can assist, please call Pat Gallen at 727 867 2754.

Thank you and God Bless you.



Collection Ministry Reminder

Please refrain from stapling or taping your offertory envelopes closed.

Thank you!

Ushers Help Urgently Needed

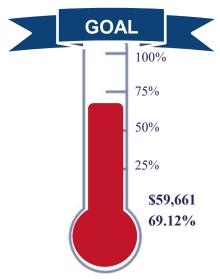


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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

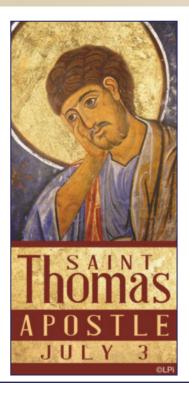
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Independence Day

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. ~Luke 4: 18-19



Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

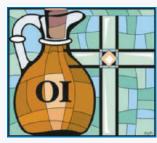
God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe, vou have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey your command. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us. May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Arnold, Barbara Bestow, Shawn Boss, Kristin Brown, Bob & Beverly Brown, Buck Brown III, George Brown, Shaquita Cary, Joan Chavez, John Christ, Kathryn Comeau, Teresa Daniels, Joshua Deacon Lionel Roberts Detore, Alice Devyn & Donna DeZarn, Vickie Doiron, Gary Doyle, Maureen Feltes, Chuck & Lauren Ferrara, Antoinette Fitzgerald, Dan Forbes, Monica & Tom Fr. Jim Klima Garcia, Jose M. Gaskin, Douglas Genereux, Carol Gregg, Joan Griffin, Lynda Butler Grimberg, Carol

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