

“Abide in Me” Intercessory Prayer Ministry

John 15:4



MISSION STATEMENT:

- To join together weekly (in person or in spirit) and bring to God the needs of our parish, our world and all who have asked us to pray for them.

OUR MINISTRY:

- Intercessory prayer is about praying for others. A major part of our commitment is to surround our parish in prayer. We share first names only (or no name) to protect the privacy of those we hold in prayer. There are several ways to join Abide in Me in prayer:
 - Come pray with us on Wednesdays from 1-2 pm in the Gathering room in Church
 - OR pray each week on your own, with family or a friend
 - OR join our weekly email prayer chain: *one email ... many pray-ers.*

WEEKLY FORMAT & SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR PRAYING ON YOUR OWN:

OPENING:

- Center & prepare for prayer
- Song: Return Again (or another song choice)
- Opening Prayer – Thanksgiving and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance
- Scripture reading & pause for silent reflection: Philippians 4:4-9
- Faith sharing (as the Spirit leads)

INTERCESSION:

- Song: The Lord's Prayer Worship Song
- Parish Needs
 - Regular intentions
 - Opportunity for spontaneous prayer intentions
 - Silent prayer
- Global – World/Church
 - Regular intentions
 - Opportunity for spontaneous prayer intentions
 - Silent prayer
- Prayer requests
 - Regular intentions
 - Opportunity for spontaneous prayer intentions
 - Silent prayer

CLOSING:

- Reading or reflection
- Song: Everyday God (or another song choice)
- Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving

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“The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer & petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” Philippians 4:6

Parish Needs – Regular intentions, to be prayed for weekly.

- For Fr. Rich, Fr. Jorge, Fr. Richard, Fr. Leon, our deacons & those in consecrated life, we pray ...
- For all members of the parish to grow as disciples of Christ & become disciple-makers ...
- For the spiritual renewal of our parish & the flourishing of the gifts of the Holy Spirit ...
- For a greater awareness of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist & in one another ...
- For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, marriage & lay ministry; & for the seminarians in the Diocese of Trenton ...
- For all children & young adults, that God’s love will take root in their hearts ...
- For our RCIA candidates - past, present & future, & all who are striving to grow closer to God ...
- For couples preparing for marriage & the newly baptized & their families ...
- For *Faith in our Future* & our evangelization & outreach efforts ...
- For guidance of the Holy Spirit for our current ministries & the growth of newly emerging ministries ...
- For what other special needs of our parish shall we pray? (offer spontaneous intentions) ...
(*period of silence for private reflection*)

World and Church Needs – Regular intentions, to be prayed for weekly.

- For Pope Francis, Bishop O’Connell & all leaders of the Church, we pray ...
- For the clergy & religious in all suffering parts of the world, that God will give them the strength to care for the physical, emotional & spiritual needs of their people ...
- For government leaders ...
- For peace throughout the world & the conversion & repentance of all who spread violence & hatred ...
- For an end to human trafficking, abortion, racism, euthanasia, bigotry, religious persecution & all threats to human life ...
- For all the troubled areas in the world (name specific countries) ...
- For what other church or world needs shall we pray? (offer spontaneous intentions) ...
(*period of silence for private reflection*)

Prayer requests - Regular intentions to be prayed for weekly.

- For intentions in our parish remembrance book, intercessory prayer journals & prayer garden pavers, we pray ...
- For safety & protection of the most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn, elderly & refugees ...
- For all who protect our freedom through military service - past, present & future – & for their families
- For the Lord’s healing grace & peace for those suffering from chronic, long term illness or disability & for their caregivers ...
- For healing for those who are struggling due to human trafficking & all forms of abuse & violence ...
- For all who have turned away from God or do not know Him; especially for our adult children who have drifted away from their faith ...
- For all in need of healing in body, mind or spirit & those who walk with them ...
- For those nearing the end of earthly life, for their loved ones & all who accompany them ...
- For all who have asked for our prayers & those who have no one to pray for them ...
- For all the deceased ...
- For what else shall we pray? (offer spontaneous intentions) ...
(*period of silence for private reflection*)