



**Blessed Michael McGivney  
Prayer Hour**

## Instructions

*There are various roles that should be assigned before beginning this hour of prayer. In this booklet, these roles are indicated as **Leader**, **Reader 1**, and **Reader 2**. The **Leader** introduces the mystery for each decade and leads the group in the prayers of the rosary, **Reader 1** presents an excerpt from a papal document related to that mystery and **Reader 2** presents a reflection on the mystery and papal reading. Depending on the size of your group, assign as many people as possible to participate by having different people be the **Leader**, **Reader 1**, and **Reader 2** for each decade of the rosary. Be sure that these readers are given time to review and practice their spoken parts so that they are able to lead the group confidently and devoutly.*

*When praying the rosary as a group, typically a leader will say the first part of each prayer and the rest of the group will say the second part. Alternatively, these prayers can be prayed antiphonally with half of the group saying the first part of the prayer and the other half of the group saying the second part.*

*The Luminous Mysteries of the rosary were chosen to complement the texts and reflections. The other sets of mysteries could also be used based on the needs and circumstances of an individual group.*

# Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour

## Introduction

**Leader:** It was with great joy that we celebrated the Beatification of our beloved Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. Holy Mother Church has confirmed what we have known from our own devotion: that Blessed Michael McGivney is a model of holiness whose life and ministry is an example for us all. His beatification is an invitation for all of us to better understand and live out the principles with which he founded the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity and fraternity.

In his earthly life, Father McGivney was a priest ahead of his time who recognized the potential for the laity to actively participate in the mission of the Church. Holiness is not simply for priests and religious; rather, each one of us is called to become a saint and to proclaim the Gospel in the world around us. By founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney gave Catholic laymen an ideal structure through which to grow in holiness, surrounded by brothers working as one and performing acts of charity.

Although he lived more than a century ago, Father McGivney's life and work show him to be of particular relevance today. Faced with anti-Catholic bias, Father McGivney directed the Knights of Columbus to the path of authentic civil participation without compromising the Catholic faith. Inspired by our Founder's example, we have stood side by side with those whose dignity and rights have not been fully recognized or upheld by civil authorities.

In heaven, Blessed Michael McGivney has not ceased being our own parish priest whose intercession for the Knights of Columbus is evident not only by our growth around the world but also, and more importantly, by our continued commitment to the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The extraordinary miracle that led to his beatification should be a source of inspiration for us to turn to Blessed Michael McGivney in our own times of need, whether that need is great or small.

You are invited to join in praying the rosary while meditating on the example of Blessed Michael McGivney. Let his devotion to Our Lady inspire you to draw close to her Immaculate Heart, where we will encounter her son, Jesus Christ. Only in that encounter will we be able to meet the challenge that Father McGivney places before us: to live a life of heroic virtue according to the principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

As we begin this hour of prayer, let us call to mind the intentions that each of us carries in our hearts. (*Allow for a brief moment of silence, or, depending on the size of the group praying, invite individuals to share their intentions aloud.*) We invite Blessed Michael McGivney to be with us as we begin and conclude this rosary by invoking his aid.

**All:** God, our Father, protector of the poor  
and defender of the widow and orphan,  
you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney,  
to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young  
to the generous service of their neighbor.  
Through the example of his life and virtue,  
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely,  
fulfilling his commandment of charity and  
building up his Body which is the Church.  
Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us  
to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue  
his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify  
Blessed Michael McGivney on earth  
according to the design of your holy will.  
Through his intercession, grant the favor  
I now present (*here make your request*).  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Leader:** 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**All:** 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.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

*(Recite the Hail Mary **three times.**)*

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# First Luminous Mystery

## *Baptism of Jesus*

**Leader:** The first Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus.

*“When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and behold, a voice from heaven, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”<sup>1</sup>*

As we listen to the words of Pope St. John Paul II, let us pray *that we may always be people of charity.*

**Reader 1:** Serving the Gospel of hope by means of a charity which evangelizes is *the commitment and the responsibility of everyone.* Whatever the charism and ministry of each individual, charity is the royal road prescribed for all and which all can travel: it is the road upon which the whole ecclesial community is called to journey in the footsteps of its Master.<sup>2</sup>

In the end, this is the real meaning of the “Gospel”, the good news meant for every human being: God first loved us and Jesus has loved us to the end. Thanks to the gift of the Spirit, God’s love is offered to believers, enabling them to become sharers in his own capacity to love: it becomes a powerful force in the heart of every disciple and in all the Church. Precisely because it is a gift of God, charity becomes a *commandment* for everyone.<sup>3</sup>

