



St Francis Calling... are you listening?

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We have the KEY to peace in all of our hearts...

JESUS, our Lord and Savior.

Praying everyone has a blessed 4th of July.

For those who are traveling...safety.

For those who are staying at home with family...patience.

For those who are alone...peace and comfort knowing you are never alone.

For those who are angry, upset, and discouraged...PEACE.

For our fraternity... listening ears, comforting words and LOVE.

For those who are sad, JOY. For those who are ill...healing.

For those who lack faith...an increase of GOD's love in their hearts.

Jesus we trust in YOU, not in others, not in ourselves, not in anyone or anything other than YOU.

We pray for us to all TRUST in You. Increase our FAITH O Lord.

THY WILL BE DONE in all of our lives, in our country and in our world.

Help us to keep praying for one another, for our country and for the world.

Give us Your wisdom, Your courage and Your strength to

“keep on keeping on.” Amen.

Pope Francis' Intentions for JULY

Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

And now some quotes about the Priesthood from a fellow Secular Franciscan. The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When, you see the priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Catechism on the Priesthood.*)

One ought to pray earnestly especially at the Ember Seasons, that God will give us good priests. If they are saints, what good they are able to do! But, whatever they are, **NEVER SPEAK AGAINST THEM**. (*On the Priesthood*)

Let them say all they have to say. When they have said all they have to say, there will be no more to be said and they will be silent. (*Advice to a persecuted Priest.*)

The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Catechism on the Priesthood*)

If we had FAITH, we should discern God hidden in the person of the priest, like a light behind a glass. (*Catechism on the Holy Eucharist*)

See, my children, to receive the Sacrament of Absolution, we need three things: FAITH, which reveals to us the PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE PRIEST; HOPE, which enables us to believe that God will give us His pardon; CHARITY, which makes us love God and fills our heart with regret for having displeased Him. (*On Confession*)

Never forget that it is at the beginning of each day that God has the necessary GRACE for the day ready for us. He knows exactly what opportunities we shall have to sin...and will give us everything we need if we ask him then.

That is why the Devil does all he can to prevent us from saying our Morning Prayers or to make us say them badly. (*On Morning Prayers*)

He who does not pray is like a hen or a turkey that cannot rise into the air. He who prays is like an intrepid eagle! (*On the JOYS of the Interior Life*)

All of the above brought to you by one of the greatest priests...St. John Vianney (Patron Saint of Parish Priests)

A Novena to Three American Saints for Life

Saints Elizabeth Seton, Frances Cabrini and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of life, each in their own time. This novena suggests three days of prayer to each of these Saints for the promotion of Life in our country and our Church today.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, a prominent New York aristocrat, had five children with her husband, William, a shipping merchant. Before she turned 30, the Setons went bankrupt and William died. Within five years of his death, Elizabeth had converted to Catholicism, formed New York City's first charity (the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children), established the first Catholic school and the founded the first religious community of women in the United States of America.

Day One

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony; teach us to support all families with faith and truth. You know the love of a good spouse; intercede for all newly married couples. You know the stirring of the child in your womb; intercede for every unborn child. You know the miracle of giving birth; pray for mothers tempted by abortion. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Day Two

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You know the cry of a little child; inspire us to protect the littlest and most vulnerable. You know the searching of the adolescent; open our eyes to the wonder of their lives. You know the journey of the dying; be with us as we journey toward death with those whom we love. You know the pain of the widow; inspire us to seek out those who are most in need. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the father

Day Three

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You know the loneliness of the orphan; consecrate us to the protection of children. You know of the vocation of the teacher; inspire us to teach the Gospel of Life. You know the vows of religious life; pray that we might be faithful to the Gospel of Life. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Saint John Neumann

Saint John Nepimucene Neumann came to the United States as one of 36 priests to serve the 200,000 Catholics of New York and New Jersey in 1836. As a priest in Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore, and as Bishop of Philadelphia, he was tireless in his love for the people of the United States. He died in 1860, while on his way to mail a chalice to a missionary priest.

Day Four

Saint John Neumann, as a loyal son, a faithful priest, and a tireless Bishop, you worked to support and defend life in all its wonder. Intercede for the Church you loved with all your heart that we may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithful son of faithful parents; teach us to honor our parents when they grow old.

Immigrant and stranger; inspire us to welcome the rejected of the world. Protector of the young; inspire us to work for the safety of all children. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Day Five

Saint John Neumann, as a loyal son, a faithful priest, and a tireless Bishop, you worked to support and defend life in all its wonder. Intercede for the Church you loved with all your heart that we may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Missionary to America; pray for the leaders of our country. Tireless servant of the cross; make our hearts to love Christ suffering in those who have grown very old. Model of self sacrifice; help us not to count the cost in proclaiming the Gospel of Life. Faithful unto death; guide unwed fathers, that they may be true to the Faith. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Day Six

Saint John Neumann, as a loyal son, a faithful priest, and a tireless Bishop, you worked to support and defend life in all its wonder. Intercede for the Church you loved with all your heart that we may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preacher of the truth; teach our nation to protect the lives of all its citizens. Friend of the sick; inspire doctors to cherish the lives of all. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Frances Cabrini was born in a little village in Lombardy in 1850, so fragile at birth that she was brought immediately to Church to be baptized. While from her youth she dreamed only of being a missionary, she was three times rejected when applying to a convent. Yet in her years of religious life she founded an order, 70 orphanages, schools and hospitals, scattered over eight countries in Europe North, South, and Central America.

Day Seven

Saint Frances Cabrini, in every corner of hemisphere you sought out those whom everyone had forgotten. Mother of immigrants, friend of orphans, protector of the poor, intercede for us who seek to follow your example. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother of immigrants; give us a love for the lives of all who are rejected or forgotten. Mother of the oppressed; inspire us to work for justice and the protection of all life. Mother of the lost; inspire us to seek out all whose lives are forgotten. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Day Eight

Saint Frances Cabrini, in every corner of hemisphere you sought out those whom everyone had forgotten. Mother of immigrants, friend of orphans, protector of the poor, intercede for us who seek to follow your example. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother of the aged; be with those who are forgotten and alone. Mother of the oppressed; pray for all who are condemned to die. Mother of the sick; pray for those tempted to forget the infinite value of life. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

Day Nine

Saint Frances Cabrini, in every corner of hemisphere you sought out those whom everyone had forgotten. Mother of immigrants, friend of orphans, protector of the poor, intercede for us who seek to follow your example. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother of those who care for the sick; inspire doctors to be apostles for life. Mother of the homeless; teach us that all life comes from God and rests only in him. Mother of little children; be with the child who is alone or afraid.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

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<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/adoption-prayer-and-education.cfm>