

**Eucharistic Catholic Church
Prayer Circle for the Month of May 2019
Month of the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary**



“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf.”
(Job 42: 8)

Mary and Our Spiritual Life

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The following practices are offered as suggestions for honoring Our Lady during Her month.



The Regina Coeli

The ecclesial community addresses this antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son. It adverts to, and depends on, the invitation to joy addressed by Gabriel to the Lord's humble servant who was called to become the Mother of the saving Messiah.



The Rosary

Also called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God.



Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary

These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.



Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

We frequently express appreciation for the pious practice of "consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

Louis Grignon de Montfort is one of the great masters of the spirituality underlying the act of "consecration to Mary". He "proposed to the faithful consecration to Jesus through Mary, as an effective way of living out their baptismal commitment."



The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.



Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection.

The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."



The "Akathistos" Hymn

In the Byzantine tradition, one of the oldest and most revered expressions of Marian devotion is the hymn of the "Akathistos" — meaning the hymn sung while standing. It is a literary and theological masterpiece, encapsulating in the form of a prayer, the universally held Marian belief of the primitive Church.

Excepted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

The petitions included in the Monthly Prayer Circle are placed on our Altars and included daily at Divine Office, Rosary and Mass throughout the month.

Please join us in praying for the following intentions:

Church Monthly Cycle:

- + For Padre Humberto, O.F.A. and Sister Kirenia, O.F.A and our San Pablo Mission in Cuba.

From Archbishop Roger, O.F.A.:

- + That this month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary may give us the graces of renewed or more fervent devotion to the Mother of God and our mother.
- + For all mothers as we celebrate Mothers' Day on May 12.
- + For a happy retirement for my sister Shirley who retires this month after 42 years of work with the same employer.
- + For reparation for sins committed against the Eucharistic Christ.
- + For aid to all migrants and refugees displaced by conflict, global warming and hardship.
- + For humanitarian aid workers, for due recognition, fortitude and perseverance.
- + For atonement of sins committed against aboriginal peoples, and for reconciliation.
- + For peace in all places of global conflict, that hearts bent on violence and power may be converted.
- + For the homeless and the poorly housed.
- + For an end to violence against women.
- + For Father Joseph Collins, a traditional Catholic priest based in Glenmont, N.Y., who has been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer, a condition generally regarded as incurable.
- + For all who are suffering, especially those who live with chronic pain.
- + For Mark, special intentions.
- + For generous benefactors to help us make Msgr Joseph's episcopal consecration happen.
- + For our clergy and religious, for dedication, perseverance and growth in faith and apostolic witness.
- + For our Franciscan novices and our seminarians, for dedication in their studies and devotion in their spiritual lives.
- + For vocations to our Church and the Franciscans of the Annunciation.
- + For generous benefactors to our Church.
- + For meaningful, collaborative relationships leading to increased unity among autocephalous Catholic Churches' bishops, clergy, religious and members.
- + For all former members of our Church.
- + For all persecuted Christians.

From Mother Silvia, O.F.A.:

- + For physical, emotional and spiritual adjustments to living in a totally new state and city that is exceedingly poor—more than some Global South countries,

