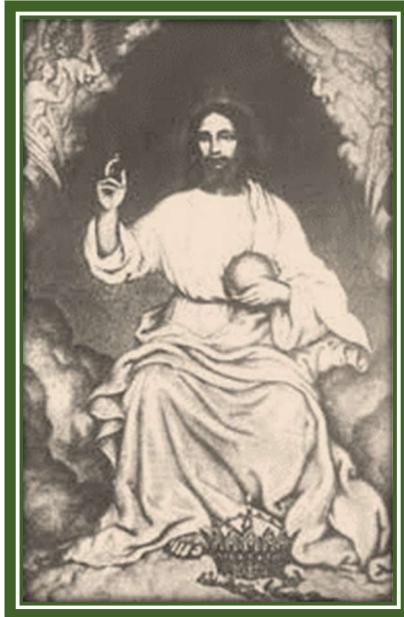


# THE HOLY OCTAVE OF CONSECRATION TO GOD OUR FATHER



## Abba, Our Eternal Father

*“Clouds and darkness are round about Him: justice and judgment are the establishment of His throne.” (Psalm 96:2)*

(As He appeared to Mother Eugenia Elisabetta Ravasio, July 1, 1932)

## THE FORMAL CHAPLET THE LITANY DAILY MEDITATION

### INTRODUCTION

The **Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father** involves eight days of prayer, scripture readings, and meditation, as well as participation in the Holy Mass, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The **first seven days** serve as preparatory steps leading to the **final and eighth day** of assembly and solemn consecration – **The Feast of the Father of All Mankind, The First Sunday of August of each year**. For this year it starts on **July 31, 2022**, and ends on **August 7, 2022**. (Anyone could proceed with this devotion **even without** of the chaplet-rosary. If desired, contact: St. Andrews Publications St. Andrews Production 6091 Steubenville Pike, Bldg. 1, Unit 7 McKees Rocks, PA 15136. They also have the complete prayer-booklet of this devotion.)

A chaplet, medal, and litany have been specially designed for the octave approach of this consecration and feast day. All God's children are invited to use the following spiritual practices and format to consecrate themselves to God Our Father. Although the consecration can be done at any time by setting aside an eight-day period (preferably Sunday to Sunday), it is suggested that (1) it be renewed formally **each year on the proposed date (an octave ending on the first Sunday of August)** and that (2) it be renewed informally each day by praying the chaplet. In addition, the short prayer, "I love Thee, Father, and I give myself to Thee" can be prayed throughout the day to help us live our consecration more fully.

### THE CHAPLET

The chaplet is made up of the Medal of **The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father** and 75 beads – 11 gold and 64 red. The gold beads signify our precious goal, the Divine Treasure – God Our Father. The red beads signify the Blood of Jesus Christ which allows us to return to God Our Father.





To begin, **A Prayer Invoking the Presence of God Our Father** is recited. Then, **The Sign of the Cross** and a preparatory prayer are said on the Holy Octave of Consecration Medal. Introductory prayers to Mary, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are prayed on the three introductory gold beads that lead into the larger circle of beads.

The circle of beads is designed with major octaves (eight gold beads), each with its own minor octave (eight red beads). The eight main themes of our journey as prodigal children of God Our Father are meditated on the eight gold Major Octave beads. The eight daily themes of the consecration are recited on the eight red Minor Octave beads.

To finish the chaplet, **The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father** is then recited on the medal. Both an extended version of the chaplet for formal consecration (with meditations) and a concise version for daily use (without meditations) are provided.

## THE MEDAL

A special medal was designed to illustrate the process of this consecration. Depicted on the front of the medal is the actual consecration process. God Our Father is seen in heaven reaching down to us on earth; man is seen on earth reaching up to God Our Father in heaven. The force of God's Love for us is shown in the rays that proceed down from His hand; the force of our love for Him is pictured in our "fiat" radiating up to Him. These rays intersect through the Cross of Jesus. This Cross is the bridge or link between God Our Father and His children. At one end, it is grounded in the earth through Mary, our Mother. It then proceeds up through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit into Heaven at the other end. Eight lights, signifying the Scripturally supported Octave, are shown on the horizontal beam of the Cross. These eight lights serve to guide us on our journey back home to God Our Father.



