

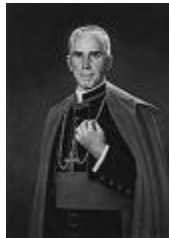
HELPERS OF GOD'S  
PRECIOUS  
INFANTS



“LET THE CHILDREN  
COME TO ME.”

This prayer book is dedicated to the men, women and youth who stand in the streets to pray and intercede for God's Precious Infants.

Despite the bitter cold, blistering heat, snow, sleet, rain and winds, they intercede as Helpers of God's Precious Infants because they believe that saving just one baby is worth any sacrifice!



Prayer of Bishop Fulton Sheen

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.



Msgr. Philip Reilly

*The prayers and devotions contained in this handbook are copied from the original prayer book of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants. The statements on the mission, purpose and spirit of the Helpers come from the writings and homilies of Monsignor Philip Reilly, Executive Director of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.*

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## PRAYER AT THE ABORTION FACILITY

The Sign of the CrossPreparatory Prayer

Eternal Father, Author of all life, I know that at this very moment a precious pre-born human life in the womb of his mother is in danger of a horrendous death. At this moment, Jesus, I am physically present at the scene to give a witness of your love for this tiny being you knit so wonderfully in his mother's womb. I wish to present my spiritual self here and, with heartfelt prayers and supplications, to send Heaven-bound all pleas and urgings that your Spirit rouse hearts to change and stop the killing of these your precious infants.

Lord, I offer as a sacrifice all my labors, thoughts, prayers, inconveniences, sufferings and pains of this day to prevent a precious life from being denied the right to see the light of your day. I offer myself with all the sacrifices of the Holy Masses, which are ascending right now to your holy throne, and with all those who are speaking right now to Jesus in the Eucharist on behalf of the pre-born, in the hope that even one precious infant's life might be saved, that one might hold her child the day of his or her birth, that one father might carry his offspring even as your Son Jesus Christ was carried by his earthly father.

Precious infant in the womb, hear my longings and remember that God our Father said that even should a mother forget her infant, He will never forget you (Isaiah 49:15). I, too, united with my prayers and fastings this day with all your spiritual mothers and fathers who either right now are in your physical presence or who are in their homes, workplaces or wherever duty calls. I join also with unutterable urgings of the Holy Spirit that labors for your birth.

Remember, too, God's precious infant, that even as Rachel mourned her children who were no more (Jeremiah 31:15-17), we mourn and hope that the Mother of All Mothers, Mary our Mother, will turn these tears into a hope that no precious infant of God like yourself will have his or her life taken this day so violently.

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of us all, protect God's precious infants and intercede for them and for us, spiritual supporters, who pray and sacrifice daily for their lives, especially for those who at this very moment are in danger.

Finally, we pray that God forgives those mothers and fathers who this very day may make the tragic mistake and end the life of their children. But more so, God, we pray that this tragic mistake not be made.

I offer these prayers to you, my Holy Father, through the merits of Your Son, Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

And now I continue my prayer vigil at this site of death by offering the prayer of spiritual adoption by Bishop Fulton Sheen.

**Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.**

### Who are the Helpers of God's Precious Infants?

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants is an organization established in New York in October 1989, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Under the direction of its Executive Director, Monsignor Philip J. Reilly, the goal of the Helpers is to establish at every site where the unborn are unjustly killed a presence of pure prayer so that a woman seeking an abortion can really hear a compassionate offer of help from a sidewalk counselor.

While the focus is on prayer, *designated sidewalk counselors* speak gently to women entering the facility, offering literature which contains available true help. In this way the Helpers create an occasion for God's grace to work. And God, for his part, does take advantage of the opportunity.

### Are the Helpers of God's Precious Infants found only in Brooklyn, New York?

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants is an international ministry. The Helpers are committed to maintaining a loving and prayerful presence outside of the abortion mills where God's precious infants are put to death.

### Where do the Helpers gather in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis?

On the third Saturday of every month, Helpers currently gather at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th Street in Indianapolis. The vigil begins with Mass at 8:30 in the morning. Each month a different priest is invited to celebrate the Mass and lead the Helpers in prayer at the abortion facility on West 16th Street.

Following the celebration of the Mass, the priest exposes the Blessed Sacrament in Church for adoration. Some of the faithful remain in Church to pray while others drive to the abortion facility nearby. At the abortion facility, the priest leads the Helpers in praying the preparatory pray and the rosary contained in this manual.