- + For the position that has been offered and where God has called me effective June 1, 2019 as a Farmers Insurance Protégé Program.
- + For the humility to enter into this position humbly seeking knowledge about an industry I know very little about other than as a buyer.
- + For the Lord's wisdom and guidance as I continue my MBA, Insurance, New Mexico's Cultural studies.
- + For the two exams I take this month to obtain my insurance license in the State of New Mexico.
- + For a special person in my life who seeking to serve on corporate boards as an Advisor.
- + For my granddaughter, Kima, as she makes plans for her life.
- + For Kalia as she continues to develop her life plans.
- + For my Cuban friends and acquaintances.
- + For those working to make a Peace Sanctuary in the Arctic.
- + For Jorge who is experiencing multiple health issues in Cuba.
- + For John G and for faith for his wife Sylvia C, and children Gabriella, Sean and Garrett.
- + For those experiencing mental health issues especially PTSD, complex trauma, complex grief.
- + For my own health.
- + For Andre who needs a full-time job.
- + For Dean and his business plans.
- + For greater unity and community in our church.
- + For the abolition of human trafficking and child labour laws.
- + For all peacemaker teams in places of conflict, wars, oppression and violation of human rights.
- + For all orphans in Africa.
- + For our church family in Cameroon.
- + For Gene (age 19) awaiting trial for murder that God will have mercy on him
- + For Father Humberto and Sister Kirenia's church ministry in Cuba.
- + For Jackie's ongoing recuperation.
- + In thanksgiving for my son's generosity and his wife's support.
- + In thanksgiving for a special relationship in my life.
- + In thanksgiving for all those who support me through prayers.
- + In thanksgiving for all those who support me through caring and encouragement.
- + In thanksgiving for Abp. Roger, Debbie and my medical care team.
- + In thanksgiving for Zulema, Yilsin, Karol and family.
- + In thanksgiving for Mabel and Paul and their generosity.
- + In thanksgiving for Skip and his ongoing prayers, spiritual and emotional support.
- + In thanksgiving for all who have supported me during a very difficult time in my life.

From Msgr. Joseph, O.F.A.:

- + Pour la paix au Cameroun.
- + Pour le Diocèse et ses grands projets au Cameroun.
- + Pour l'ordination épiscopale de Msgr Joseph METONGO EBA pour la bonne marche du Diocèse.

- + Nous demandons vos prières pour le Parrainage de nos Orphelins pour, l'école, pour la santé, nourriture et bien d'autres.
- + Pour notre cher Primat Mgr Roger, la Mère Sylvia, les prêtres, les frères, nos fidèles chrétiens et nos bienfaiteurs à qui je dis un GRAND MERCI pour ce que vous donnez à nos Orphelins et la Mission.

From Padre Humberto, O.F.A.:

- + Por nuevas vocaciones a la Orden y al ministerio ordenado en Cuba.
- + Por la renovación de toda la Iglesia.
- + Por la paz y la reconciliación entre los seres humanos y vuelvan su rostro a Cristo el dador o Príncipe de Paz.
- + Por nuestro Primado Arzobispo Roger LaRade y la Madre Silvia.

From Father Tomás, O.F.A.:

- + For my family in Spain and Canada. Thank you to every one of you for praying for me. Fr. Tomás.

From Friar Paul O.F.A.

- + Please offer prayers for pipe-organ-builder Jay Mitchell from Kennesaw, Georgia who has emphysema.

From Friar Pete, O.F.A.:

- + For continuity in my employment, special intentions as per last month.
- + Special intentions for Roger, Karen, David, Dan.
- + Special intentions for my Aunt Lorraine who fell and broke her hip.
- + Special intentions for me as I look for new and stable employment.
- + For all religious, seminarians, and fellow Independent/Old Catholics.

From Friar Adrian Seán, O.F.A.:

- + For all animals, who are lonely, frightened or in pain.
- + For our seminarians, especially for myself and Peter.
- + For the most forgotten souls in Purgatory.
- + For those people, most abandoned and who have no one to care for them or pray for them.
- + For peace in the souls of all who have been wounded and injured by the institutional church, when it has taken its eyes off Jesus, specifically including but not limited to, women in general and those with vocations to ordained ministry, gay people, members of various racial groups and those living with disabilities.
- + For Sam and her family.
- + For the repose of the soul of Steven M., an estranged friend whose death three years ago, I only learned about recently.

From Friar Anthon, O.F.A.:

- + For Most Revd. Roger, for growing our Church and spiritual prosperity.

- + For my family , special request for power to struggle against all circumstances and an iniquity i faced daily due to surrounding environment.
- + For Yuji, Shono, Geoffrey,John, Imre, for beautiful soulmates I have met and still not.
- + Special intention for Mr.Silvia -- Lord I urge to hear my prayers
- + For Darren in his crisis.
- + Divine Providence in protecting Christians.
- + For wisdom and resistance against temptation.