The back of the medal displays the eight-stringed harp of David, as mentioned in Psalm 6. St. Augustine understood this mystically, as symbolizing the octave – seven days of this mortal life followed by the last resurrection and the world to come. And that during our mortal life, like David, we must also feel sorrow for our sins and repent of them while here on earth. On this eight-stringed harp we have placed the eight themes or steps of the Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father – praise, thanksgiving, offering, repentance, inheritance, fiat, fidelity, and consecration. Inside the bow of the harp are printed the words: "The rhythm and harmony of God's Will." This reminds us that when we pluck the eight strings or themes of this consecration to God Our Father, a beautiful music ascends to heaven – we are choosing to live our lives in rhythm and in harmony with His Will.

## THE LITANY

This litany for God Our Father was composed specifically for the Holy Octave of Consecration. It lists all the major passages in Holy Scripture that cite the octave or number "eight." Each citation is followed by the phrase, "Have mercy on us, O Loving Father."

## THE FEAST OF THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND

This crowning feast day of **The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father** serves to solemnly assemble the children of God, the ultimate purpose of which is to **honor God Our Father**:

- (1) By recognizing that He is truly our Father, and we are truly His children,
- (2) By offering Him our unconditional "fiat," and
- (3) By consecrating ourselves to Him totally.

Having prepared for this solemn day and our consecration by exercising and offering the Holy Octave themes of praise, thanksgiving, offering, repentance, inheritance, fiat, and fidelity, we now ask Mary, our Mother; Jesus, our God and our Savior; and The Holy Spirit, our God and our Sanctifier, to guide and prepare us so that through our total consecration, we can become living temples of the indwelling Presence of God.



We also ask God Our Father on this special day:

- (1) To allow us to cultivate and maintain a close and Intimate relationship with Him,
- (2) To have Mercy on all His children – past, present, and future,
- (3) To bring His peace to the world,
- (4) To gather all His children to Himself, and
- (5) That His Kingdom comes, and His Will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Liturgically, this day should include a Holy Mass with Scripture readings and a homily that specifically honor God Our Father as "The Father of All Mankind." The children of God should be invited to collectively pray the chaplet, litany, and the daily theme prayer for the eighth day of the consecration.



## THE EIGHT DAYS OF THE HOLY OCTAVE OF CONSECRATION TO GOD OUR FATHER

### THE FORMAL CHAPLET

*(Extended Version with Meditations)*

A Preparatory Prayer Invoking the Presence of God Our Father:

DEAREST FATHER, our Creator and our God, Thou promised that in every place where we honor Thy name, Thou would come to us and bless us. O Father, arise and come to rest in us, Thy children. Clothe us in Thy Salvation and let us rejoice in Thy goodness. Please do not turn away our faces from Thy loving presence. If we have found favor in Thy sight, show us Thy face so that we may know Thee and find grace before Thy eyes. Please speak to us now as Thou spoke to Moses – as a man speaks to his friend.

Let it be known this day that Thou are the "Father of All Mankind" Who can turn all hearts back to Thyself, and that we are Thy children who desire only to do Thy Will in all things. Answer us, Lord; answer us – so all Thy children may know that Thou are mankind's one true God and Father.

As Thy prodigal children, we want only to return home to Thee. As we approach Thee, Father, please run to meet us. And in Thy unconditional love and compassion, embrace and kiss us. Like Mary, Thy handmaid, and Jesus, Thy Son, we love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee.

Following those Thou sent to bring us back home, we now freely consecrate ourselves to Thee, saying:

- With Mary, our Mother: *"Be it done to me according to Thy Will!"*
- Through Jesus, our God and Savior: *"Not as I will but as Thou wilt."*
- In the Holy Spirit, our God and Sanctifier: *"Abba, Father!"*

Jesus promised, when two or three are gathered together in His name, He is in the midst of us. So as Jesus is in Thee and Thou in Jesus – and Jesus is the vine and we are the branches – be with us now, and through Thy Holy Spirit, dwell in us always as Thy living temples.