In this context we need to *rediscover the authentic meaning of Christian volunteerism.* Born of and continually nourished by faith, Christian volunteer work should combine professional skills and genuine love, impelling those engaged in it “to lift their feelings of good will towards others to the heights of Christ’s charity; to renew every day, amid hard work and weariness, their awareness of the dignity of every person; to search out people’s needs and, where necessary, to set out on new paths where needs are greater but care and support weaker”.<sup>4</sup>

**Reader 2:** Father McGivney understood the real meaning of the “Gospel”. In his own life, he had experienced the love God had for him, and he knew that, as a disciple of Jesus, he was compelled by that love to share it with every human being. It is with this love of Christ that he founded the Knights of Columbus, not as just another fraternal organization, but as

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 3: 16-17

<sup>2</sup> *Ecclesia in Europa* (2003), 33

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 84

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 85

one driven by the gift of charity received and given. Knights serve because we have received freely the gift of God's love, and that love has become a powerful force in our hearts leading us to share the Good News with those most in need. In this way, the charity offered by the Knights of Columbus is a charity which evangelizes. From our founding, the Knights of Columbus have sought out those parts of society that have the greatest needs but the least support, and we have brought the good news of the Gospel there. Generations of Knights of Columbus have gone out into the world to meet the material needs of our neighbors through works of charity. Inspired by our founder, we strive to carry out these works in a true sense of charity, looking at our neighbors with the eyes of Christ, offering relief not just with our money or resources, but with love.

In my own life, do I sincerely seek an encounter with God who is love? Have I allowed that encounter with God to change the way that I see and serve others? As we meditate on this first mystery of the rosary, let us ask Mary to help us to see our neighbors with the eyes of her Son so that we can see in them the true image of God.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

*(Recite the Hail Mary **ten times.**)*

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

# The Second Luminous Mystery

## *Wedding Feast at Cana*

**Leader:** The second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana.

*“His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”<sup>5</sup>*

As we listen to the words of Pope Benedict XVI, let us pray *that we may always be people of unity.*

**Reader 1:** Because it is a gift received by everyone, charity in truth is a force that builds community, it brings all people together without imposing barriers or limits. The human community that we build by ourselves can never, purely by its own strength, be a fully fraternal community, nor can it overcome every division and become a truly universal community. The unity of the human race, a fraternal communion transcending every barrier, is called into being by the word of God-who-is-Love. In addressing this key question, we must make it clear, on the one hand, that the logic of gift does not exclude justice, nor does it merely sit alongside it as a second element added from without; on the other hand, economic, social and political development, if it is to be authentically human, needs to make room for the *principle of gratuitousness* as an expression of fraternity.<sup>6</sup>

**Reader 2:** When joining with a group of laymen in founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney knew that they would need to foster unity as a central principle of their mission. Father McGivney desired the Knights to overcome the divisions that separated individuals and groups and to be united in fraternal communion by charity. In the first days of the Order, divisions among members stood in the way of its initial growth and success; similarly, today we find divisions in our country and in our Church. We can look at our own local communities and find divisions between groups and individuals. These divisions come from our own divided hearts, hearts which ought to be united to the love of God, but which instead so often lack charity.

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<sup>5</sup> John 2:5

<sup>6</sup> *Caritas in Veritate* (2003), 34

The principle of unity which Father McGivney set before our Order at its founding was not an empty ideal that could never be attained; rather, it is at the very heart of who we Knights of Columbus are, just as it is at the heart of what the Church is and who God is.

Do I recognize the necessity to foster this unity among my brother Knights, fellow Christians, and all people? In what ways have I stood in the way of unity? What relationships in my life need to be brought back into communion through dialogue, reconciliation, and charity? As we meditate on this second mystery of the rosary, let us ask Mary, whose will was perfectly united with God's will, to draw us into communion with God and with our brothers and sisters.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

*(Recite the Hail Mary **ten times.**)*

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

# The Third Luminous Mystery

## *Proclamation of the Kingdom of God*

**Leader:** The third Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel!”<sup>7</sup>*

As we listen to the words of Pope Francis, let us pray *that we may always be people of fraternity.*

**Reader 1:** Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people’s troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the chance traveler in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen.<sup>8</sup>

We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man’s injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence. Yet let us not do this alone, as individuals. The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members.<sup>9</sup>

**Reader 2:** With these words, Pope Francis articulates the heart of what Father McGivney founded in the Knights of Columbus: a fraternity that seeks out others, bears their pain, and renews our society. Father McGivney never imagined the Knights to be a closed or self-absorbed organization; rather, starting at the most concrete and local level, Father McGivney and the first Knights addressed the difficulties and sufferings of individuals in their community, whether widows, a man on death row, or a grieving Protestant minister. Father McGivney recognized the reality that we are one human family that needs to care for one another, and Knights have gone to the farthest reaches of our countries and the world to bring care and concern to the suffering.

