

## **Prayers for Praying the Rosary**

### **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **OUR FATHER**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **HAIL MARY**

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.

### **GLORY BE**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **FATIMA PRAYER**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into Heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

## **Devotional Prayers to Our Lady**

### **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **HAIL, HOLY QUEEN**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

**Leader:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

**Response:** That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## **Guidelines and Prayers for Catholic Witness at Abortion Centers**



Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
hear our prayer, save our  
unborn children from  
abortion and intercede for  
their parents.

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of Burlington



## Diocesan Guidelines of Behavior

Participants in any Catholic presence at an abortion site are reminded that our presence is a witness, not a demonstration. It is a pastoral outreach to mothers in need and to babies in danger of being aborted.

All sloganeering, verbal confrontations, and forms of harassment or public shaming, etc., should be avoided.

Signs with written messages are not encouraged as they may distract from the primary purpose of our witness. Furthermore, distractions to drivers trying to read the messages might result in traffic accidents.

A leader for any group shall be designated who will keep a small supply of diocesan-approved handouts available to answer questions about our purposes and to provide information about help for girls and women who want to continue their pregnancies and give birth to their babies.

When any conversations are begun, and only in response to our prayerful presence, the leader will take aside those involved for the sake of privacy and the rest of the group may continue to pray.

Those in need of counseling or assistance should be referred to Vermont Catholic Charities.

Organizers of Catholic witness at abortion sites must comply with all local ordinances regarding permission to gather on sidewalks, greenbelts, etc. The prayerful witness should be located in a manner without blocking vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

An atmosphere of prayer, calm and tranquility is to be maintained at all times. If any adversarial group interferes with the prayer vigil, it should then be terminated, lest it be considered a confrontational gathering.



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington has a pastoral responsibility to reach out to pregnant women in crisis. As a supplement to the pastoral care programs of the Diocese and Vermont Catholic Charities, there is a need to intercede through prayer for women and families who might be seeking an abortion as a solution to the problems of an untimely pregnancy. This prayer may happen in our churches, at home and at an abortion site.

Any Catholic presence at an abortion site, organized as a Catholic event, should be one of prayer and reconciliation for the parents and unborn children, and for the staff of the clinic. We look to the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our Diocese, for assistance and as our example. For this reason, we recommend that prayer groups pray the rosary and display a single image of Our Blessed Mother during prayer events at abortion sites. We particularly suggest her image as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn.

We rely on the intercession of our Blessed Mother and the movement of the Holy Spirit to change hearts and save lives.



***Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Heart of my Mother,  
Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
I unite to thy purity,  
thy sanctity, thy zeal and thy love,  
all my thoughts, words, acts,  
and sufferings of this day,  
that there may be nothing in me  
that does not become through thee,  
a pleasure to Jesus, a gain to souls,  
and an act of reparation  
for the offenses against thy Heart.***