The Helpers are not alone in their prayers. Ideally, they should have partners in prayer during the vigil who are elderly, sick and shut-ins. These men and women join their prayers and sacrifices for the sake of God's precious infants and for the conversion of souls.

Helpers may establish new sites throughout the archdiocese at the various abortion facilities. A contact person for the group should be in communication with Sister Diane in the Pro-Life Office about the group's activities. The handbook should be used to form Helpers spiritually and practically for their ministry. There is additional training for sidewalk counselors whose role is distinct from those who are the prayerful supporters.

### What do the Helpers do at the abortion mill?

Just as Mary and John lovingly stood and prayed beneath Jesus' Cross as He died, the Helpers of God's Precious Infants remain with these children during their hour of death. They unite themselves with these victims in solidarity with their pain, as they are put to death at this modern day Calvary. They pray in reparation for the injustice of abortion. These unborn babies dying today are intricately connected with the sufferings and death of Our Savior. There is a bond here that must not be overlooked.

The presence of the Helpers at the death scene is the final intervention for the parents who were not moved by all the political, educational, and other equally important and necessary efforts of the pro-life movement. **Thus, the Helpers view their presence at the killing centers as the place where God wants them to be - the Calvary where Christ is being re-crucified today in our midst. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Mt 25.40**

### What is the Helpers approach?

The Helpers go to Calvary with the mindset of Jesus, with an attitude of love, with intent to save souls. They pray to obtain God's mercy for the conversion of the abortionists and their staff who do the killing. Their message to the abortionists and all who help them to kill God's children is that, though they love them, they will never accept what they do. Their presence disturbs the consciences of the abortion mill's staff. It should not be pleasant to get up in the morning with the intent to destroy children. They should have to confront God each time they start their day.

### Should there be a demonstration at the abortion mill?

The Helpers witness outside the abortion facility tells their neighbors and all who pass by, that abortion is an unacceptable practice. In order for their witness to be successful, it cannot in any way, shape or form be a demonstration, confrontation or protest; nor perceived as such by anyone in sight. No individual should parade around carrying signs or appearing to be leading a demonstration. Some signs may be strategically placed that speak to the sanctity and dignity of human life. To be avoided are political signs, disparaging signs that insult or demean the mothers and fathers entering the facility.

Helpers believe it is essential that our witness be peaceful, prayerful and constant. No scorn, abuse or picketing – because scorn and ridicule close off a channel of grace to the very people who need it the most; the mother seeking the abortion and the abortionist who performs it.

### What is the mission of the Helpers?

The mission of the Helpers is to give public witness employing **true gentleness that requires incredible strength.** It calls for selfless love and sacrifice. The way of Christ is to use the overwhelming power of love. The Helpers must go to those promoting the Culture of Death and let them see in them the face of Christ. The people who are in darkness must see a light. **They must see love – not anger and confrontation.** God prizes their souls as highly as each of ours. He shed his blood that they might be saved. No one has ever been won over by abuse and scorn.

Helpers **plead** for the lives of the babies being carried in by their mothers who have scheduled appointments to have them killed that day. They encourage each mother to change her mind. They reach out to her with the love of Christ; they do not judge nor condemn her for what she is planning to do. They simply promise support and assistance if she should change her mind, and prayers for healing and conversion if she should proceed with the killing of her child.

Most of all, the Helpers love the unborn children who are brought there that day. These children have been rejected by their parents, and are doomed to die. Through their love, prayers and the efforts of the sidewalk counselors, many mothers will be converted and give life to their babies. But for those babies who will die, they offer the only human love they may ever encounter in their short lives.

In Mother Theresa's homes for the dying, there is the mission of giving human love to the poorest of the poor who are dying abandoned by all. They pick up discarded people from the streets and care for them, so that they will not die without ever having experienced the love of Christ. This is what the Helpers of God's Precious Infants do for the little ones in the wombs of their mothers. They recognize them as our brothers and sisters, welcoming them into the human family. They embrace them spiritually. **They stand with them when they die.**

No one wants to be alone when they die. When our loved ones lay dying in intensive care units, we keep constant watch. Many prayers are said outside of the dying person's room. Even Jesus did not want to be alone before He died. He asked His apostles to watch with Him in prayer throughout the night. The loving presence of the Helpers for the children at the hour of their death comforts the Heart of God because they belong to Him.

