

Lyceum 105 – August 7, 2025, Neighborhood/Parish Lyceum – a forum to Think, Discuss, Share, and Learn from one another. Your input is welcomed - Iron sharpens iron.

“The 1826, in Connecticut, a farmer named Josiah Holbrook started a school for ‘the general diffusion of knowledge and raising the moral and intellectual taste’ of Americans. In those days, the opportunities for higher education were limited to those venerable old universities that had long served the upper crust. Holbrook’s vision was to make learning – practical, liberal, and humane – available to working people of all kinds. He named his school the Lyceum, after the garden where Aristotle once taught his students philosophy.... We need to go deeper than the superficial fights that characterize public life. We need to return to the first principles and meet each other there as human beings.”– Nathan Beacom, Plough Magazine, Autumn 2023, p. 9.

A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

In trust and gratitude, we turn to your Holy Spirit. We know your Spirit has been active during this time of conclave, guiding the prayerful discernment that has brought your Church to this important moment. Now, as Pope Leo XIV assumes the Petrine Ministry, we pray that your Spirit draw ever closer to our new Holy Father, illuminating his path so that he may faithfully see and respond to the needs of your people. We pray that Pope Leo XIV be strengthened in his ministry. May he continue building bridges that connect us to one another. May he be an example of faith, hope, and love. We pray that you give him joy in his work and a renewed fervor for your Gospel message. May he never lose sight of Christ who walks before us and among us — particularly in the most vulnerable, the forgotten, and the outcast. Christ Jesus, bless Pope Leo XIV — and bless us, your holy people, as together we strive to be your Body in our wounded world. Amen.

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40 Prayers by Pope Leo XIV

Inspired by Pope Leo XIV’s spiritual depth and leadership, these 40 potent prayers are a timeless manual for anyone looking to deepen their relationship with God. Each prayer, which is based on Scripture and helps Catholics align their hearts with God’s Word, addresses a crucial aspect of life, such as faith, family, protection, direction, strength, healing, justice, and more.

These prayers provide insight, consolation, and heavenly strength whether you are going through difficult times or celebrating successes. Allow them to become a part of your daily devotion, bringing you closer to God and giving your journey direction and serenity. I have formerly used, in an earlier writing, 10 of these 40 prayers.

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+Prayer for Morning Strength

“Lord, awaken my soul and strengthen my heart for the tasks of this day. May I walk in Your light and wisdom.”

Scripture: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” – Psalm 118:24

+Prayer for Divine Protection

“O God of hosts, surround me with Your angels and shield me from every evil.”

Scripture: “He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.”

– Psalm 91:11

+Prayer for the Holy Spirit’s Guidance

“Come, O Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind and sanctify my thoughts today.”

Scripture: “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things.” – John 14:26

+Prayer for Peace of Mind

“Lord Jesus, calm the storm in my soul and fill me with Your perfect peace.”

Scripture: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you.” – John 14:27

+Prayer for Courage in Trials

“Lord, when I am afraid, remind me of Your presence and grant me boldness in faith.”

Scripture: “Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you.” –

Deuteronomy 31:6

+Prayer for Wisdom in Leadership

“Heavenly Father, grant me wisdom like Solomon, that I may lead with justice and humility.”

Scripture: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God... and it will be given.” – James 1:5

+Prayer for the Protection of the Church

“Lord, defend Your holy Church from every attack, and keep Her united in truth.”

Scripture: “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” – Matthew 16:18

+Prayer for the Sick

“Divine Healer, stretch forth Your hand upon the sick and restore them to health.”

Scripture: “By His wounds we are healed.” – Isaiah 53:5

+Prayer for Mercy

“O Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

Scripture: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love.” – Psalm 51:1

+Prayer for Unity

“Father, make us one, as You and the Son are one, so the world may believe.”

Scripture: “That they may all be one.” – John 17:21

+Prayer for Family Blessings

“Bless our family, Lord, with harmony, love, and Your sacred presence in our home.”

Scripture: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” – Joshua 24:15

+Prayer for Humility

“Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours.”

Scripture: “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” – James 4:10

+Prayer for Deliverance

“Deliver me, O Lord, from all temptation and snares of the enemy.”

Scripture: “Deliver us from evil.” – Matthew 6:13

+Prayer Before Confession

“Holy Spirit, examine my heart and prepare me for sincere repentance.”

Scripture: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us.” – 1 John 1:9

+Prayer for the Nation

“Lord of all nations, guide our leaders and heal our land.”