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<sup>7</sup> Mark 1:15

<sup>8</sup> Fratelli Tutti, (2020), 77

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., 78

We need to begin each day with the desire to make this authentic form of fraternity a reality in our own lives. The difficulties that we face in the world today cannot be overcome except through this fraternity which “includes, integrates, and lifts up the fallen”. Therefore, I must ask myself: am I living this fraternity in my life? Am I part of closed and self-absorbed groups and relationships, or am I open to others who can expand and enrich me? Have I renounced the “pettiness and resentment of useless in-fighting”? Do I allow ambition to blind me from “discover[ing] the goodness God has planted in human hearts”? As we meditate on the third mystery of the rosary, we know that “this journey of fraternity also has a Mother, whose name is Mary,” and that “she cares not only for Jesus but also for ‘the rest of her children.’”<sup>10</sup> Let us turn to her and ask her to open our hearts to recognize every human being as our brother or sister in need of the Gospel.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

*(Recite the Hail Mary ten times.)*

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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<sup>10</sup> *Fratelli Tutti*, 278

# The Fourth Luminous Mystery

## *Transfiguration*

**Leader:** The fourth Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration.

*“He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.”<sup>11</sup>*

As we listen to the words of Pope St. John Paul II, let us pray *that we may always be people who defend human rights and religious liberty.*

**Reader 1:** Religion expresses the deepest aspirations of the human person, shapes people’s vision of the world and affects their relationships with others: basically it offers the answer to the question of the true meaning of life, both personal and communal. Religious freedom therefore constitutes the very heart of human rights. Its inviolability is such that individuals must be recognized as having the right even to change their religion, if their conscience so demands. People are obliged to follow their conscience in all circumstances and cannot be forced to act against it. Precisely for this reason, no one can be compelled to accept a particular religion, whatever the circumstances or motives.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that the right to religious freedom includes the right to manifest personal beliefs, whether individually or with others, in public or in private. In spite of this, there still exist today places where the right to gather for worship is either not recognized or is limited to the members of one religion alone. This grave violation of one of the fundamental rights of the person is a source of enormous suffering for believers. When a State grants special status to one religion, this must not be to the detriment of the others. Yet it is common knowledge that there are nations in which individuals, families and entire groups are still being discriminated against and marginalized because of their religious beliefs.<sup>12</sup>

**Reader 2:** From its founding, the Knights of Columbus has been involved in the promotion and defense of religious liberty and the protection of human rights. In the face of anti-Catholic prejudices that sought to suppress the influence of Catholic culture in public life,

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<sup>11</sup> Matthew 17:2

<sup>12</sup> Message for the World Day of Peace, 1999

Father McGivney offered men the opportunity to build an authentically Catholic community that would not be a threat to society, but would offer to society “the answer to the question of the true meaning of life.”

In the following generations, Knights have continued to stand up to authoritarian attempts to restrict religious liberty and human rights. Where these grave violations of human dignity occur, standing up for religious liberty is not a political expediency; rather, it comes from a recognition that no one can impose their will on another’s conscience.

In today’s world, how can I better respect and support the rights of all human beings? Following Father McGivney’s example, how can I speak up for those who are discriminated against and marginalized because of their religious beliefs? As we reflect on this fourth mystery of the rosary, let us ask Mary to strengthen our resolve to stand up for religious liberty and human rights.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

*(Recite the Hail Mary ten times.)*

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

# The Fifth Luminous Mystery

## *Institution of the Holy Eucharist*

**Leader:** The fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

“[Jesus] took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, ‘Take; this is my body.’ He took a chalice, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it.”<sup>13</sup>

As we listen to the words of Pope St. John Paul II, let us pray *that we may always be people of the Eucharist.*

**Reader 1:** The participation of the lay faithful in the threefold mission of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King finds its source in the anointing of Baptism, its further development in Confirmation and its realization and dynamic sustenance in the Holy Eucharist. It is a participation given to each member of the lay faithful *individually*, in as much as each is one of the *many* who form the *one* Body of the Lord: in fact, Jesus showers his gifts upon the Church which is his Body and his Spouse. In such a way individuals are sharers in the threefold mission of Christ in virtue of their being members of the Church, as St. Peter clearly teaches, when he defines the baptized as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”<sup>14</sup> Precisely because it derives *from* Church *communion*, the sharing of the lay faithful in the threefold mission of Christ requires that it be lived and realized *in communion and for the increase of communion itself.*<sup>15</sup>

**Reader 2:** Father McGivney was a priest ahead of his time. Eighty years before the Second Vatican Council, the Knights of Columbus was founded by a parish priest who recognized that the lay faithful were called to holiness by virtue of their sharing in the threefold mission of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King. Father McGivney chose not to lead the Order from the start, knowing that the Church needed lay Catholics to take on leadership roles in the life of the Church.

