

Ministry Praise

July...

Dedicated to the Precious Blood

**We are redeemed in the Blood of Christ.
We are washed in love.**

Let us pray:

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.

*Glory to the Father ... Praise and Thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus,
Who with His blood has saved us.*

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the Cross and offered daily on the altar, for the spread of the Church, for Pope Francis, for bishops, priests and religious and for the sanctification of all the people of God.

*Glory to the Father ... Praise and Thanksgiving evermore to
Jesus, Who with His blood has saved us.*

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.

*Glory to the Father ... Praise and Thanksgiving evermore to Jesus,
Who with his blood has saved us.*

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the Cross and offered daily on the altar 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.

*Glory to the Father ... Praise and Thanksgiving evermore to Jesus,
Who with his blood has saved us.*

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the Cross and offered daily on the altar for our own special needs, both spiritual and temporal, for those of our relatives, friends and benefactors, and also our enemies.

*Glory to the Father ... Praise and Thanksgiving evermore to Jesus,
Who with his blood has saved us.*

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus, 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 evermore to Jesus.



SUMMERTIME SAINTS

Be mindful of us

July 1 St. Junipero Serra – a Franciscan who migrated to California from Italy and was responsible for founding and spreading the Church there ... in places like Santa Clara, Santa Barbara and the like. He converted thousands.

July 3 St. Thomas the Apostle – Patron of architects, carpenters, builders, construction workers and masons. The Risen Lord appeared to him to dispel his doubts about the Resurrection. He was the “Doubting Thomas”.

July 6 St. Maria Goretti – She was a poor Italian girl who never learned to read or write and did not make her First Communion until age 12. As she was sitting on the stairs, mending, an 18-year-old neighbor boy attacked her with a dagger because she opposed his advances. She was hospitalized and died 24 hours later. Pope Pius XII canonized her in 1947. Maria may have had trouble with catechism but she had no trouble with faith.



July 12 St. Veronica – Watching Jesus fall as he journeyed to Calvary was so painful for her that she stepped out of the crowd, and with true compassion, wiped his face clean with her veil.

July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha – Nicknamed “Lily of the Mohawks”, daughter of a Mohawk chief and an Algonquin mother, Kateri defied tradition by converting to Christianity and dedicating her entire life to God. Her Jesuit advisor suggested she move to St. Louis to be safe, which she did. She was eventually recognized by her own community as a saint.

July 22 St. Mary Magdalene – She has been a victim of mistaken identity. There has been a persistent legend that she was a prostitute and a sinful woman. She was really one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus and is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles”. In addition, she was one of those first witnesses who were privileged to become aware of the Resurrection.



July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne – grandparents of Jesus who faithfully performed their duties, practiced their faith and established an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remained obscure. Grandparents are reminded of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. The younger generation is reminded of older peoples’ greater perspective and depth of experience and wisdom.

Saints of summer, pray for us!

Our Needs, Worries and Concerns

Renewing our trust in the Father's love, we turn to Him again with our needs:

† That our parish will become a vibrant community of prayer, evangelization and charitable action, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

† That the summer will give us time to relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the gifts of nature, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

† That God will bless our nation as we celebrate Independence Day and keep us always thankful for the gift of freedom, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

† For blessings on all families gathered together at this time of year for reunions or for a time of rest, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

† That the Lord will raise up the poor, the sick, the down-trodden and those most in need, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

† For the victims of the many natural disasters ... fires, floods, storms, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

† So that the farmers will have a successful growing season, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*



† For those who risk their lives in order to protect the lives of others, that they will be strengthened, shielded and aided, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

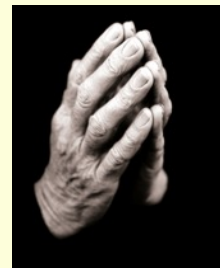
† For the faithful departed, we pray: *Lord, hear us.*

Loving Father, bless us with your peace and mercy!



**Words by
Pope Francis:**

“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.”



**Those Who Recently
Found Eternal Rest:**

Gerald Brickner
Helen Cross
Josephine Bockey
Marilyn Holdgreve



PRAYERS ON A THEME OF SUMMER

Heavenly Father, during my vacation from the cares and burdens of everyday life, please renew me physically, mentally and spiritually. Help me to slow down and take delight in your magnificent creation and in all those who will share time with me.

May I focus my gaze on You and reflect on what is important in life. Remind me to pray each day and keep me safe in my travels. May I be refreshed and revitalized and ready to return to my responsibilities with joy and enthusiasm.

Have you ever seen anything in your life more wonderful than the way the sun every evening, floats toward the horizon, into the clouds or the hills, or the rumpled sea, and is gone. . . and how it slides again out of the blackness every morning, on the other side of the world? Do you think there is anywhere, in any language, a word expressive enough for the pleasure that fills you, as the sun reaches out and warms you?

God, make it warm enough so my tomatoes will grow but not so hot that I can't sleep with the window open.

Nobody really cares how I look in my bathing suit. Right, God?

A sudden thundershower, fresh peaches, a mouthful of watermelon seeds, corn on the cob,

A Frisbee on the beach, for these I am grateful.

This world, rolled into a sphere, packaged in sunshine

Gift-wrapped in love, given to us,

We thank You.



**242 years ago ... on the 4th of July, 1776, this great nation,
the United States of America, in a struggle for what was right and free, was proudly born.**

**May we celebrate that precious freedom for which our forbears fought so bravely, the
freedom which is inherent in the Stars and Stripes, our revered flag.**

CELEBRATE FREEDOM THIS 4TH OF JULY!

**IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776
THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;**

**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are
endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty
and the pursuit of Happiness.”**

**... “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on Divine Providence, we
mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”**

**Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate
in order that she may present the country to You. Through her we wish to thank You
for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.**

Through Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace.

Have mercy on our President and all the officers of our government.

Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity.

Protect the family life of our nation and the precious gift of many vocations.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, have mercy on all who are in need.

Amen.

Lady Liberty

The quote at right is from “The Colossus of Rhodes”, a poem written by Emma Lazarus in 1883 as a tribute to this gift, the Statue of Liberty, to the U.S. from France. It was meant to help finance a pedestal for the statue.

The Statue of Liberty was not conceived and sculpted as a symbol of immigration but it quickly became so as immigrant ships passed under the statue.

“The New Colossus” reinvented the statue’s purpose, turning Lady Liberty into a welcoming Mother, a symbol of hope to the outcasts and downtrodden world.



*“Give me your tired your poor,
Your huddled masses, yearning to be free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tots to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”*



Welcoming God’s people

Lord Jesus, You call us to welcome the members of God’s family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and minds.

Help us to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity while responding to their many needs. Help us give witness to your love for all people.

Amen.