

## PRAYER OF PETITION

**Leader** Lord Jesus,

**All** You are the author of all grace. You said:  
“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and  
you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened  
to you. For everyone who seeks, finds;  
and to him who knocks it shall be opened.”  
Fortified by those reassuring words, we  
come to you with our petitions.

**Leader** Lord Jesus, we pray for the Church and  
our Holy Father.

**Right Side** O God, you are the shepherd and  
king of the people of God. In your mercy,  
watch over our Holy Father whom you  
have chosen to be head of your Church  
and your representative on earth.

**Left Side** O God, grant that by word and  
example, he may sustain us who look on  
him as a father, so that shepherd and  
flock may together attain everlasting life.

**Leader** We pray for our Bishops and priests.

**Left Side** Lord Jesus, eternal High Priest, keep  
our Bishops and priests under your special  
protection. Watch over them, guide them,  
protect them.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus, fill their hearts with  
your love, and keep them from the spirit of  
the world. Bless their work. May the souls  
they lead to you be their consolation and  
their glory in heaven.

**Leader** We pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus, "You were moved with compassion for your people because they were dejected and like sheep without a shepherd, a great harvest with only a few laborers to do the harvest." Look down with compassion on our modern world which is a greater harvest and in even greater need of laborers.

**Left Side** You said: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." Tonight, we beg of you to foster vocations by inspiring modern, generous youth to dedicate themselves to your service. We need priests, brothers and sisters. In your mercy accept our sacrifices and hear our prayers.

**Leader** We pray for our Country and its leaders, in the words of Archbishop Carroll, the first Bishop in the United States.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus, God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed, assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of the United States.

**Left Side** Grant that his administration be conducted in righteousness, and be useful to the people over whom he presides. Give him the grace to encourage due respect for virtue and religion. Guide him in the faithful execution of the laws of the land, in

justice and mercy. Strengthen him to restrain vice and immorality.

Right Side Let your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all its proceedings. May your grace guide Congress in framing laws for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

All We pray for His Excellency, the governor of this State, for the members of the Legislature, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are elected or appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful intercession, to discharge the duties of their respective stations, with honesty and ability.

Leader We pray for those in military service.

Left Side Lord Jesus, Savior of the world, and King of peace, watch over all those in the service of their country. Preserve them from the spiritual and moral dangers of military life. Keep them close to you, help them to live the Commandments, and inspire them to receive the sacraments regularly.

Right Side Lord Jesus, keep them pure in body and soul. Give them courage to serve their Country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger, strengthen

them when they face hardships. Above all, grant that when their years of service are finished they may return to us, sound in mind, body, and soul, to enjoy the peace of a true Catholic civilian life.

Leader We pray for our families.

All Lord Jesus, we commend our families to your goodness and mercy. Bless our home with the blessings of Nazareth. Keep us all from sin, particularly those sins that are disruptive of family harmony and peace. Give us mutual love and respect. We place our families in your merciful hands, confident that with you, and through you, we will attain eternal happiness.

Leader We pray for all workers.

Left Side Lord Jesus, you were poor and lowly. You worked in a carpenter's shop, plying a trade like any other man. Look with compassion on the workers of the world. Give us all work that we may keep our families in decent comfort, live without fear, and serve you with greater freedom.

Right Side Lord Jesus, guide our leaders, so that unionism in our country, and in the whole world will be an instrument of justice, dignity, and honor for all; not a tyranny of unreasonable demands by employees; nor an ineffective protection against the oppression of unscrupulous employers.

All Lord Jesus, teach us to be content with our lot, to work in honesty and with a deep

sense of justice. Give us some of that spirit that animated you when you worked at a carpenter's bench. Grant that we never forget that honest work is a dignity and an honor that can and should make saints of us!

**Leader** We pray for the sick.

**All** Lord Jesus, almighty and everlasting God, you are the eternal salvation of your people. We implore your merciful help for the sick. Restore them to good health that they may once more be with us to praise and adore you.

**Leader** We pray for racial justice in our Country.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus, you are the great Leveler. In the Holy Eucharist, your sacrifice is offered for all; you become the food of all; your presence is for all. As Saint Paul so well put it; "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, . . . slave or freeman; but Christ is all things in all." (*Col. 3:11*)

**Left Side** Give us, therefore, the grace "as God's chosen ones to put on heartfelt mercy, kindness, humility, meekness and patience." Make us strong "to bear with one another and forgive whatever grievance we may have against each other, just as you, Lord, have forgiven us. But above all these things, give us love which binds us together and makes us perfect. May the peace of Christ rule over our hearts, for as members of the one body we have been called to that peace." (*Col. 3:12 - 15*)

**Leader** We pray for unity in Faith.

**Left Side** Lord Jesus, you prayed: "Holy Father, keep in your name those whom you have given me, that they may be one even as you Father in me and I in you." (*John 17: 11-17*) We join you in that prayer for unity and faith.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus, you correct injustices and gather together the dispersed to guide and protect them. Mercifully give all Christians the true spirit of unity that they may overlook their differences and unite to serve you worthily in a common faith and under the one leader.

**Leader** We pray for the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus, we have taken your invitation to heart and are "watching one hour with you." Our monthly hour of Nocturnal Adoration has come to mean very much to us. We would like to share its privileges and joys with others. In fact, our prayer is that everyone become a Nocturnal Adorer.

**Left Side** Lord Jesus, prosper our Society. Spread it all over the world, especially in our own Country. Inspire many to join our ranks, that the praise and reparation we are sending up to you may swell into a mighty hymn pleasing to your Sacred Heart.

**All** Lord Jesus, give us a practical and iron-clad faith in your Real Presence. Strengthen

our determination to be faithful to our monthly hour. Increase our love for you, that we may be true and staunch Nocturnal Adorers.

Leader Lord Jesus, make us your witnesses.

All Help us spread your fragrance everywhere. Flood our soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that all our life may be a witness, a radiance of yours. Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may be aware of your presence in us. Let them look up and see no longer us, but only you, Lord Jesus. (*Card. Newman*)