#### **Virtual Eucharistic Adoration**

Create a prayerful setting for this special time with the Lord and access an on-line chapel.

Lord Jesus, in the Eucharist You make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **NOVEMBER CONTEMPLATION**

This month may we listen to God calling us to be **Saints**.

## **Opening Prayer**

May this time of prayer be a precious opportunity to grow in awareness of the incomparable treasure which Christ has entrusted to his Church. May it encourage a more lively and fervent celebration of the Eucharist, leading to a Christian life transformed by love. May all of us rediscover the gift of the Eucharist as light and strength for our daily lives in the world, in the exercise of our respective professions. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Silent Reflection

*Let us keep silence before God – silent within ourselves – that our hearts and ears may be open.* 

## **Prayer Before Reading Scripture**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the Scriptures that were written for our instruction. They reveal the depth and width of your great love and show us how to walk in a way that is pleasing to you. Amen.

# **Scripture Reading:** (Philippians 2:12-18)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Psalm 119: 1-3, 9-10, 13-14, 16)

Response: How blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways. R.

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. **R/.** 

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With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of Your mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. R/.

I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. R/.

## Glory Be...

#### **Reflection from the Catechism: Christian Prayer**

The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were "put in charge of many things." Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world. (CCC,2683)

## **Prayer for November**

In November we traditionally remember all those who've gone before us with the sign of faith.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

- St. Gertrude

#### Silent Reflection

## **Meditation:** (Apostolicam Actuositatem)

The apostolate in the social milieu, that is, the effort to infuse a Christian spirit into the mentality, customs, laws, and structures of the community in which one lives, is so much the duty and responsibility of the laity that it can never be performed properly by others.

The laity fulfill this mission of the Church in the world especially by conforming their lives to their faith so that they become the light of the world as well as by practicing honesty in all their dealings so that they attract all to the love of the true and the good and finally to the Church and to Christ. They fulfill their mission also by fraternal charity which presses them to share in the living conditions, labors, sorrows, and aspirations of their brethren with the result that the hearts of all about them are quietly prepared for the workings of saving grace. Another requisite for the accomplishment of their task is a full consciousness of their role in building up society whereby they strive to perform their domestic, social, and professional duties with such Christian generosity that their manner of acting should gradually penetrate the whole world of life and labor. (Chapter III, "The Various Fields of the Apostolate, AA, #13)

#### Intentions

Let us pray together the Daily Offering with the intentions of the Holy Father and our personal intentions:

#### R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you in union with Mary, Mother of the Redeemer of humankind, the Blood Jesus shed with love in his passion and every day is offered on the altar. In union with the Victim offered for the salvation of the world, we offer today's actions in expiation for our sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the needs of the holy Church, and especially:

This year's Meditations are taken from *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, Pope Paul VI's *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*, November 18, 1965.

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For the Holy Father's Intention for Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation, we pray to the Lord. **R**/.

That our elected officials truly advance the call of the Church to respect all persons and care for them with the dignity they deserve, we pray to the Lord. R.

For all our family members who have died: bring them in joy to your eternal home, we pray to the Lord. R:

Lord, You have promised to be with your Church always, may the Holy Spirit inspire many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord. R/.

For those who've asked the help of our prayers, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord. R.

#### The Blood of Christ is Life for all Our Needs

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar:

- + For the glory of your name, for the coming of your kingdom and for the salvation of all.
- + For the propagation of faith, 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.
- + For civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations.
- **+** For the sanctification of our work and suffering, for the poor, sick and afflicted, and for all who rely on our prayers.
- + For our own spiritual and temporal needs, for those of our relatives, 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.

Our Father...

#### Silent Reflection

# **Closing Prayer: Precious Blood Prayer**

All: Almighty and Eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Precious Blood, pray for us. St. Gaspar, pray for us, St. Maria De Mattias, pray for us, St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.

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