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Servant's Prayer

ot to us, Lord, not to us but to your name give glory because of your mercy and faithfulness. In the joy and comfort of your love we live in peace with faith and hope in your grace. You guide and lead us to the path of holiness through the light of Christ and the truth of the Holy Spirit. As members of the body of Christ, we humbly submit our lives to your holy will

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Directions

1) Listen to the Lord through contemplative prayer.

2) Do the will of God. Believe that whatever we ask God in faith he answers.

3) Be immersed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

VISION

With technological advancement to propagate the faith, the Eucharistic Love Community adheres to the evangelization effort of the Roman Catholic Church. Its global presence shall become the cornerstone of the individual calling of all servants. All for God's glory!

MISSION

As zealous friends of the Lord. the Eucharistic Love Community promotes and shares God's healing presence through the Holy Eucharist with strong Marian Devotion.

THE MONTH **OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

The month of July (Overview -Calendar) is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection: it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

The Old Testament

Cain and Abel are making an offering. Abel's sacrifice is pleasing to God, Cain's is not. This gives rise to the sin of hatred, and fratricide is its resolution. The thirsting earth soaks up Abel's blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ's Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.



Millenia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can

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Spiritual Journey

rowing Spiritually requires a great sacrifice which could lead to loosing what is dear to us. It is similar to allowing emptiness to exist in our lives. Growing Spiritually requires our willingness not to be in control, a willingness to let something new and unexpected happen. It requires trust, surrender, and openness to guidance.

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the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

In a vision the prophet Isaias saw a man treading out grapes (in the Orient, trampling upon grapes in the wine-press was the usual means of extracting the juice). The prophet asked the man: "Why are your garments so red? "The wine-press I have trodden alone," he answers, "because from the nations there is no one with me." The trodder of the wine-press is Christ, His garments crimsoned by the Blood of redemption.

The New Testament

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The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised.

It is night on Mount Olivet, and the moon is shining. We see the holy face crimsoned with blood during the agony in the garden.

Unhappy, despairing Judas casts the blood-money down in the temple. "I have betrayed innocent blood!"

In the scourging chamber we see the Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate shows the bloodcovered Body to the crowds: Ecce homo! We go through Jerusalem's streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross blood trickles. A soldier opens the sacred side. Water and Blood.

Symbols of the Precious Blood

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Adam is sleeping an ecstatic sleep. God opens his side, removes a rib and forms Eve, the mother of all the living. But our view transcends this action and in spirit we behold the second, the divine Adam, Christ. He is sleeping the sleep of death. From His opened side blood and water flow, symbols of baptism and the Eucharist, symbols of the second Eve, the Church, the Mother of all the living. Through blood and water Christ willed to redeem God's many children and to lead them to an eternal home.

At Jerusalem a service in Yahweh's honor is taking place on the Day of Atonement. The high priest is making his annual entrance into the holy of holies to sprinkle the blood of bucks and bulls upon the covenant in expiation for the sins of the people. The Church shows us the higher meaning of this rite. Our divine High Priest Christ on the first Good Friday entered that Holy of Holies which is not made with hands nor sprinkled with the blood of bucks and bulls; there He effects, once and for all, with His own Blood man's eternal redemption.

A finale. Holy Church transports us to the end. The heavenly liturgy is in progress. Upon the altar is the Lamb, slain yet alive, crimsoned by His own Blood. Round about stand the countless army of the redeemed in garments washed white in the Blood of the Lamb. Hosts of the blessed are singing the new canticle of redemption: "You have redeemed us out of every tribe and tongue and nation by Your Blood."

Now from vision to present reality. How fortunate we are to have divine Blood so near to us, to offer it to the heavenly Father for the sins of the whole world!

Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch



It is God wanting to dwell in our emptiness. But as long as we are afraid of God and God's actions in our lives, it is unlikely that we will offer our emptiness to God. Let's pray that we can let go of our fear of God and embrace God as the source of all love.

DEVOTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

evotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first-veneration, it is secondly-invocation, and it is thirdlyimitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Healing Prayers

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oving Jesus, thank you for reminding me that you relate wonderfully with people who have faith. My faith in you establishes our strong relationship that allows your power flow in me. I pray for the sort of faith that the synagogue leader and the sick woman showed. Please Jesus, allow me to touch your healing hands and take me always by your hand bringing me back to life each time I die of my own self-centeredness. Bless and use me to heal others with vour unconditional love. Amen.

ompassionate Jesus, You have exhorted us to take courage ▲in the midst of trials and sufferings. Unlike You, we become weary and tarry along the narrow way to follow You in Your heavenly abode. Your Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament gives us the strength to mend our ways and carry our crosses in life. You stay with us in this Sacrament of Love for You never want us to become orphans. You are "God with us" in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us come to Him and rest our cares and burdens in this valley of tears, for His voke is easy and His burden is light. Come, let us adore Him for He is gracious and merciful. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, pray for us. Amen.

