

Blessed Michael McGivney

Prayer Hour

Overview

Celebrate the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney through a special prayer hour open to the whole parish. Built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the prayer hour features writings from recent popes and reflections on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. The prayer hour is a way to invoke the intercession of the blessed Founder of the Knights of Columbus and to be inspired by his life and legacy. For Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour program resources, visit www.kofc.org/mcgivneyprayer

Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks, as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with grand knight.
2. In conjunction with your pastor, select the date for your Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour well in advance. To receive program credit, only one organized prayer hour is required; however, this prayer resource can be used multiple times throughout the year, especially in conjunction with Founder's Day (March 29th) or Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day (August 13th).
3. Determine what setting you will offer the prayer hour. Ideally, this program should be open to the entire parish community. The prayer hour can also be offered in a council setting in order to foster devotion to Blessed Michael McGivney among brother Knights.
 - If circumstances require, the prayer hour can also be offered remotely through video streaming or video conferencing. For more information and detailed instruction on remote programming, see the [Faith in Action Remote Programming Supplement](#) (#11139)
4. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order a good quantity of [Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour Booklets](#) (#11157) through Supplies Online, via [Officers Online](#).
5. Build public interest for the event! Promote the Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
 - Email blasts
 - Phone calls
6. Prepare for the prayer hour by assigning readers and leaders for each decade of the rosary. Try to involve as many people as possible. Consider other needs for the program such as providing rosaries for participants and coordinating any liturgical aspects if working with the parish and pastor. Be sure that everyone who has a speaking role has plenty of time to practice reading their parts. If utilizing additional technological support, remember to test them prior to the live event.



7. Conduct your Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour, according to the program laid out in [*Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour Booklets*](#) (#11157).
 - Councils can augment the prayer service to meet the needs of their parish. For example, consider hosting the prayer service as part of the Family Week program, including the prayer hour as part of your Novena to Blessed Michael McGivney or offering your pastor an opportunity to preach about the blessed Founder. You may also want to use other [council resources](#) available to celebrate the Beatification of Blessed McGivney.
8. Consider hosting a brief gathering following the conclusion of your event. Be prepared to share your own knowledge of and devotion to Blessed Michael McGivney and offer resources for others to learn more. Have the council membership director bring brochures and membership documents (including [*Prospect Cards*](#) #921A). This event can be a great opportunity for men who would benefit from membership in our Order to see what council activities are like.
9. To gain council award credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.
 - Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [*Fraternal Programs Report Form*](#) (#10784)
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [*Columbian Award Application*](#) (#SP-7)

Resources

1. #11157- [*Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour Booklets*](#)

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Link

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