Bless us, Father, and walk among us, Thy children. And may Thy Glory descend upon us as the transforming fire of Thy tender love and mercy, now and forever. Amen.

### *On the Medal of The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father*

*Sign of the Cross:* In the name of the  Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dearest God Our Father, we humbly ask that on our journey home to Thee, Thy Holy Angels protect and guide us; that Thy blessed Saints in Heaven intercede for us; and that Thy suffering souls in Purgatory pray for us, as we pray for them now. Amen.

*Bead 1:* Hail Mary! Full of grace! The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Bead 2:* Jesus, our God and our Savior, Thou loved us so much, Thou died for us on the Cross, so that we, too, could return to our Father in Heaven. Thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through Thy Holy Eucharist, please sustain us and be present with us always on our journey home. Amen.

**Bead 3:** Holy Spirit, our God and our Sanctifier, Jesus sent Thee to us for our journey back home to the Father. Please purify and refine us. Fill us with Thy Divine Light and Love so that the Presence of God may dwell in us. Amen.

### First Major Octave: THE DISOBEDIENCE AND EXILE OF GOD OUR FATHER'S CHILDREN

Let us Meditate on (1) Adam and Eve's choice not to do God Our Father's Will, (2) their exile from the Paradise He created for them, and (3) Our Father's promise that "the woman" (Mary) would someday triumph by "crushing the head" of the serpent that seduced them into disobedience.

**GOD OUR FATHER** was with us at the beginning in the Paradise He created for us – the Paradise of His Divine Will. Seduced by Satan, Adam and Eve chose not to do the Will of God and were, therefore, expelled from this Paradise and denied God's intimate presence. However, Our Father promised that "the woman" would ultimately defeat the evil that had caused this separation – the evil of saying "No" to God's Will. (**Gen 2:8-3:24**) **Our Father...**

**Minor Octave** (eight red beads):

**Bead 1:** In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 2:** In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 3:** In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 4:** In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 5:** In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 6:** In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 7:** In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

**Bead 8:** In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

### Second Major Octave: THE PRESENCE OF GOD OUR FATHER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT ERA

Let us meditate on God Our Father's Presence among Us during the Old Testament era:

ALTHOUGH GOD'S children were expelled from Paradise by their choice not to do God's Will, God never abandoned them. He was present with them from the beginning. In Old Testament times, He manifested His presence through His own voice, the words of His Prophets, in the burning bush, in a pillar of smoke, and in the Ark of the Covenant.

After God rescued His children from the bondage of Egypt, He requested that they celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for eight days each year. He wanted them to remember that He loved them, He saved them, and He was present with them. Later when God was present in the Ark of the Covenant, Solomon built a magnificent Temple to house it. He then celebrated an eight-day Feast of Dedication in preparation for God's presence in the Temple. And God responded by manifesting His presence in a tangible and powerful way.

At the close of the Old Testament, the Maccabee's re-instituted this eight-day feast to purify and re-dedicate the Temple that had been defiled through Pagan influence, so the Presence of God would dwell with them once more. (**Lev 8:33-36-9:1-24; 23:33-43; 2 Chron 7:1-9; 2 Mac 2:1-12**) **Our Father...**

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### Third Major Octave: THE FIAT OF MARY, OUR MOTHER

Let us meditate on (1) Mary's "Triumphant" Fiat, her "Yes" to God's Will, and (2) how she became the "New Ark," a living tabernacle for the newly manifested presence of God: Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity – Savior of God Our Father's children:



MARY GAVE her "Yes" when the angel Gabriel came to her and asked her to be the mother of the Son of God. The Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of God Our Father overshadowed her.

In saying "Yes" to God's Will, Mary, "the woman", allowed God to be present with His children in a new way.

She actually became the "New Ark," a living tabernacle of Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, mankind's Savior; Who with His Mother's cooperation, would restore the exiled children of God to their Father. (Lk 1:26-35) **Our Father...**

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#### **Fourth Major Octave: THE FIAT OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR – SON OF GOD AND SECOND PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

Let us meditate on (1) Jesus' Fiat, His "Yes" to God's Will, and (2) how God Our Father sent Jesus to save us and to bring us back home to Him:

JESUS OFFERED His "fiat" to God Our Father during His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane. "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." (Mt 26:39).

Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus redeemed us, defeating the sin, saying "No" to God's Will, and death, separation and exile from God, which Satan introduced into the world.

Through Jesus, His Church, and His Sacraments, we could now return to God Our Father and have eternal life. **Our Father...**

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#### **Fifth Major Octave: THE SENDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR SANCTIFIER – SPIRIT OF GOD AND THE THIRD PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

Let us meditate on how Jesus, after completing His Mission for God Our Father, asked Him to send the Holy Spirit, a newly revealed manifestation of God – The Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

THE HOLY SPIRIT was sent (1) to lead us on our journey back home to Our Father and (2) to purify and refine us so that we could become living tabernacles of the indwelling presence of God.

Before ascending to His Father, Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphans. He asked God Our Father to send the Holy Spirit. In doing this, God could again be present with us in a new way. It was now "possible" for God, not only to be "with" us, as in Old Testament times, but "in" us (John 14:16-17). **Our Father...**

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### Sixth Major Octave: THE CHOICE OF GOD'S PRODIGAL CHILDREN TO RETURN TO THEIR FATHER

Let us meditate on (1) how we are all prodigal children of God Our Father and (2) how He has provided every one of us with the opportunity to make a free-will choice to return to Him:

AS PRODIGAL children of God Our Father, we are given the opportunity, individually and collectively, to make a sincere, free-will decision to return to our Father's House.

This means deciding to turn away from our own will, our own sinfulness, our own worldliness, and "convert" or turn back towards the presence of God Our Father (**Lk 15:11-24**). Our Father...

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### Seventh Major Octave: THE FIAT OF GOD OUR FATHER'S CHILDREN – INDIVIDUALLY AND AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Let us meditate on how, in consecrating ourselves to God Our Father and saying "Yes," unconditionally, to His Will, we find our way home to Him – we become living tabernacles of the indwelling presence of God:

IN GIVING our "Yes" to God Our Father, in agreeing to do His Will in all things, in giving ourselves completely to Him, He comes to dwell in us, and we dwell in Him – we are home with our Father. We become temples of the Living God (2 Cor 6: 16).

In a sense, Heaven and earth are joined: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (**Mt 6: 10**). Our Father...

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### Eighth Major Octave: THE COMING OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

Let us meditate on the eventual conclusion of our Salvation History: the New Jerusalem promised in the Book of Revelation – when heaven and earth will be transformed, when mankind will finally be fully restored to God our Father, and when God will manifest His presence and dwell with His children forever in a new way:

THEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the

dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

And He who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (Rev 21:1-7) Our Father...

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*On the Medal of The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father:*

### CONSECRATION PRAYER OF THE HOLY OCTAVE OF CONSECRATION TO GOD OUR FATHER

Our Dearest Father, please accept this offering of ourselves – our bodies, minds, and souls:

We *praise* Thee for Thy Creation – all Thy works and wonders.

We *thank* Thee for giving us life and for all that Thou hast done for us.

We *offer* up to Thee all that Thou hast so generously given us.

We are sincerely *sorry* for not knowing, loving, serving, and honoring Thee as we should.

We embrace our *inheritance* as Thy children, both the joy and the responsibilities.

We give Thee our *"Yes"* so that we may be instruments of Thy Will.

We pledge our *fidelity* to Thee, and we ask for the grace of steadfastness and perseverance in our faith.

Most loving, caring, and merciful of Fathers, in Thy Divine Presence, we sincerely proclaim our love for Thee;

We give ourselves and our family to Thee; and we solemnly *consecrate* ourselves and our families to Thee – now and forever.

Dearest Father, as Thy children, we ask:

That Thou send Mary to guide us to Jesus, and that Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit so that they may all bring us to Thee.