The mission of the laity is to be “salt” and “leaven” in society, that is to say, by bringing the Good News of salvation to all people throughout the world, lay people “testify how the Christian faith constitutes the only fully valid response ... to the problems and hopes that

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<sup>13</sup> Mark 14:22-23

<sup>14</sup> 1 Peter 2:9

<sup>15</sup> *Christifideles Laici* (1988), 14

life poses to every person and society”.<sup>16</sup> Because of the vision of Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus is uniquely situated to be this salt and leaven in societies throughout the world. To fulfill this mission, we must be sustained by the Eucharist. Coming together as one in communion during the Eucharistic celebration, we are then sent out to transform our world in the same way that we have been transformed by receiving the Body of Christ.

As we come to the end of this rosary, let us turn our attention to the concrete steps Our Lord and Our Lady ask each one of us to take. How can I take on the responsibility of a lay Catholic in today’s world? Have I made faith a reality in my life? What parts of my life have I been unable to let my faith penetrate? Let us ask Mary to watch over us and guide us as we pursue holiness in our own lives by fulfilling the mission God has set for us.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

*(Recite the Hail Mary **ten times.**)*

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

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<sup>16</sup> *Christifideles Laici* (1988), 34

## Concluding Prayers

**All:** Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**Leader:** Pray for us, O holy mother of God,

**All:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** O God, whose only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life: grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** Let us conclude this time of prayer with the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney, offering to him all our needs and desires and asking him to help us follow his example of holiness:

*(This section should be prayed antiphonally with the **Leader** reciting what is written in the left column and the rest of the group responding with what is written in the right column.)*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

*Lord have mercy on us.*

*Christ have mercy on us.*

*Lord have mercy on us.*

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, One God,

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

*have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,  
Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Star of the New Evangelization,  
St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary  
and Guardian of the Redeemer,  
St. Michael the Archangel,

*pray for us.*

Blessed Michael McGivney,  
Humble Servant of God,  
Faithful Disciple of Jesus,  
Son of the Immaculate Heart,  
Obedient Son of the Church,  
Exemplary Priest of Purity,  
Zealous Priest of Christ,  
Gentle Shepherd of Souls,  
Devoted Parish Priest,  
Wise Counselor,  
Teacher of the Faith,  
Servant to All,  
Protector of the Poor,  
Defender of the Widow and Orphan,  
Friend of the Lonely and Suffering,  
Companion to the Imprisoned,  
Comforter of the Sick and Dying,  
Apostle of Christian Family Life,  
Father to the Young,  
Advocate of Workers,  
Evangelizer of Those Gone Astray,  
Champion of the Gospel of Life,  
Guardian of the Laity,  
Pastor of Immigrants,  
Exemplar of Charity,  
Model of Unity,  
Builder of Catholic Fraternity,  
Instructor of Christian Patriotism,  
Founder of the Knights of Columbus,

*pray for us.*

Blessed Michael, humble in service, *pray for us.*  
Blessed Michael, devoted to the Sacred Heart, *pray for us.*  
Blessed Michael, pure in heart, *pray for us.*  
Blessed Michael, faithful in priestly duties, *pray for us.*  
Blessed Michael, strong in suffering, *pray for us.*  
Blessed Michael, peaceful in dying, *pray for us.*  
Blessed Michael, conformed to Christ crucified, *pray for us.*

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!*

**Leader:** Pray for us, Blessed Michael McGivney,

**All:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** God, our Father, inspired by the heroic example of the life and virtue of your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for joining us in this moment of prayer. As we go home to our families, workplaces and communities, we pray that this time of reflection on the life and ministry of Blessed Michael McGivney may strengthen and encourage each one of us to authentically live our faith in every area of our lives. *Vivat Jesus!*

*If you would like to learn more about Blessed Michael McGivney and his canonization process or to report any favors received through his intercession, please visit [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).*

## Prayers of the Rosary

**Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will 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.

**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.

**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:** 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.

**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.



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