

Call to Prayer Marriage Intentions for 2016

January 1

- Mary, Mother of God, we place our country in your hands. Through your intercession, may our religious freedoms be protected.

January 8

- In this new year, may we recommit ourselves to treating each person with respect and love.

January 15 (National Religious Freedom Day)

- May we always be free to serve Christ by serving the poor and vulnerable.

January 22

- May participants' witness at the March for Life & similar events inspire hope, healing & the assurance that every life is worth living.

January 29

- May engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage with hearts open to the Holy Spirit.

February 5

- May every mother & father receive their child as a gift and sign of God's love.

February 12

- May all husbands and wives renew their commitment to love in good times and in bad.

February 19

- May our government officials protect the religious freedom of all with courage and integrity.

February 26

- May society recognize and uphold the importance of mothers and fathers for children.

March 4

- May we live out Christ's words in today's Gospel calling us to "love your neighbor as yourself".

March 11

- We pray for an end to domestic violence & all forms of abuse.

March 18 (St. Joseph, husband of Mary)

- For all husbands, may they imitate St. Joseph, Mary's spouse.

March 25 (Good Friday)

- May we remember the Lord's loving sacrifice for us on the Cross and trust in his mercy.

April 1

- May those who mourn the loss of a child through abortion know the mercy & healing love of Jesus.

April 8:

- May single people be loved, welcomed and appreciated by their families and communities.

April 15

- May children experience God's tender love through their parents and family.

April 22

- May we persevere in defending the freedom of all people of faith to contribute to the common good.

April 29

- May those who long for a child be filled with trust in God's loving plan.

May 6 (Mother's Day)

- May all mothers be honored by their families.

May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)

- May those undergoing religious persecution have peace through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

May 20 (Trinity Sunday)

- May the true understanding of marriage as between one man and one woman be restored to our culture.

May 27

- May those approaching the end of life receive care that protects & respects their lives.

June 3 (Sacred Heart of Jesus)

- May the mercy of Jesus' Sacred Heart strengthen us to nurture true freedom in our communities.

June 10

- We pray through the intercession of the Blessed Mother that God will provide for the needs of all expectant parents.

June 17 (Father's Day)

- May all men embrace and live out their fatherhood with courage and faith.

June 24 (Birth of St. John the Baptist)

- May we recall the ministry of St. John the Baptist and the promises of our own baptism.

July 1 (St. Junipero Serra)

- Through the intercession of St. Junipero Serra, may we continue to enjoy the freedom to share the gospel with all.

July 8

- May our daily words & actions reflect & witness to the respect due to each person and the gift of his or her life.

July 15

- May the intercession of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel strengthen us to persist in our prayers for religious freedom.

July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)

- May all women who seek holiness draw close to St. Mary Magdalene.

July 29

- May those in prison and their families know the healing power of forgiveness.

August 5

- May every married couple practice mercy with one another.

August 12 (St. Jane de Chantal)

- Through the intercession of St. Jane de Chantal, may we find true freedom in giving ourselves wholly to God.

August 19

- May all persons with disabilities be welcomed, loved & respected.

August 26 (St. Augustine & St. Monica)

- May every parent who prays for a wayward child have confidence in God's timing.

September 2

- May the death penalty in the United States come to an end.

September 9

- May the mercy of the Lord Jesus direct our hearts and all nations.

September 16

- May we recall Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and be given strength to bear our burdens.

September 23 (St. Padre Pio)

- May the freedom of conscience of all people of faith be upheld.

September 30

- May we, with the guidance and protection of our guardian angels, treat each person with dignity.

October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

- May we deepen our relationship with Mary by praying the Rosary, learning from her joyful response to God.

October 14 (St. Margaret Mary)

- May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be honored in every home.

October 21

- May Christ's merciful love move us to share in word & action the joyful truth that every life is worth living.

October 28 (SS Simon and Jude)

- May we, through the intercession of Ss. Simon & Jude, turn to the Lord in times of need.

November 4

- May those in our country who are suffering discrimination because of their faith receive the just protection of the law.

November 11

- May young people overcome fear in order to give their lives in love.

November 18 (Christ the King)

- May we bear witness to Christ, our King, in word and in deed.

November 25

- In preparation for Advent, may we joyfully await the birth of our Savior and grow closer to him during this season.

December 2

- May all grandparents be honored and appreciated as the memory of the family.

December 9 (St. Juan Diego)

- We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe that all unborn children be welcomed, cherished & protected.

December 16

- May all followers of Jesus Christ recognize their responsibility to foster peace on earth through their witness.

December 23 (Christmas)

- May families experience peace and joy as they celebrate the Birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.