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**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; TEMPORARILY by preregistration** Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled; **preregistration required** by calling Fr. Vasyl Tymishak (306-519-9030)

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by <u>participating</u> in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in <u>contributing</u> to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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MASKS ARE MANDATORY UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH AND DURING DIVINE LITURGY. THE BULLETINS CANNOT BE LEFT ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH.





On Tuesday April 13, 2021 the province of Saskatchewan, along with Dr. Saqib Shahab, Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer, announced the new measures in response to the New measures for all Saskatchewan

These restrictions apply to all places in Saskatchewan. Both of these measures are a return to the guidelines in effect earlier this year.

- 1. Effective Friday, April 16th, all places of worship in Saskatchewan will be limited to a maximum capacity of 30 persons. All existing provisions including 2 metre distancing, hand sanitizing, masking, and contact tracing will remain in effect: (Places of worship guidelines). For clarity: the regulations permit concurrent meetings, but the combined capacity within the facility may not exceed 30 persons; the capacity limit applies to all persons within the place of worship except clergy/religious leadership and key staff/volunteers. Please keep this number as low as possible.
- 2. Effective immediately, April 13th, all private indoor gatherings are prohibited immediately. Residents may not expand their household "bubble". All indoor gatherings are restricted to immediate household members only.

**Reminder:** outdoor public gatherings are limited to 10 people, provided physical distancing between households can be maintained.

These measures are included in the current public health order that expires on April 26th. We can expect further information on the renewal of the health order next week. growing numbers of COVID -19 infections across Saskatchewan.

**Please note**: Due to the revised Public Health order regarding places of worship, St. Athanasius Church will allow 30 people to attend services as per Public Health Act of Saskatchewan. **Please continue to register for all services.** 

**SUNDAY LITURGIES:** If you wish to attend Liturgy on Sundays, please contact Rosanne Miller, 306-543-5773, to confirm your attendance **(preferably by Noon on Saturday)**. This is a reminder that this process must be followed for **EACH** Sunday. You can leave a message for Rosanne if she is not home, and she will confirm whether or not there is space for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

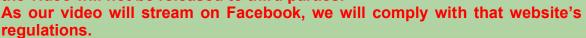
WEEKDAY LITURGIES: If you wish to attend weekday Liturgies, please register by calling Fr. Vasyl at 306-519-9030.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <a href="https://st-athanasius.ca/">https://st-athanasius.ca/</a> or on Facebook:

https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live

TO ALL PARISHIONERS: During our Livestream and Videotaping, the video may capture the likeness of those parishioners sitting in the pews during our services. This video will be kept for a maximum of 45 days. Other than those who choose to view the livestream as it happens,

the video will not be released to third parties.



If you are uncomfortable being on video, please advise the Greeters when you enter the church and they will place you in a pew where you will not be captured.

Христос Воскрес! Bоістину Воскрес! Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

EASTER REFRAIN: Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves He granted life.

END OF LITURGY: He granted us eternal life, we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.

#### SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. for the praying of the rosary followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE: Please remember that from Resurrection Sunday up to Ascension Thursday, we stand to pray. Note also that from Easter Sunday to Ascension Thursday, at daily Liturgies, the Sunday antiphons are recited and the tropar, kondak, etc. are read from the preceding Sunday bulletin. The Epistle and Gospel are of the day.

TROPAR (Tone 2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

TROPAR (Tone 2): The noble Joseph took down your most pure body from the Cross. He wrapped it in a clean shroud, and with fragrant spices laid it in burial in a new tomb. But You arose in three days, O Lord, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): By your Resurrection, O Christ our God, You told the women bringing ointment to rejoice; and You stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother. You instructed the women to announce to your apostles: "The Savior has risen from the tomb."

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Verse: To you, O Lord, I call; O my Rock, be not deaf to me

#### **EPISTLE:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)

In those days, as the number of disciples grew, the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew. The Twelve assembled the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Look around among your own number, brothers, for seven men acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent, and we shall appoint them to this task. This will permit us to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of the word." The proposal was unanimously accepted by the community. Following this they selected Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, who had been a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who first prayed over them and then imposed hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, while at the same time the number of the disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased. There were many priests among those who embraced the faith.

ALLELUIA VERSE: You have favored, O Lord, your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

#### **GOSPEL:** Mark (15:43 - 16:8)

At that time Joseph from Arimathea arrived--a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin. He was another who looked forward to the reign of God. He was bold enough to seek an audience with Pilate and urgently requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Pilate released the corpse to Joseph. Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down, wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb which had been cut out of rock. Finally, he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where he had been laid. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise, on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back (It was a huge one.) On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: "You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; He is not here. See the place where they laid him. Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.' "They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling: and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone.

