

Calling on Heaven

Community of Caritas

Daily Prayers



By A Friend of Medjugorje

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Dear Friends of Our Lady,

Contained in this prayer booklet is a listing of all the prayers and prayer times of the Community of Caritas who operates the mission Caritas of Birmingham. Each day the Community comes together at these times to pray, stopping whatever we are doing, no matter what the weather is like. In community, we know that we need only be successful at prayer, and if we are, then everything else will be in order. Our prayer times are times of joy and are looked forward to by everyone, especially the children. Our Lady Queen of Peace in Medjugorje, has repeatedly said, **“pray, until prayer becomes a joy for you,”** and at Caritas it truly is our joy. May these simple prayers bring the same joy into your life.

In the words of Our Lady,
“Pray, because prayer is life...”

(November 14, 1983)

Love,
A Friend of Medjugorje
On Behalf of the
Community of Caritas



We begin our day with an hour of silent prayer in the Field at 5:00 a.m., often heading to Mass afterwards, for the consecrated singles and heads of the households. Our first prayer for all the community is at 8:00 a.m. before we begin our work, greeting Our Lady with the Prayer at Dawn.

Prayer at Dawn-

Daily at 8:00 a.m.

SWEET VIRGIN MOTHER, incomprehensible Morning Star, as the grey gauze of predawn is lifted, send down upon me sufficient graces to live this day in a manner pleasing to God.

All that I have and am and wish to be, I offer to you. Take it in Your Immaculate Hands, I entreat You, and by the power invested in You, transform my humble gift into an offering worthy of Your Divine Son.

Dear Mary, before this new day is born, instill within me the courage to carry my cross in a way that will merit Your smile of approval when the day is ended. Should protest arise, quiet my lips with the sound of Your sweet name.

Should annoyances or injustices tempt me to give vent to my feelings, place before me the vision of Christ crucified, silently accepting the cruel taunts of the blood-thirsty mob. And should the cold fingers of loneliness and despair clutch me, flood my soul with the reassuring warmth of Your love!

Before I close my eyes again in rest, let me thank You for honoring me, Your unworthy slave, with Your presence and benediction. And now adding my praises to those of the angels, I promise to pay You homage forever and ever. Amen.

Mary Ellen Kelly



The Prayer at Dawn, and the Prayer to St. Michael are said before we begin the Creed and the 7 Our Father's, 7 Hail Mary's, and 7 Glory Be's for our bishop (8:00 a.m. prayers).

Prayer to St. Michael

Daily at 8:00 a.m.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

defend us in battle;
be our defense 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 power of God,

thrust into hell,

satan and all the

evil spirits who prowl

about the world seeking

the ruin of souls.

Amen.



It is a tremendous blessing to live in a place where your day stops when the bells call you to Rosary. Our Lady Queen of Peace in Medjugorje has said, may **“...your Rosary be an obligation which you shall fulfill with joy...”** (June 12, 1986)

Our Daily Rosary

10:00 a.m.(fall and winter) or 11:00 a.m. (spring and summer)

Everyday, the entire community stops the day to gather in the Field to pray a Rosary in preparation for Our Lady's apparition. We kneel in silence at the end of the Rosary while Our Lady is appearing to the visionaries of Medjugorje.

The apparition occurs at 11:40 (10:40)a.m. central time; 6:40 (5:40) p.m. Medjugorje time. This time of apparition has been honored in the Field every day for 20 consecutive years. This special moment has never been missed despite weather conditions, even tornado warnings, snow, rain, and heat. We will continue to pause at that time of our day. It is our normal practice in the community, for the children to gather at the foot of the statue of Our Lady during the five minutes in honor of Our Lady as She is appearing upon the earth.



If ever you are present in an apparition of Our Lady to one of the visionaries of Medjugorje, you will hear them recite the Magnificat immediately upon Our Lady's departure. We continue this tradition after our pause for apparition time.

Magnificat

Daily; immediately following the pause for apparition time

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold and hence forth all generations shall call me blessed; Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name; And His mercy is from generation unto generation upon those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy—even as He spoke to our fathers—to Abraham and to His posterity forever. Amen.



The Prayer For The Abode Of God was a collection of prayers which were prayed over the mountain and valley for several years. On September 4, 1989 it was put together as titled. The first consecration was prayed upon the mountain. Those who first prayed the prayer felt the peace of God in a very mystical and detectable way descend upon them. All sensed a supernatural encounter with God. The prayer is used as a daily consecration by the community.

Prayer For The Abode Of God

Daily; immediately following the Magnificat

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY GOD, I present myself to You with all my good deeds, my charity, my accomplishments as nothing. I have done nothing, nor will I ever do anything for You. Even if I labor to eternity for You, I still could not stand before You and say I merit anything.