Helpers also hope for themselves to become closer to God through experiencing the mystery of his Cross. They deny themselves comfort, and go to experience what Calvary is like. They more clearly realize Christ's personal love for each one of us, and know the joy of having responded to His call. They offer prayer and penances, and abandon all to God. They see that it is God's power and love, which overcomes the evil of abortion and softens the hearts of those who participate. It is the road of relying purely on the power of God's grace to convert hearts. It is the road of allowing oneself to be a channel of his Grace by one's presence and witness.

What else is not permitted at the site?

**No discussion at all is permitted. It is essential that the women arriving for an abortion see people in prayer.**

Only the sidewalk counselors may speak. They are the ones who will approach the mothers as they make their way to the abortion mill. They will ask the mother to reconsider her decision as they try to present the truth to her. They reach out with love, promising the support and assistance that is available. The mother will be provided with literature to inform her about all the help that is available. The counselor will also talk to the father of the baby. If the mother decides to go in to see the abortionist anyway, she will be reminded that the Helpers will pray for her and be outside waiting if she, like others before her, changes her mind while she is inside and comes back out again.

### Why is prayer so important in the Helpers ministry?

The Helpers who come to the abortion mill carry on a most important spiritual battle as they stand outside the mill. **They pray in a spirit of reparation for their own sins, the sin of abortion, and particularly for the deaths that will occur that day.** They pray for the women going into the abortion mill, for the abortionists and their staff, for the neighboring community, for the legislators, for the religious leaders of the nation, and for all who, through indifference, do nothing to try to stop abortion.

Those who stand in prayer provide spiritual and moral support for the sidewalk counselors. They are essential. Before a mother is able to physically abort her child, a 'spiritual abortion' must take place within her heart. By the time she arrives at the abortion mill, she will have already rejected her child. This 'spiritual abortion' must be overcome by spiritual means before the mother can change her mind about the physical abortion. By their sacrifice and prayer those who pray obtain the grace of God that is needed to reverse the 'spiritual abortion' while at the same time the sidewalk counselors are working to prevent the physical abortion of the child.

Those who pray are also there to give a personal love to God's infants who will die that day. Just as John the Baptist was able to leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb because he was aware of the presence of the love of Jesus and Mary (remember that it was at the sound of Mary's voice that he leapt in his mother's womb), so also will the babies joyfully leap in their mothers' wombs when they hear the voices of the Helpers who pray for them in love.

### What are the results of the Helpers ministry?

Thousands of innocent human lives have been saved since 1989 throughout the world and are continually saved today worldwide. Thousands of women who contemplated abortion have experienced religious conversions and spared the lives of the children. Even those who have yielded to the temptation to abort have experienced conversions because of the ministry of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

All the spiritual fruits of this life-saving ministry will not be known on this side of eternity. However, in the life to come, we will discover the number of children spared from abortion, and the number of souls that were actually saved because of the intercession of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

### Do you want to be Helper?

If you can identify with the mission of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, join us every third Saturday for Pro-Life Mass at St. Michael Church, and prayerfully stand as a witness for life at the local abortion facility.

You may also search for like-minded individuals who will pray with you at any local abortion facility on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Use this manual to keep the spirit and mission of the Helpers intact.

To learn more about Sidewalk Counseling, and to see if this ministry is for you, contact Sister Diane at 317-236-1521.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Our Father**

- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **The Hail Mary**

- Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory be to the Father**

- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Fatima Prayer**

- O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

### **At the Abortion facility**

**Sing: "Immaculate Mary"**

**Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;  
You reign now with Christ, our Redeemer and King.**

**Refrain: Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave Maria!**

**In heaven, the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we your children, invoke your fair name.**



## THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

**The Annunciation — Let us pray for those mothers considering abortion, that they may learn from Mary's humility and courage, to say yes to life for their children.**

**The Visitation — Let us pray that like Mary, we may go quickly to support pregnant women.**

**The Nativity — Let us pray for those who mistakenly advocate abortion, who wrongly believe it is a cure for poverty and hunger, that they may learn to trust in God's Providence.**

**The Presentation — Let us pray that all children be allowed to be born, baptized and dedicated to the Lord.**

**The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple — Let us pray that our spiritual and political leaders will be fearless in proclaiming the primacy of the Laws of God.**

**Hymn:**

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see!**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And Grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come.  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**

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## THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