That Thou dwell with us and in us – living temples prepared by Mary, dedicated by Jesus, and purified by Thy Holy Spirit. And may we always be with Thee and in Thee. That Thou permit us, as Thy children, to be Thy true and intimate friends – the ones who love Thee above all things. And that Thou come for us when we die, to bring us home to Thee.

We further ask Thee, Father, for the sake of all mankind:

To have mercy on all Thy children: past, present, and future.

To bring peace to the world and to gather all Thy children to Thyself.

And that Thy Kingdom comes, and Thy Will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Now Proceed to the LITANY:*

### THE LITANY OF THE HOLY OCTAVE OF CONSECRATION TO GOD OUR FATHER

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven.	Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the World.	Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit.	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God.	Have mercy on us.
God Our Father saved eight people on Noe's Ark. <i>R. Have mercy on us, O Loving Father.</i>	
God Our Father decreed that all male babies be circumcised on the eighth day as a sign of His Covenant with us.	
God Our Father manifested Himself to Moses and His children after they completed an eight-day period of consecration and offering to Him.	
God Our Father instituted the eight-day Feast of Tabernacles to remind His children that He was with them, loved them, and brought them out of the bondage of Egypt.	
God Our Father accepted purification offerings from His children on the final eighth day of ritual cleansing.	
God Our Father was glorified when David, the eighth son of Jesse, brought the Ark of the Covenant into the City of David amidst praises sung for the octave upon harps.	
God Our Father heard David's repentant cry played on an eight-stringed harp.	
God Our Father was glorified when Solomon completed the House of the Lord in the eighth month of the year.	
God Our Father filled the Temple with His majesty and came to dwell with His children on the eighth day of Solomon's Feast of the Dedication.	
The Presence of God Our Father was to be approached by eight steps in the new Temple envisioned by His prophet Ezekiel.	
God Our Father was glorified when His defiled Temple was purified and re-dedicated by the Maccabee's during the eight-day Feast of the Dedication.	
God Our Father made a new covenant with His children, through Jesus, His Son, Who was circumcised on the eighth day.	
God Our Father revealed His Son Jesus during the Transfiguration, eight days after Jesus fed the multitudes.	
God Our Father was glorified when, from Solomon's Porch in the Temple, on the eight-day Feast of the Dedication, His Son, Jesus, revealed that He was consecrated to God Our Father and that He and the Father were one.	
God Our Father was glorified after His Son, Jesus, rose from the dead on the eighth day of His week of Passion and Redemption for our sins.	
God Our Father was glorified when Jesus showed His wounds to unbelieving Thomas eight days after His Resurrection.	
<i>Let us Pray</i>	
Dearest God Our Father, let us know, love, and honor Thee through eight days of purification and dedication, as Thou willed it throughout our Salvation History. And may <b>The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father</b> and its eighth solemn day, <b>The Feast of the Father of All Mankind</b> , serve to bring all Thy children back home to Thee.	
May this be granted through Thy Love and the Love of Jesus, our God and Savior; the Holy Spirit, our God and Sanctifier; and Mary, our Mother. Amen.	
<i>Now Proceed with the DAILY THEME:</i>	
<b>DAY ONE</b>	
<b>Daily Theme: PRAISE</b>	
<i>"I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being." (Ps 146:2)</i>	
Glory to Thee, God my Father!	
Thou, Who made the universe and all that is in it.	



Thou, Who made the brightest star and the darkest ocean depth.  
Thou, Who made the fiercest storm and the gentlest summer breeze.  
Thou, Who made the heavenly angels, as well as the beasts, birds, and fishes of the earth.  
Thou, Who made us, created in Thy image.  
We praise Thee, God our Father – now and forever! Amen.

[Meditate on the wonders God Our Father has created, and praise Him in your own thoughts and words.]

## DAY TWO

### Daily Theme: THANKSGIVING

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Ps 103:2)*

We thank Thee, our dearest Father, for loving us into existence.  
We thank Thee for our bodies, minds, and souls that Thou fashioned specially for us.  
We thank Thee for the people and circumstances of our lives.  
We thank Thee for opening our eyes, ears, and hearts so that we may see, hear, and love Thee.  
We thank Thee for taking us by the hand and leading us back home through all the dangers and difficulties of our lives.  
We thank Thee for loving us. Amen.