Scripture: “If My people... will humble themselves and pray... I will heal their land.” – 2 Chronicles 7:14

+Prayer for Vocations

“Raise holy men and women to serve You in the priesthood and religious life.”

Scripture: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” – Matthew 9:37

+Prayer for the Holy Eucharist

“Lord Jesus, may I always approach Your Body and Blood with reverence and hunger for grace.”

Scripture: “This is My Body... This is My Blood.” – Mark 14:22-24

+Prayer for Faith During Doubt

“Strengthen my faith, O Lord, when fear and doubt cloud my spirit.”

Scripture: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” – Mark 9:24

+Prayer Against Evil

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I rebuke every work of darkness.”

Scripture: “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” – James 4:7

+Prayer for the Dying

“Jesus, be with those at death’s door. Receive their souls into Your eternal light.”

Scripture: “Though I walk through the valley... I will fear no evil.” – Psalm 23:4

+Prayer for Patience

“Lord, teach me to wait on Your timing with a calm and trusting heart.”

Scripture: “But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.” – Isaiah 40:31

+Prayer for Marital Harmony

“God of unity, bind our marriage with cords of love, understanding, and peace.”

Scripture: “What God has joined together, let no man separate.” – Mark 10:9

+Prayer for Forgiveness

“Father, help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me through Christ.”

Scripture: “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” – Luke 6:37

+Prayer for Financial Wisdom

“Bless me, Lord, not just with provision but with wisdom to steward it well.”

Scripture: “The plans of the diligent lead to profit.” – Proverbs 21:5

+Prayer Before Sleep

“Lord, as I lie down, grant me peaceful rest and dreams inspired by Your Spirit.”

Scripture: “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone... make me dwell in safety.” – Psalm 4:8

+Prayer for the Youth

“Lord, guide our young ones in purity, strength, and truth in this broken world.”

Scripture: “Let no one despise your youth...” – 1 Timothy 4:12

+Prayer for Guidance in Temptation

“O God, lead me not into temptation, but strengthen me to resist and overcome.”

Scripture: “God is faithful... He will also provide the way of escape.” – 1 Corinthians 10:13

+Prayer for Church Leaders

“Lord, give our priests and bishops hearts of purity, courage, and fidelity.”

Scripture: “Shepherd the flock of God... being examples to the flock.” – 1 Peter 5:2–3

+Prayer for the Holy Rosary

“May each bead of the Rosary draw me deeper into the mysteries of Christ and His Mother.”

Scripture: “Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises.” – Luke 1:45

+Prayer for the Saints’ Intercession

“Holy saints of God, pray for us, that we may walk the narrow path with strength.”

Scripture: “The prayer of a righteous person has great power.” – James 5:16

+Prayer for Healing from Trauma

“Jesus, enter every wounded place in my soul and restore me completely.”

Scripture: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” – Psalm 147:3

+Prayer for Charity

“Lord, make me an instrument of Your mercy. Let me love with actions and truth.”

Scripture: “Let all that you do be done in love.” – 1 Corinthians 16:14

+Prayer for Faithfulness in Trials

“Strengthen me to endure in faith, even when I cannot see the outcome.”

Scripture: “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” – Revelation 2:10

+Prayer for Protection Over Children

“Father, bless and protect our children. Keep them in Your grace and truth always.”

Scripture: “Train up a child... and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” – Proverbs 22:6

+Prayer of Gratitude

“Thank you, Lord, for every gift, seen and unseen. I glorify You in all things.”

Scripture: “Give thanks in all circumstances.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

+Prayer for Discernment

“Holy Spirit, sharpen my spirit to recognize truth and walk in Your perfect will.”

Scripture: “Test everything; hold fast what is good.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:21

+Prayer for the Poor

“Lord, teach me to serve the least among us, as You served with compassion.”

Scripture: “Whatever you did for one of the least... you did for Me.” – Matthew 25:40

+Prayer for Peace Among Nations

“Almighty God, bring peace where there is war, and justice where there is oppression.”

Scripture: “Blessed are the peacemakers.” – Matthew 5:9

+Prayer for Holiness

“Make me holy, O Lord, as You are holy. Let my life reflect Your light.”

Scripture: “Be holy, for I am holy.” – 1 Peter 1:16

+Prayer for the Second Coming

“Come, Lord Jesus! Prepare our hearts for Your return in glory and righteousness.”

Scripture: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” – Revelation 22:20