**The Agony in the Garden — Let us pray for those who assist pregnant women in their time of fear and loneliness.**

**The Scourging at the Pillar — Let us pray for parents who welcome new life in spite of hardship.**

**The Crowing with Thorns — Let us pray for people who are suffering from the trauma of abortion.**

**The Carrying of the Cross — Let us pray for parents who love and care for God's exceptional children, sick and handicapped babies.**

**The Crucifixion — Let us pray for the souls of our pre-born brothers and sisters who have died and will die in this chamber of death.**

**Hymn:           Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

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## THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

**The Resurrection — Let us pray that the doctors and nurses who use their skill to kill instead of heal will repent and return to the service of the sick.**

**The Ascension — Let us pray that the efforts of all those involved in Pro-Life activities may be pleasing to God.**

**The Descent of the Holy Spirit — Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and strengthen all our political leaders, especially our President and those in our legislatures, as well as the judges in our Supreme Court, to protect the right to life from conception to natural death.**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Mother into Heaven — Let us pray that the mothers, fathers and their families will accept the responsibility towards their precious infants and each other.**

**The Coronation of Our Blessed Mother Queen of Heaven and Earth — Let us pray that the right to life of all human beings be respected so that all may attain the heavenly goals for which they were created.**

**Hymn:**                    **Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above,  
O Maria!  
Hail! Queen of Mercy and of love,  
O Maria!**

### REFRAIN

**Triumph all ye cherubim,  
Sing, with us ye seraphim,  
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!  
Salve, salve, salve Regina!**

**Our Life, our sweetness here below,  
O Maria!  
Our hope in sorrow and in woe,  
O Maria!**

### REFRAIN

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## THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

**The Baptism of the Lord — Let us pray that all children in the womb will be protected by law and welcomed into the Christian community by baptism.**

**The Wedding at Cana — Let us pray for strong and holy marriages so that couples may be open to the gift of human life.**

**The Proclamation of the Kingdom — Let us pray that those who seek abortions or suffer from its aftermath may heed the message of Christ to convert and repent.**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord — Let us pray that all may see and understand the truth that human life is sacred and a reflection of the glory of God.**

**The Eucharist — Let us pray that parents may learn sacrificial love from the Master of Love who offers himself to us under the appearances of bread and wine.**

**Hymn:**

**Holy God, we praise thy name!  
 Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
 All on earth, thy scepter claim,  
 All in heaven above adore thee.  
 Infinite thy vast domain,  
 Everlasting is thy reign!  
 Infinite thy vast domain,  
 Everlasting is thy reign!**

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## OTHER PRAYERS

## Helpers' Litany to Jesus in the Womb of Mary

**Response: HAVE MERCY ON US.**

**Jesus, knit so wonderfully in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, uniquely human from the moment of conception in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, present at creation, created in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, through whom the world was made, formed in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, Word made Flesh, taking on a human body in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, revealed by the Father, concealed in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, subject to human development in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, whose precious blood first flowed through tiny arteries and veins in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, hidden nine months in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, only begotten of the Father, assuming flesh in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, leaping from eternity into time, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, revealing with His Father and the Holy Spirit all wisdom and knowledge to his most holy Mother, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, aware of his role as Redeemer in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, sanctifier of his precursor from the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, Eternal Word, Divine Child, embraced by the Father, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, raising his Mother to the heights of sanctification, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, everlasting delight of heaven, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, manifesting his Incarnation to his holy Mother, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, adored and contemplated by his Mother in sanctuary of her womb,  
 Jesus, before whom the angels prostrated themselves, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, in whom the very angels beheld the humanity of the infant God and the union of the two natures of the Word in the virginal womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, our protector and savior, asleep in the inviolable womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, whose holy limbs first budded in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, whose Sacred Heart first began to beating in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, whose Godhead the world cannot contain, weighing only a few grams in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, Divine Immensity, once measuring only tenths of an inch in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, whose Divine grasp outreaches the universe, cradled in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb, docile infant in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, who was to suffer the agony and passion of death, accepting the human capacity for pain and grief, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, foretelling his Eucharistic Presence, in the womb of Mary,  
 Jesus, Lamb of God in the womb of Mary — SPARE US, O LORD.  
 Jesus, Holy Innocent in the womb of Mary — GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.  
 Jesus, Son of God and Messiah in the womb of Mary — HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD.**

## **The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy**

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

*(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).*

4. Conclude with *(three times)*:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In 1933, God gave Sister Faustina a striking vision of His Mercy, Sister tells us:

"I saw a great light, with God the Father in the midst of it. Between this light and the earth I saw Jesus nailed to the Cross and in such a way that God, wanting to look upon the earth, had to look through Our Lord's wounds and I understood that God blessed the earth for the sake of Jesus."