[Meditate on all that God Our Father has given you. Thank Him in your own words.]

## DAY THREE

### Daily Theme: Offering

*"And like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Pet 2:5)*

Thou hast given us everything, Father.  
Thou hast given us Thyself!  
What can we possibly offer Thee?  
Let us offer Thee the first fruits, the best fruits, of all we do or receive.  
Let all Thy children offer themselves as the fruit of Thy Tree of Life,  
Ripened on the sacrifices, sufferings, and crosses of their earthly journeys,  
So that the worldwide effects of Thy children's "No" – darkness, discord, and disorder,  
May be transformed and made new, through Thy Light and Love.  
We raise our arms in offering to Thee, Father.  
Receive all Thou hast given us into Thy Paternal Heart. Amen.

[Meditate on what you can offer up to God Our Father. Offer back to Him all that He has given you, the blessings and the crosses, so that all may be transformed in His Love.]

## DAY FOUR

### Daily Theme: REPENTANCE

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)*

Our Good Father, Thou are all loving, but Thou art also Just.  
How can Thy children ever make reparation for all their sins?  
How can they ever hope to balance Thy Scales of Justice, especially in these times:  
These times when so many of Thy children say "No" to Thee,  
These times when so many of Thy children reject Thy Will,  
These times when so many of Thy children no longer believe in Thee and have enthroned themselves as "gods,"  
These times when so many of Thy children embrace the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.  
They have embraced the lie; they have embraced death.  
Shower us with Thy Grace and Mercy, Father. Cleanse us in Thy tears,  
Allow us to be compassionate warriors of Thy Mercy on earth,



So that Thy Sword of Justice may be transformed into a loving means of Thy Mercy. Amen.

[Meditate on all the many ways you have hurt or offended God Our Father. Ask for His forgiveness and mercy. Ask for the grace to know, love, serve, and honor Him and to do His Will in all things.]

## DAY FIVE

### Daily Theme: INHERITANCE

*"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, Abba! Father! it is the Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him." (Romans 8:14-17)*

Dearest God our Father:

With awe and wonder, we have learned to praise Thee and all of Thy creation,

With sincere gratefulness, we have learned to thank Thee for Thy boundless generosity.

With humility and love, we have learned to offer up to Thee all that Thou hast given us.

With a sorrowful but hopeful heart, we have learned to ask for Thy forgiveness and tender mercy.

And now that we can fully appreciate that Thou exist, that Thou art God, that Thou created this entire universe, that Thou created us,

We now learn, that in addition to these wonders, Thou art truly our Father and we are truly Thy children.

How can our hearts contain the excitement – we are not only Thy creature, but we are actually Thy children.

Thou created us in Thy own image so that we could spend eternity with Thee. Thou lovest us that much.

But even though Thou have told us this in Holy Scriptures and through the teachings of the Church, our ears have not heard the words, our hearts were hardened.

We had wandered far away – from Thy voice, Thy Heart, Thy Love for us.

But now the veil is lifted, the fog has cleared. We see, we hear, we understand –

Thou art truly our Father and we are truly Thy children! We are Thy prodigal children, running back to Thee, into Thy waiting arms.

We are coming home, to Thee, our Father, where we belong. Please hold us tightly to Thy Heart and never let us go – now and forever. Amen.

[Meditate on what it means to have God as your true Father and for you to be His true child. What does this legacy mean? Think about the tremendous joy and responsibilities that this involves.]

## DAY SIX

### Daily Theme: OUR FIAT (SAYING "YES" TO GOD OUR FATHER)

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to thy I word." (Lk 1:38)*

*"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will but as Thou wilt." (Mt. 26:39)*

Our Good and Loving Father:

Please allow us the privilege of saying our "Yes" to Thee! We say "Yes" to Thee, Father, in all things.

Not a conditional "Yes" that involves doing only those things that are comfortable or easy.

Not a conditional "Yes" that means doing only those things that benefit us.

No, we give Thee our "Yes" in all things, Father,

Because we know Thou are pure Love and as pure Love Thou can transform all things.

