

I want to invite you to join me from August 28, the feast of St. Augustine, to September 29, the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, in praying for the conversion of hearts in our world to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The evil and division around us is growing by leaps and bounds. Our need to be united in prayer is **urgent**. Because of St. Augustine's own radical conversion of heart due to the love and mercy of God, and because of the necessity of St. Michael to defend us in the midst of this present spiritual warfare, I invite you to join me in daily praying the following prayers **for a great conversion of lukewarm and hardened hearts and in reparation for the evil** that continues to overrun our present times, **begging God's Mercy to be upon us all:**

- 1) To pray the Rosary (5 decades) every day for these 33 days, beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>
- 2) To pray the Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus, explained below, daily for 33 days
- 3) To pray the *Ave, Maris Stella (Hail, O Star of Ocean)* for all priests once daily for 33 days
- 4) To pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel once daily for you and your loved ones daily for 33 days
- 5) To pray the following prayer invoking the Precious Blood of Jesus once daily for 33 days

The situation at hand is worth 30 minutes of prayer every day. The need is great. *Divide them up through the day if needed.*

-Fr. Zach Edgar

### **The Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus**

**+ God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be...**

Then pray 33 times consecutively the first verse of Psalm 68:  
*(it may help to use the final 3 decades of the Rosary to count 33 beads)*

**-Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let those who hate Him flee before His Holy Face.**

Then pray 3 times consecutively the ***Glory be...*** [Chaplet takes roughly five minutes]

*Why Psalm 68:1? St. Athanasius relates that the devils, on being asked what verse in the whole Scripture they feared the most, replied: "That with which the 68<sup>th</sup> Psalm commences: "Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered: and let them that hate Him flee from before His Face." He added that this always compelled them to take flight.*

**Ave Maris Stella** (*the petitions in this prayer are underlined to help you better meditate on them over the 33 days*)

Hail, O Star of the ocean, God's own Mother blest, ever sinless Virgin, gate of heav'nly rest. Taking that sweet Ave, which from Gabriel came, peace confirm within us, changing Eva's name. Break the sinners' fetters, make our blindness day, chase all evils from us, for all blessings pray. Show thyself a Mother, may the Word divine, born for us thine Infant, hear our prayers through thine. Virgin all excelling, mildest of the mild, free from guilt preserve us, meek and undefiled. Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure, till we find in Jesus, joy for evermore. Praise to God the Father, honor to the Son, in the Holy Spirit, be the glory one. Amen.

### **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus**

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 the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please ask as many people as possible to make the sacrifice to pray these prayers daily. The evil in our midst should be very readily apparent and our response needs to be zealous and heroic. As you ask others to pray for mercy and in reparation, in addition to St. Augustine and St. Michael, please also remember our family in heaven who are remembered in these days, especially: St. John the Baptist (8/29), St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (9/5), The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9/8), St. Peter Claver (9/9), The Most Holy Name of Mary (9/12), Our Lady of Sorrows (9/15), St. Francis of Assisi receives the Stigmata (9/17), St. Matthew (9/21), St. Padre Pio (9/23), The North American Martyrs (9/26).*

*In the middle of these days is the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross (9/14). Every sacrifice has meaning, every bit of mercy we could receive is because of the Cross. In the hope of a great conversion of hearts to God's Mercy, let us take to heart these words from the Old Testament reading given on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults. (Sirach 28:3-7)*