Instead of 'It is truly right': The Angel greeted You O full of grace, O purest Virgin rejoice and again I say rejoice. Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice!

Shine O Shine, O new Jerusalem for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you; be happy now and rejoice O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him who was born of you.

#### INSTEAD OF "Blessed is He Who comes..." Христос Воскрес! (tropar)

COMMUNION HYMN: Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL NOTE: For those who are in church today, we will be reciting the regular prayer before communion.

For those who are watching via livestreaming, please recite the prayer below:

#### BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, The Son of the living God, who came into the world To save sinners of whom I am the first.

Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God,

Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace for the healing of my soul and body.

For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, But like the thief I profess to you:

- \* Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.
- \* Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.
- \* Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this, Which I would receive, and which is now here present with us in Mystery, Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood. May I one day partake of your mystical supper again For the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen

- O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- + O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- + O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

With Ecclesiastical Approbation. Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

INSTEAD OF "We have seen the true light...", "May our mouths be filled..." and "Blessed be the name":

Khrystos Voskrese Khrystos voskrese voskrese, voskrese, iz mertvykh, Smerti-u, smert' poprav, Smerti-u, smert' poprav, Isuschym vo hrobikh, Isuschym vo hrobikh, zhyvot, zhyvot daryvav!

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Arise and Rejoice! Arise and rejoice,

Arise, arise with the risen Lord. Through His death, death has gone Through His death, death has gone! Everyone who was dead, Everyone wh

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE April 19 – April 25, 2021

Monday, April 19 - Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit (c. 800); Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60; John 4:46-54

7:00 p.m. Online LAURC Covenant Study

**Tuesday**, **April 20** - Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas (that is, "the one who wears a hair shirt"); Holy Anastasius of Mt. Sinai (686); Acts 8:5-17; John 6:27-33

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for health and God's blessing upon Megan Johnston, requested by Karen Johnston (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) livestreaming

**Wednesday, April 21** -The Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and Those with Him (305-11); the Holy Martyr Theodore of Pergia (138-61); Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for repose of souls of Steve and Walter, requested by Chris and Joe Hladky (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) livestreaming

Thursday, April 22 - Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum (613); Acts 8:26-39; John 6:40-44 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for repose of the soul of Josephine Mackow, requested by Janet Mackow (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) livestreaming 6:30p.m. Zoom PCM

**Friday, April 23** - The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George; Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. <u>Acts 8:40-9:19</u>; <u>Acts 12:1-11</u>; <u>John 6:48-54</u>; <u>John 15:17-16:2</u> **No service scheduled** 

**Saturday, April 24** -The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates ("the General") (364-78); Acts 9:20-31; John 15:17-16:2

11:00 a.m. Baptism

**Sunday, April 25** - Fourth Sunday after Pascha – Sunday of the Paralytic. Acts 9:32-42; 1 Peter 5:6-14; John 5:1-15; Mark 6:7-13

9:15 a.m. Rosary (preregistration by calling Rosanne @ 306-543-5773) livestreaming

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for faithful (preregistration) livestreaming

1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw (preregistration)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: *UNIVERSAL INTENTION – Fundamental rights*: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

APRIL FOOD BANK ITEM: Bean

	April 2021 GREETERS	
April 18	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich	
April 25	Terry & Rosanne Miller	

Schedule of singers for upcoming Sundays subject to change as needed. We will continue having only limited households at one time, each sharing a microphone while respecting spacing requirements, until the spread of Covid-19 is no longer a risk.

Apr. 18 (today): Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof-Tymishak

Apr. 25: Peter & Marion Federko; Len & Anna Markewich

May 2: Phyllis Lukey; Peter & Marion Federko

May 9: Peter & Marion Federko; Alla Gof-Tymishak

May 13 (Ascension): Phyllis Lukey; TBA

May 16: Phyllis Lukey; Len & Anna Markewich

#### LAURC COVENANT STUDY



You are invited to join a discussion about the new LAURC Covenant between the Lutheran, Anglican, Ukrainian Catholic, and Roman Catholic churches in Saskatchewan. What is a covenant? Does this mean that we are becoming one church? What will change because of the covenant? What should change? These and other questions will be explored Monday evenings, 7pm, on April 19, and 26th with Nick Jesson and members of the LAURC Covenant Committee.

This online discussion is open to all but is especially directed to clergy and parish ecumenical representatives of the four covenant churches.

