

A Day & Night in Prayer

Where ever you are - home, work, school or gathered at St. Thomas - from noon on Friday November 5th until noon on Saturday, November 6th, we hope that you will spend these 24 hours in prayer and meditation as we prepare for the *Building for the Hospitality of God Campaign*.

You will notice that each hour has a specific focus. It is our hope and prayer that these will guide you through a prayerful meditation that helps you deepen your relationship with Christ while giving you a chance to reflect on the parish, the community, the future of St. Thomas and the wonderful opportunity we have before us.

Whether it is with a friend, your family, partner or spouse, or as you have individual prayer time, know that God will be with you. Put all of your needs and concerns in God's hands, and trust in God's providence.

Friday, November 5th

12:00pm For St. Thomas and its people, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

1:00pm For the community, let us pray to the Lord.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family in our community; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes in this place; that, in your good time, we all may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

2:00pm For those in need of healing, let us pray to the Lord.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech you to behold, visit, and relieve all those that are sick or infirmed. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their afflictions. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their lives in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

3:00pm For God's blessings, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

4:00pm **For our Bishop, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers, let us pray to the Lord.**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, clergy, lay leaders and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

5:00pm **For our President and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

6:00pm **For the unemployed, let us pray to the Lord.**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

7:00pm **For the hungry or homeless, let us pray to the Lord.**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

8:00pm **For the aged, let us pray to the Lord.**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

9:00pm **F**or justice & peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

10:00pm **F**or the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord.

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

11:00pm **F**or those who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

Saturday, November 6th

12:00am **F**or the good earth which God has given us, let us pray to the Lord.

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

1:00am **F**or the troubled or bereaved, let us pray to the Lord.

O merciful Father, who has taught us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children: Look with pity upon the sorrows of all who grieve or are troubled. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

2:00am **F**or all who all who seek God, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

3:00am For grace to do your will in all that we undertake, let us pray to the Lord.

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

4:00am For our enemies and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord.

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

5:00am For the family, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

6:00am For young people, let us pray to the Lord.

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

7:00am For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

8:00am

For the Victims of Addiction, let us pray to the Lord.

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

9:00am

For those not with us, let us pray to the Lord.

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

10:00am

For the *Building for the Hospitality of God Campaign* and Its Leadership, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty and everliving God, we praise you for your constant grace. We acknowledge that you care for our every need and all that we have is a gift from you. We ask that you fill us with your spirit and give us soft and gentle hearts open to your will that we may faithfully serve you. Strengthen us and make us bold to share your blessings, love and grace – your hospitality with the community. Help us to bring the good news of the Risen Savior to all people with a renewed passion.

Give us discerning hearts to know and do your will, and help us to fulfill your vision for St. Thomas in all its fullness. And, bless, strengthen and guide the leaders of the campaign that they may feel your presence in all they do. All this we ask in the name of Your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please add your own intercessions...

11:00am

For the Parish and Its Needs, let us pray to the Lord.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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