Of another vision on Sept. 13, 1935, she writes:

"I saw an Angel, the executor of God's wrath... about to strike the earth...I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel's helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment...."

The following day an inner voice taught her to say this prayer on ordinary rosary beads:

**"First say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'I believe'. Then on the large beads say the following words:**

**'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.'**

**On the smaller beads you are to say the following words:**

**'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.'**

**In conclusion you are to say these words three times:**

**'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'**

### **Prayer in Reparation for Abortion**

Eternal Father, You alone are the Master of life and death. So precious in your sight is the soul of each person that you sent your Only Begotten Son to redeem us through the cross and the resurrection. His coming was attended by the slaughter of the innocents — victims of man's selfishness, the first martyrs of Christ's kingdom. Death at the outset of their earthly life gave them the beginning of eternal joy.

Today we are sad witnesses of a new slaughter of the Innocents — the voluntary destruction of unborn children again because of the selfishness of men. We seek to make reparation for these offenses which attack your sole dominion over life and death. Let not our just punishment fall upon us. We ask, too, that all who participate in these crimes, whether from ignorance, weakness or fear, or even malice, may be given the grace of repentance.

Lord, have mercy on us, spare us from the punishment we deserve: "Deal with us not according to our crimes." Grant us "the abundant life" promised to all who live according to Your Law. Amen.

### The Chaplet of the Precious Blood

Read Silently.

(This Chaplet is divided into seven meditations containing 33 "Our Fathers" in honor of the 33 years during which the Precious Blood flowed in the veins of Jesus, before it was poured out on the cross for our salvation. After each meditation the "Glory Be to the Father" is recited as an act of thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity for this great gift of the Precious Blood. While reciting the prayers, we are asked to meditate upon each of the 7 bloodsheddings of Jesus.)

#### Sign of the Cross

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| First Meditation — The Circumcision                  | 5 Our Fathers, Glory Be...            |
| Second Meditation — The Agony in the Garden          | 5 Our Fathers, Glory Be...            |
| Third Meditation — The Scourging at the Pillar       | 5 Our Fathers, Glory Be...            |
| Fourth Meditation — The Crowning with Thorns         | 5 Our Fathers, Glory Be...            |
| Fifth Meditation — The Carrying of the Cross         | 5 Our Fathers, Glory Be...            |
| Sixth Meditation — The Crucifixion of Our Lord       | 5 Our Fathers, Glory Be...            |
| Seventh Meditation — The Piercing of Our Lord's Side | <b><u>3 Our Fathers, Glory Be</u></b> |

## The Litany of the Most Precious Blood

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,

*have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit,

*have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God,

*have mercy on us.*

### **R. Save Us**

Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God...

Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament...

Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony...

Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging...

Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns...

Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross...

Blood of Christ, Price of our Salvation...

Blood of Christ, without which there is no salvation...

Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls...

Blood of Christ, river of Mercy...

Blood of Christ, Victor over demons...

Blood of Christ, Courage of Martyrs...

Blood of Christ, Strength of Confessors...

Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins...

Blood of Christ, Help of those in peril...

Blood of Christ, Relief of the burdened...

Blood of Christ, Solace in sorrow...

Blood of Christ, Hope of the penitent...

Blood of Christ, Consolation of the dying...

Blood of Christ, Peace and Tenderness of hearts...

Blood of Christ, Pledge of Eternal Life...

Blood of Christ, freeing souls from Purgatory...

Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor...

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

*spare us, O Lord*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

*graciously hear us, O Lord*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

*have mercy on us.*

Thou has redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood,

*And made of us a kingdom for our God*

### **Let Us Pray**

Almighty and Eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine Only-Begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may worthily adore this Price of our Salvation, and through Its Power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in Its Fruits forever in Heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



On Sunday April 24th 1994, Pope John Paul II recommended this prayer be used by all Catholics as a prayer for the Church when he said:

*"May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle we are told about in the Letter to the Ephesians: 'Draw strength from the Lord and from His mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel (Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had a very vivid recollection of this scene when, at the end of the last century, he introduced a special prayer to St. Michael throughout the Church. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, **I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world.**"*

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -  
by the Divine Power of God -  
cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,

who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.