- Mondays, April 12, 19, and 26 at 7pm on Zoom
- Register now at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzukc--tqT-giHdGy0YPCZ">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzukc--tqT-giHdGy0YPCZ</a> Cji3kmw4Yy9fmd
- Download the study guide at <a href="https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/de-fault/files/The%20LAURC%20Covenant%20and%20Study%20Guide.pdf">https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/de-fault/files/The%20LAURC%20Covenant%20and%20Study%20Guide.pdf</a>

For further information, contact Nick Jesson at <a href="mailto:njesson@archregina.sk.ca">njesson@archregina.sk.ca</a>
This study is planned by the LAURC Covenant Committee and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

#### **Prairie Centre For Ecumenism**

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#### GOOD DAY ST. VOLODYMYR CAMP SUPPORTERS,

It's been a long, quiet year at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Park, and we are trying to figure out what's next! Under current health restrictions we have come up with some ideas however we need your feedback!

Also keep in mind the situation could change at any time! so we have to remain flexible and with a positive attitude.

We have developed a survey to determine your interests, needs and wants for 2021 programming at the park. Sure, it won't be the same as we remember before the health restrictions are in place

but it will be something new and exciting to try!

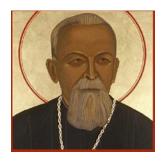
You could be a past or future camper, parent of a future or past camper, been involved as a volunteer or on the staff team, as a counselor or counselor in training, we want to hear from all of you:

#### **CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE 2021 CAMP INTEREST SURVEY**

We need as many responses as possible so we can get a good picture of everyone's thoughts so we can move forward with some decision making.

Thank you for participating,

St Volodymyr Camp Committee stvolodymyrcamp@gmail.com



Devotions to Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, CSsR Live-streamed from the Shrine in Winnipeg, MB

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm (Saskatchewan time)

Please join us in prayer. Here is the link to the broadcasts:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDrZoGsYeJG1IqgdZyfYMA



Tastes of Heaven Virtual Gala Thursday April 29, 2021 at 8:00 pm (EDT) [6:00 pm CST]

Help sustain the Catholic Faith in remote Canada in these troubled times. Please join Catholic Missions

In Canada online from the comfort of your home to experience the Tastes of Heaven Virtual Gala. With free registration, you will be sent an access link to join this online gala.

Visit Canadian home missions virtually through in-depth interviews, video, and stories. In addition, follow along as a Master Sommelier leads an exquisite wine tasting with selections from Two Sisters Vineyards in Niagara, Ontario. President Fr. David Reilander and Stewardship Officer Joe Gennaro will host an in-depth look at the costs of missionary sustenance – the costs of transportation, food, and utilities. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, will present the St. Joseph's Award to an exemplary Canadian missionary.

Catholic Missions In Canada exists to advance and sustain the Catholic Faith in remote and poor mission communities across Canada. This event is a fundraiser to raise support for our Canadian home missions.

Learn more/register: <a href="https://cmic.info/tastes-of-heaven/">https://cmic.info/tastes-of-heaven/</a>





"THE CONVERSATION": A weekly Zoom call with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Bishops, Clergy and Featured Speakers, and a number of the faithful, as we gather to discuss many topics and field questions from people. Join us every Thursday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm (CST) [7-9pm EST]. Watch Livestreaming at: Tranquillight Calling - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/chan-nel/UCf39034kKgMTZI">https://www.youtube.com/chan-nel/UCf39034kKgMTZI</a> hacrM9nA

Email your questions and receive the Zoom link ucconversa-

tion@gmail.com.



# NEW 2021 Easter CD: "Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!"

St. Athanasius Parish, Regina, Sk. is very pleased to offer a new CD of traditional Easter songs and hymns, in both English and Ukrainian!

This recording was recently completed by several members of our Parish Choir while following the 2021 pandemic protocols including wearing masks and physical distancing while recording. This was an intensive labour of love. The music that resulted is a heartfelt expression of the Joy of the Resurrection that we wish to share with you!

We hope that these traditional uplifting songs will bring a sense of new beginnings for you personally as we share this together in our homes this Easter Season and into the years to come. May this music also connect us to our past – our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and Priests in our communities who kept the richness of the Ukrainian Easter hymns, along with our beautiful traditions, alive through generations.

We are guided to center our focus on seeing our Resurrected Christ in all things, earthly and heavenly! The pandemic year has brought hardships and changes to all parts of our lives. With

the Risen Christ at our side, we move forward and through to a renewed creation.