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Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen.

Excerpted from The Precious Blood of Christ, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

Eucharistic Prayers

Adorable Jesus, we are grateful for giving Yourself to us in the Blessed Sacrament, enriching us with treasures of Your love. There is no greater gift than becoming our viaticum that sustains us and offering Yourself as a continual sacrifice to Your Father, for our salvation.

Lord Jesus, we adore You in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our saving Lord, our Divine Healer, our refuge in time of sorrow and strength in our weaknesses.

Our merciful Lord and Savior, O how we love You. You are the way that we want to follow in obedience Your commandments, Your to counsel and Your example. You are the truth; our true light that enlightens everyone who comes into the world. You are our life that through sanctifying grace is the life of our souls. You are the words of everlasting life through the Eucharist; the Living Bread that has come down from heaven. You are the fountain of life. It is You Lord that we love, seek and adore. You are the way, the truth and the life and we trust in You Lord.

Holy Spirit, may the fullness of Your Spirit enable us to ask for great things from You. We thank You Holy Spirit for granting us strong faith to pray and wait expectantly for a miracle. Help us Holy Spirit to hear Your voice leading us to keep our faith strong and free from doubt. Increase our faith to believe for what seems impossible but with You everything is possible. Holy Spirit help us to recognize the miracle You work in our lives, how You protected us, lead us away from danger, provided us with all our needs and saved us from so much more than we realized. Teach us Holy Spirit Divine to move in strong faith to see the answers to our prayers. You have said that fervent prayers accomplish a great deal as long as we have faith and put our trust in You.

Spirit of the Living God, come upon us with Your strength. Illumine us with Your light and empower us with Your love. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

n Mark 6:4-6, Jesus said to his disciples, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed by their lack of faith."

Lord Jesus, how great you are! You are highly to be praised and your greatness cannot be measured. From everlasting to everlasting, we declare your mighty deeds and wonderful works. You are faithful and loving, may our lips ever-praise you and be-speak of the splendor and glory of your Holy Name. For you support all who fail and raises up all who are bowed down. Hard of face and obstinate of heart may we be, but your grace alone is sufficient for us, for your power is made perfect in our weaknesses. Pour forth your Mighty Spirit on us, dear Lord. Grant us the gift of discerning hearts attentive and listening to your Word that we may heed and not reject nor resist it. Our eyes are fixed on you, Lord Jesus, pleading for mercy. Pardon our doubts, arrogance and pride, soak us all in your merciful Heart full of love appreciative and thankful for the abundance of your blessings. Bestow upon us the grace of a responsible commitment to your call and a dedicated service to your people. Listen to our cries of help and have pity on us. Answer our prayers of petitions and supplications. Rescue us from all temptations and bondage of sin. We lift up our gaze to you begging for your compassion, O God! A contrite heart full of remorse and a steadfast, firm faith on you, we profoundly implore! In Jesus' Great Name with Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, we pray. Amen.

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and incline our ear to your living word.

Jesus, present and alive in the Sacrament of Love, you said to your apostles; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons and strengthen the weak. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

You are my hands, my heart, my voice and my feet.

Go forth and become fishers of men.

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Offer your time, talent and treasure to those in need.

Spread my word and proclaim my Eucharistic Kingdom.

Abide in my love and remain in my word so you will have eternal life ...

Here we are O Lord, ready to do your will. Amen.



Prayer Requests

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)

ord, we lift up to you all prayer intentions of our brothers and sisters who need your healing love and presence, especially those petitions we received through

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and individual forms submitted during our community services.

Healing Prayers

ver merciful and gracious Lord, you are the great physician and miracle worker. We humbly beg you to hear the prayers of the sick and afflicted. Listen to them as they say " Lord, If only I could touch the hem of your cloak, and I will be healed. Embrace them dear Lord and work your miraculous power on them in accord with the Father's holy will. Be kind oh Lord and say to them " Courage, daughter, Your faith has saved you." Thank you Lord Jesus for your healing grace Upon them. Amen.

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Dear Lord, we thank you for all the blessings you showered upon us and all answered prayers.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday of the month 8:00 PM	St. Anthony
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays of the month 8:00 PM	St. Anthony
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Frequently Scheduled (Pls check eucharisticlove.org)	St. Mary
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Every second Monday of the month 8:00 PM Every Monday before last Saturday 8:00 PM	St. Anthony
Catholicism Study Group	Every second Saturday of the month 11:00 AM	To be announced

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