I, now before You in prayer, naked, weak, and wretched, am ashamed, for I ask of You a great intention and have nothing to give You in return. Yet boldly and strongly do I say, "grant what I ask because I ask in the passion of Your Son." His suffering, I argue, merit me anything I ask of You. With His Blood and Its merits, can You deny me anything? I ask You not only to grant the intentions of Our Lady, but to go beyond and grant one hundred-fold Her intentions pertaining to the Valley. I ask You to establish Her Heavenly Queenship here as no other place on earth. I desire Her as the Foundress of what is to be and I beg You to give Her untold powers to accomplish Her plans. I consecrate every living plant, animal, person and the mountains themselves to You so that Our Lady, Jesus, and You might dwell here. Amen.



The Angelus is a traditional prayer said throughout the centuries of the Church. When the bells tolled at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m., people would stop whatever they were doing to honor the Incarnation of Jesus through Mary.

The Angelus

6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And She conceived of the Holy Spirit.

(Hail Mary)

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy
Word.

(Hail Mary)

V. And the Word was made flesh.

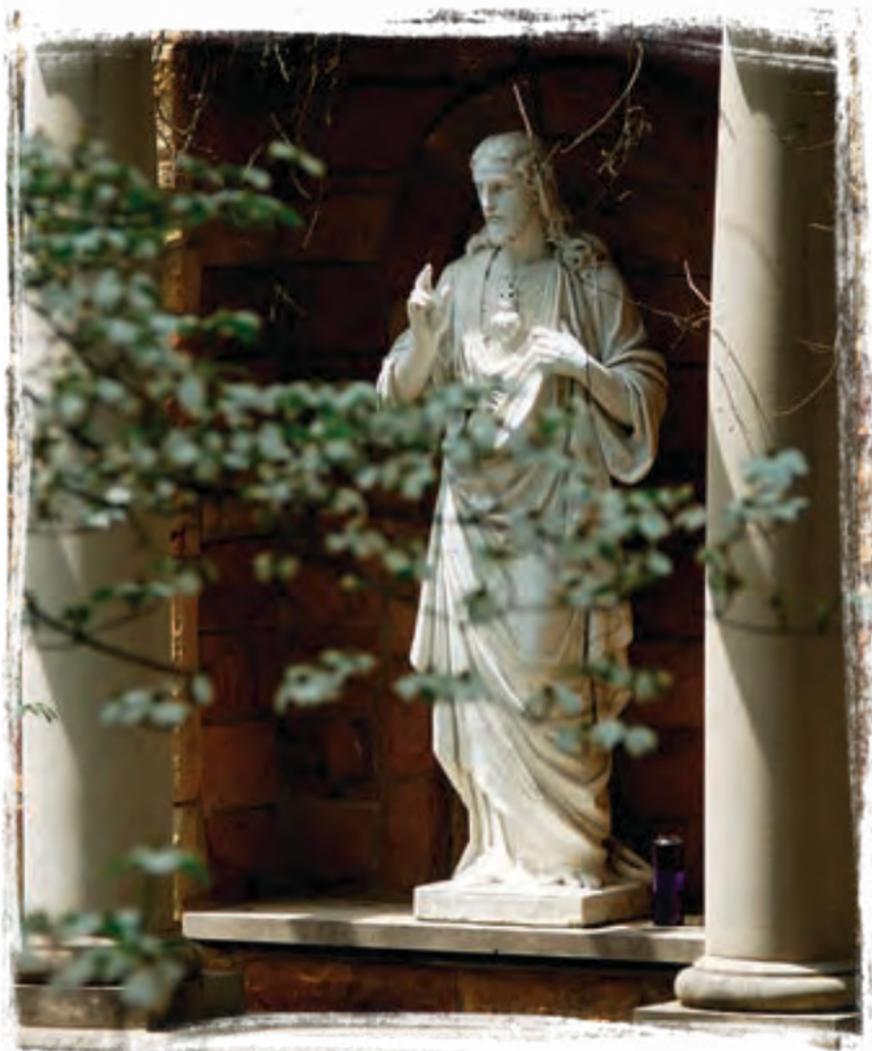
R. (genuflect) And dwelt among us.

(Hail Mary)

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the
Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by
the message of an angel, may by His passion and
cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection,
through the same Christ Our Lord, Amen.



At the foot of this statue of the Sacred Heart, the Community of Caritas gathers weekdays at 3:00 p.m. to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy offered for our Field Angels and all of their intentions.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday through Friday at 3:00 p.m.

First say one:

Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostle's Creed.

Then on the large beads of a Rosary, 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, say the following words:

"For the sake of His sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world."

In conclusion, say these words three times:

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



We invite you to continue these prayers with your families in union with us, walking the path to the Field with us in your heart. You remain always in our prayers.



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