"All things are now filled light, Heaven and earth and the world beneath. So let all creation celebrate Christ's own Resurrection, for in Him is it strength." (from Ode 3, Paschal Matins)

Our intention is to provide each St. Athanasius Parish household a CD as our gift to you. Extra physical CD's are available by contacting us at <a href="mailto:stathanasius@sasktel.net">stathanasius@sasktel.net</a> or call parish office at 306-543-8008 (Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. — 2:00p.m.)

If a digital download is your preference, please contact Fr. Vasyl at vasyltymishak@gmail.com and a link will be sent to you for a download. In addition, words to these songs are on St. Athanasius website: https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/liturgical-text

Here is a sample of the kind of hymns you can expect to hear on this Easter CD <a href="https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/new-easter-cd-2021">https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/new-easter-cd-2021</a>

We wish you Peace and Joy this Easter Season and beyond!

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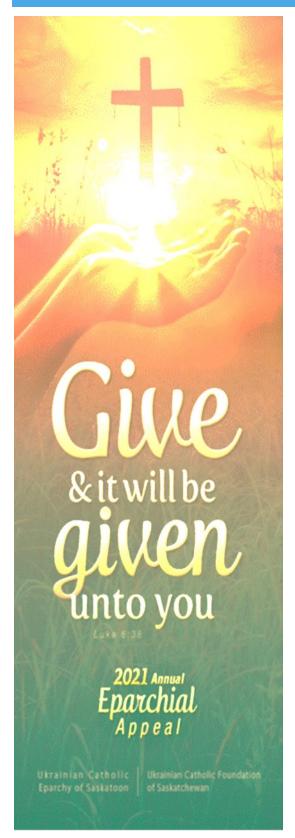
With Paschal Joy, Singers & Fr. Vasyl

**NOTICE:** Our parish expenses continue, even though there are no large church services. Therefore, it would be very much appreciated if you could continue your support of the parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to <a href="mailto:stathandeposit@sas-ktel.net">stathandeposit@sas-ktel.net</a>. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION**.

April 11: 10 regular envelopes - \$500; 2 Building Fund envelopes - \$40; 2 Easter Offering envelopes - \$70; 2 Good Friday envelopes - \$35; 1 Visitor envelope - \$250; 1 Easter Flower envelope - \$20; Loose Change - \$20.

E-Sunday Collections & E-transfers: 7 regular donations - \$230; 1 Building Fund donation - \$50.

# 2021 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL WEEK 2 – (APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021)



Our 2021 Annual Eparchial Appeal journey begins today with the presentation of the Eparchial Appeal Video. The video depicts how the Eparchial Ministries and programs supported by the Annual Eparchial Appeal will provide significant benefits and enrich the lives of the people in our Eparchy, including people in your Parish. Your support is so critical to the ensure that these programs and initiatives are sustainable and continued to be offered into the future.

If your Parish is not able to show the video in the Church, we invite to view the Eparchial Appeal Video from the comfort of your home. Access to the video is provided on the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation website at www.ucfsask.org.

Your **Annual Eparchial Appeal Letter Package** should have arrived in the mail. This package will contain detailed information on the various Eparchial ministries and programs supported by the 2021 Appeal. As it has in the last five years, your gift to the 2021 Appeal will make a significant difference and will serve as a powerful witness of our God's love and mercy.

If you wish to donate online through the Foundation's website, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to link you directly to our website.



If you have any questions or comments regarding the Eparchial Appeal or the Foundation itself, please contact the **Foundation Office at 306-653-0138**, ext 223.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE MYRR-BREARING WOMAN



Icon of the Myrr-bearing Women at the Tomb

### The Frailty of Beholders and Their Gradual Recognition

Our Lord and redeemer revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time, undoubtedly because so great was the virtue of the miracle that the weak hearts of mortals could not grasp [the significance of] this all at once. Thus, he had regard for the frailty of those seeking him.

To those who came first to the tomb, both the women who were aflame with love for him and the men, he showed the stone rolled back. Since his body had been carried away, he showed them the linen cloths in which it had been wrapped lying there alone.

Then, to the women who were searching eagerly, who were confused in their minds about what they had found out about him, he showed a vision of angels who disclosed evidences again of the fact that he had risen.

Thus, with the report of his resurrection already accomplished, going ahead of him, the Lord of hosts and the king of glory himself at length appeared and made clear with what great might he had overcome the death he had temporarily tasted.

From the Homilies on the Gospels by St. Bede the Venerable



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR PROTECTION

O Mary, Queen of the Angels and Mother of us all. We turn to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones. the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trail and testing. teach us all in the Church to love one another and to be patient, and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
This we pray, Amen