

Ministry Praise

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus, which was “shed for many for the remission of sins.” Jesus offered to give up His life for the salvation of the world by suffering a bloody Passion and death upon the Cross. He shed His Precious Blood for all ... for Jew and Gentile ... for heathen and Christian ... for Turk and heretic ... for the infidel and all believers. In that Blood of Jesus we have been redeemed.

We use many practices to honor the Precious Blood: devoutly receiving the Blood, sacramentally, adoration of the Blood actually, meditation on these mysteries, acts of satisfaction for those redeemed yet suffering in Purgatory, acts of love and gratitude and the recitation of prayers in honor of Christ’s Passion.

THE FEAST OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IS A CALL TO REPENTANCE AND REPARATION.

In 1849, Pope Pius IX decreed that every first Sunday of July should be dedicated to the
“Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ”. Later, the month of July received that dedication status.



Eternal Father, we offer you the precious blood of Jesus, poured out on the Cross and offered daily on the altar,

- ... for the glory of your name, for the coming of your Kingdom, for the salvation of all people.
- ... for the spread of the Church, for Pope Francis, for bishops, priests and religious, and for the sanctification of all the people of God.
- ... for the conversion of sinners, for the loving acceptance of your Word, and for the union of all Christians,

Blessed and praised evermore be Jesus, who has saved us with His blood.

Eternal Father, we offer You the precious blood of Jesus, poured out on the Cross and offered daily on the altar,

- ... for our civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations.
- ... for the sanctification of our work and our suffering, for the poor, the sick and the afflicted, and for all who rely on our prayers.
- ... for our own special needs, both spiritual and temporal, for those of our relatives, and benefactors and also for those of our enemies.
- ... for those who are to die this day, for the souls in purgatory and for our final union with Christ in glory.

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING BE EVERMORE TO JESUS,
WHO WITH HIS BLOOD HAS SAVED US.**

SIMPLE BLESSING PRAYERS

Morning

O God, our Creator and our Father, help us today to be cheerful, that it may make others happy to meet us. Help us to be so true to You, that we may be a strength to others, Lord Jesus, grant that your reflection may be upon us throughout all the hours of the day.

At Table

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
And may our meal by Thee be blessed.



Our House

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Heavenly Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged enough to turn tempter's power.

Family

Heavenly Father, you have given us a beautiful model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O gracious Father, to create in our family another Nazareth where tenderness, love and mutual respect abound.



Evening

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done;

What has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in You.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of our peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Friends

Blessed are they who have the gift for making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating what is noble and loving in another.

**Our Heavenly Father, You have provided us with all good things,
so fill our hearts with your love and grace that we may use every gift
to your greater glory. Amen.**

CELEBRATE GOD IN OUR MIDST

**God looked at everything He had made,
And He found it very good. (Genesis 1:31)**

**We rejoice and are glad, O God, because of your great love for us, the beauty
You see fit to bestow upon us and for our ability to see You,
Lord of all Creation.**

**You have pitched your tent among us. You are our God, and we are your
holy people. Glory to You, Source of all being.
Glory to You, Eternal Word, Our Redeemer.
Glory to You, O Spirit most holy, Who calls us to life.**

**That we can glimpse You within creation is a beautiful thought,
but also tells us that You desire to be seen, to be found and known.
Open our eyes, Lord, as we walk through this world,
feel the wind and sunshine, see the majesty of creation unfolding before our
eyes.**

HELP US TO SEE YOU.

**Under the warmth of the summer sun the world awakes and blossoms
into every imaginable color.**

**You created a garden for us to enjoy, and within it planted
the most magical of flower and trees.
Your garden is perfect, its colors harmonious, its scale immense,
Spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.**

**Creator God who breathed this world into being,
Who is discernible within the harmony of nature,
Thank you for this world which you have created.**

**Thank you for summer sun, which reminds us
that your creative breath is still alive and active.**

**Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world, your garden.**

**This world, your creation, rolled into a sphere, packaged in sunshine,
Gift-wrapped in love**

**Given to us.
THANK YOU**



A Fourth of July Prayer

**We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration
in gratitude for the gift of being Americans.**

**We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream
of freedom and dignity for all.**

**With flags and feasting, with family and friends, we salute those
who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity
to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.**

**As we deny all prejudice in our hearts, may we also clearly declare
our intentions to work for the time when all people, regardless of race,
religion or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.**

**Come, O gracious God,
Who led your children Israel from slavery, keep us free
from all that might hold us in bondage.**

**Bless our country and join our simple celebration
that we may praise You, our Source of freedom,
the One in whom we place our trust.**

Fr. Ed Hays



**In Sept. 2015, when Pope Francis was in America,
he imparted this blessing for us and our country.**

**“May this country, and each of you, be renewed in gratitude for
the many blessings and freedoms that you enjoy. And may you
defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been
given to you by God himself. May he bless you all.”**

Pope Francis
Sept., 2015



LITANY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, save us.
Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God, save us.
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony, save us.
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, save us.
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning of Thorns, save us.
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, save us.
Blood of Christ, Price of our salvation, save us.
Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness, save us.
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, save us.
Blood of Christ, river of mercy, save us.
Blood of Christ, Courage of martyrs, save us.
Blood of Christ, Help of those in peril, save us.
Blood of Christ, Relief of the burdened, save us.
Blood of Christ, Solace in sorrow, save us.
Blood of Christ, Consolation of the dying, save us.
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, save us.
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from Purgatory, save us.
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor, save us.

You have redeemed us, O Lord, in Your Blood,
And made of us a kingdom for our God.

**Almighty and Eternal God, You have appointed your only begotten
Son the Redeemer of the world. Grant we beseech Thee
that we may worthily adore
this Price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded
from the evils of our present life. May we rejoice in its fruits
forever in Heaven, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

