

Intercessory Prayer Network

Prayer Intentions for April 2021

Pastoral Plan Priority # 1 – Draw People Into Deepening Intimacy With the Lord ***Easter 2021: Prayer for those receiving Sacraments***

[At the Easter Vigil in our diocese and around the world, new members of the Church celebrate the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA. The 50 days of Easter are also a time when many of our children receive these sacraments.]

We pray as a diocesan family for all those celebrating the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist during this Easter season. May our Loving God pour out his abundant graces on these missionary disciples and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit bring them ever closer to Jesus Christ. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



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Pastoral Plan Priority #5 - Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord ***Covenant of Care safeguarding / safe environment Education Days***

[A day of Continuing Education and Orientation on Safeguarding April 7 and April 8 for clergy, staff and volunteers is part of ongoing efforts in our diocese to build safe Church environments, to prevent abuse and to respond to allegations of abuse or serious misconduct. Find more information at <https://rcdos.ca/safer-church>]

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-for-healing-victims-of-abuse>



Pastoral Plan Priority # 3 – Embrace Your Priesthood
World Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Year of St. Joseph

[The 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be held on “Good Shepherd Sunday” April 25, 2021. Find Pope Francis’ message for this year’s Day of Prayer “Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocations” at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20210319_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html]

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state, and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

