

PRAYER GROUP – 1st FEBRUARY, 2021

First Monday of the Month

Suggested format for remote prayer session

We place ourselves in the presence of God: "In the name of the Father,"

2. We give thanks for our faith and for the many blessings and graces we have received.

3. **Act of Penance:** Reflect on our sins ("I confess..."). Ask for God's mercy and forgiveness and follow with an Act of Contrition.

4. **Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

5. **Gospel Reading** of the Day: from the Gospel of St Luke (see *Magnificat for Monday, 1st February 2021, p. 29*).

6. **Prayer List:** We pray for all the sick, especially Fr Stefan Hnylycia, Mary Baffoni, Christine & Danny Duff & Anthony McDonagh as well as all those suffering from COVID-19:

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.

We pray for all those who have died recently: Fr. Richard Stork. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY:

We pray for all those working in the NHS, as well as those working on the COVID-19 vaccine and its rapid distribution programme: LORD IN YOUR MERCY,

7. **The Year of St Joseph - 2021:** It has been suggested that we recite the Litany of St Joseph:

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Mary,

Saint Joseph,...

Noble son of the House of David,...

Light of patriarchs,...

Husband of the Mother of God,...

Guardian of the Virgin,...

Foster father of the Son of God,...

Faithful guardian of Christ,...

Head of the Holy Family,...

Joseph, chaste and just, ...

Joseph, prudent and brave, ...

Joseph, obedient and loyal, ...

Pattern of patience, ,...

Lover of poverty, ...

Model of workers, ,...

Example to parents, ...

Guardian of virgins, ...

Pillar of family life, ...

Comfort of the troubled, ...

Hope of the sick, ...

Patron of the dying, ...

Terror of evil spirits, ...

Protector of the Church, ...

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

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V. God made him master of his household

R. And put him in charge of all that he owned.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your son.

As we enjoy his protection on hearth, may we have the help of his prayers in Heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy

Have mercy on us

Pray for us

Spare us, O Lord

Graciously hear us, O Lord

Have mercy on us.

8. **Prayer for Priests.**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your work and to act in your name.

For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church.

Since they are earthly vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned.

Inspire them each day to live the mystery of your dying and rising.

In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken hearted.

And may the gift of Mary your mother, to the disciple you loved, be your gift to every priest.

Grant that she, who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God our Father. Amen.

9. **Prayer to St Michael.**

St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

10. ***Nunc Dimittus.***

*At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace,
according to your promise.*

*For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations,
a light to enlighten the Gentiles and to give glory to Israel, your people.*

Glory be to the Father Amen.