Doing Thy Will can never hurt us.

Doing Thy Will can never harm another.

Doing Thy Will can never separate us from Thee.

Doing Thy Will can only bring about the rhythm and harmony of Thy Will here on earth.

Doing Thy Will can only spread Thy Light and Love. Doing Thy Will can only help bring us to Thee.

Doing Thy Will can only help us bring others to Thee. When we step inside Thy Will, we are dancing with Thee in the order, rhythm, and harmony of Thy Divine Will. When we step outside Thy Will, we are stumbling alone in the chaos, disorder, and discord of darkness.



Let us listen to Thy gentle, loving voice beckoning us, inviting us into Thy Divine Will.  
We are Thine, Lord, do with us what Thou wilt. Because we know that Thy Will is Love.  
Even when Thy Will may seem painful or unfair, we know that Thy ways are not always man's ways. Only Thou can see the grand scheme of things. Only Thou know the "whys" of our crosses.  
But despite what may sometimes appear to be unjust, we trust Thee totally.  
Why? Because Thou art our Father...and Thou lovest us. Thou wantest only what is good for us.  
Thou wantest us to come home – to Thee.  
There's nothing in heaven or on earth that we want more. So we say "Yes," Father! We say "Yes" to Thee!  
We say "Yes" to the rhythm and harmony of Thy Divine Will. Amen.  
[Meditate on what it means to give your fiat, your "Yes" to God Our Father. How will this change your life? How will this change your relationship with God; with others?]

## DAY SEVEN

### Daily Theme: FIDELITY

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim 4:7)*

Dearest Father, our Love and our Life:

We pledge our faith, hope, and love – as a precious gift, a promise, of our unconditional fidelity to Thee. Know that we trust in Thy love for us.

Give us the strength, courage, and perseverance to never doubt, never stray, never despair. Please bless this vow and make us Thy gentle warriors,

Battling the darkness with Thy Sweet Sword of Love and Mercy.

As Thou will never abandon we, we pray that we will never abandon Thee.

Please press us tenderly to Thy heart, and never let us go.

In Thee, Father, We trust! Amen.

[Meditate on pledging your fidelity to God Our Father. What does it mean to be loyal and committed to God? Do you feel committed to returning to your Father? Do you want to help others return, too? What does it mean to be a "gentle warrior" of God Our Father's Love and Mercy here on earth? Like St. Paul, when you die, will you feel as though you've fought a good fight?]

## DAY EIGHT

### Daily Theme: CONSECRATION

*"For we are the temples of the living God; as God said, I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (2 Cor.6:16)*

Dearest God our Father:

We call upon Thee to witness and participate in our solemn consecration to Thee. After seven days of preparation, we come to Thee now as ones who are still learning how to know and love Thee, how to praise and thank Thee, how to offer up to Thee all the blessings and crosses Thou hast given us, and how to ask for Thy forgiveness and mercy. We also come to Thee as a warrior, strong in our resolve to serve and honor Thee. But most importantly, we come to Thee as a wide-eyed child, filled with awe and wonder in the knowledge that we are truly Thy children and that Thou, Creator of the vast universe, are truly our Father.

Although we have wandered far from Thee in our lifetimes, we choose now to return, for we long to be with Thee in Thy house forever.

In Thy Divine Presence, with full knowledge and free will, we consecrate ourselves to Thee this day.

Like small children, we approach Thee; we lay tenderly against Thy Fatherly Heart, and we ask Thee to hold us tightly and never let us go.

Let us be temples for Thee to dwell in, Father. And with the greatest love and tenderness, may we be Thy gentle and loyal companions, carrying Thee within us all the days of our lives. May we bring Thee to our family and friends, to strangers we have yet to meet, so that they might also see Thy Light and feel Thy tender Love.

When Thou dwell in us, there is a blessed connection between heaven and earth. May more and more of Thy children consecrate themselves to Thee. As Jesus taught us to pray, may "Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.

[Meditate on what it means to be "consecrated" to God Our Father. The word consecration means to "make holy" or "to give oneself for a holy purpose." How does this change your life? How does this change your relationship with God Our Father? How can you "live" your consecration every day?]



