

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, you are the giver of life and source of all joy. We pray for all expectant mothers. We understand the commitments and profound responsibilities that pregnancy brings for them and their wider family. So we ask that every expectant mother and the child in her womb will be blessed with health and joy and experience your comforting presence in this time of waiting.

Lord hear us.

Lord, we pray for obstetricians, midwives and all who care for expectant mothers and their babies. Guide them and bless them with compassion and wisdom, with hands that heal and hearts that understand so that every child will be nurtured, respected and cherished as they deserve.

Lord hear us.

Lord, we pray for everyone coping with a difficult pregnancy, for all whose pregnancy is unexpected or even unwanted. Grant that the love, advice and practical support they get will enable them to choose and embrace life.

Lord hear us.

Gentle Lord, we pray for those who have deep regrets for past decisions, for those coping with guilt and shame. In your compassion heal the hurt, the guilt and the pain of loss. As you reach out to them with compassion and consolation may they welcome your gifts and find peace.

Lord hear us.

Lord, grant to our country leaders of integrity, men and women of courage and commitment. May they be fearless in their defence of the most vulnerable, fearless in standing up for and in standing out for the fragile, the innocent and the unprotected.

Lord hear us.

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In the Scriptures we find several stories of good people experiencing the pain of deprivation and longing at being unable to have children. We pray for all couples who long to have a child. Bless them with trust in your providence and may their love grow through their sensitivity and understanding for one another.

Lord hear us.

The Psalms tell us that you know us through and through, that you knit us together in the womb of our mothers. We pray for the unborn who have special medical needs. May their parents know your comforting presence and may your wisdom guide them in the decisions they have to make.

Lord hear us.

Grant us the blessing of reverence. May it give us respect for the environment, for all the creatures you have made and especially all your people. Fill us with deep reverence for young and old, for the sick and the healthy, for the weak and the vulnerable. May that reverence be a powerful reminder of your reverence for all you have created.

Lord hear us.

As a baby, Jesus was a refugee with nowhere to lay his head. St. Joseph, protector of the family, watch over all babies and children in dangerous and violent situations.

Lord hear us.

Our Lady loved her Son Jesus with love beyond all telling, and she loves each one of us. Let us ask her to bring to Jesus all our prayers, the spoken and unspoken, as we pray, Hail Mary, Full of Grace....