## DAILY CHAPLET TO GOD OUR FATHER

### For Daily Prayer After Formal Consecration

This concise version of the chaplet is provided at the end of the booklet for easy reference. In contrast to the extended version which is provided for the formal eight-day consecration, this concise version is easily memorized and may conveniently be used on **a daily basis** - especially after completion of the formal eight-day consecration. It is strongly recommended that the formal consecration be renewed **yearly** during The Holy Octave of Consecration to God Our Father, culminating on The Feast of the Father of All Mankind, and that the chaplet (either the formal, long one or the daily version) be prayed on a daily basis.

*Sign of the Cross:* In the name of the **† Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Dearest God Our Father, we humbly ask that on our journey home to Thee, Thy Holy Angels protect and guide us; that Thy blessed Saints in Heaven intercede for us; and that Thy suffering souls in Purgatory pray for us, as we pray for them now. Amen.

*Bead 1:* Hail Mary! Full of grace! The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Bead 2:* Jesus, our God and our Savior, Thou loved us so much, Thou died for us on the Cross, so that we, too, could return to our Father in Heaven. Thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through Thy Holy Eucharist, please sustain us and be present with us always on our journey home. Amen.

*Bead 3:* Holy Spirit, our God and our Sanctifier, Jesus sent Thee to us for our journey back home to the Father. Please purify and refine us. Fill us with Thy Divine Light and Love so that the Presence of God may dwell in us. Amen.

### First Major Octave: THE DISOBEDIENCE AND EXILE OF GOD OUR FATHER'S CHILDREN

On the first gold bead: Our Father...

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

*Bead 1:* In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 2:* In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 3:* In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 4:* In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 5:* In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 6:* In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 7:* In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 8:* In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

### Second Major Octave: THE PRESENCE OF GOD OUR FATHER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT ERA

On the first gold bead: Our Father...

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

*Bead 1:* In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 2:* In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 3:* In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 4:* In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 5:* In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 6:* In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 7:* In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

*Bead 8:* In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!



### Third Major Octave: THE FIAT OF MARY, OUR MOTHER

On the first gold bead: **Our Father...**

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

- Bead 1:** In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 2:** In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 3:** In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 4:** In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 5:** In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 6:** In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 7:** In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 8:** In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

### Fourth Major Octave: THE FIAT OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR – SON OF GOD AND SECOND PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY

On the first gold bead: **Our Father...**

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

- Bead 1:** In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 2:** In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 3:** In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 4:** In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 5:** In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 6:** In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 7:** In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 8:** In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

### Fifth Major Octave: THE SENDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR SANCTIFIER – SPIRIT OF GOD AND THE THIRD PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY

On the first gold bead: **Our Father...**

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

- Bead 1:** In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 2:** In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 3:** In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 4:** In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 5:** In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 6:** In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 7:** In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 8:** In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

### Sixth Major Octave: THE CHOICE OF GOD'S PRODIGAL CHILDREN TO RETURN TO THEIR FATHER

On the first gold bead: **Our Father...**

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

- Bead 1:** In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 2:** In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 3:** In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 4:** In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 5:** In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 6:** In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 7:** In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!
- Bead 8:** In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!

Seventh Major Octave: **THE FIAT OF GOD OUR FATHER'S CHILDREN – INDIVIDUALLY AND AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

On the first gold bead: **Our Father...**

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

- Bead 1: In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 2: In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 3: In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 4: In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 5: In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 6: In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 7: In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 8: In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*

**Eighth Major Octave: THE COMING OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

On the first gold bead: **Our Father...**

Minor Octave (eight red beads):

- Bead 1: In praise: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 2: In thanksgiving: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 3: In offering: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 4: In repentance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 5: In our inheritance: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 6: In saying our "Yes": We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 7: In fidelity: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*
- Bead 8: In consecration: We love Thee, Father, and we give ourselves to Thee!*

*Closing Prayer: Dearest God Our Father, I love Thee! I adore Thee! I worship Thee! Amen.*

