

4Life Prayer

1. INTRODUCTORY

Leader: Glory to God in the highest (3)

All: Amen

L: Lord, send forth Your Spirit.

All: And we shall be created anew.

L: Lord, You proclaim the Gospel of life.

All: Not by bread alone shall we live, but by every word that comes forth from thy mouth.

L: Lord, You came that we may have life.

All: Grant us life in abundance.

L: Our Father,

All: Who art in heaven...

[1] Lord, come and permeate the depth of our being.

[2] O Father, source of life, O Son, Redeemer of life, O Spirit, breath of life, lead us to life everlasting.

[1] (Luke 1:30) "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to thy word."

[2] Help us Lord to resound Mary's YES when we completely trust you as we accept life.

L: Dear Lord, Mary did not sit downcast trying to untangle the paths of struggle before her. She went out IN HASTE to minister to her cousin Elizabeth.

All: Grant that we too may go IN HASTE with courage to be ministers of the Gospel of Life and in joy, proclaim with Mary:

(Luke 1:46-55)

[1] "My soul glorifies the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

[2] For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; Henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

[1] The Almighty has done marvels for me, Holy His name.

[2] His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him.

[1] He puts forth His arm in strength, and scatters the proud hearted.

[2] He casts the mighty from their thrones, and raises the lowly.

[1] He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

[2] He protects Israel His servant, remembering His mercy.

[1] The mercy promised to our father, to Abraham and his sons forever."

Our Father.... Hail Mary... Glory be...

[1] Your hands form man in his mother's womb, the workplace of the Master of life

[2] You are the potter and we are the clay, mold us we pray.

[1] Before one is born, You call their name.

[2] Your call is heard in the depths, and we come into existence.

[1] Will a mother forget her the child of her womb?

[2] Even if she forgets, You never forget Your own. You have carved us in the palm of Your hands.

All: Lord grant that we may have a generous heart to welcome every life and to admire the work of your hands

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be...

[1] Dear Lord, as the joys and struggles continue in life, help us to reach out to the downtrodden, the depressed, the helpless, the lonely, the sick, and the mentally and physically challenged.

[2] We remember Lord when the leper approached You and said, (Mark 1:40-42) "If You wish, You can make me clean."

[1] Moved with pity, You stretched out Your hand and said to him: "I will do it. Be made clean"

[2] The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

All:

Help us to respond as You did my compassionate Lord, and to have the WILL to stretch out our hands, to be present to, and to carry those in need.

Our Father.... Hail Mary... Glory be...

[1] Dear Lord, give us the faith of the four friends of the paralytic man

[2] When they could not get him near to you because of the crowd, they did not despair or give up hope.

[1] They climbed on the roof and brought the paralytic down to You. Seeing their faith, You said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

All: Help us Lord to have the wisdom, faith, and conviction of these four friends to do what You want us to do. Help us to come before You with that deep inner faith in the face of unanswerable questions and difficult decisions.

Our Father.... Hail Mary... Glory be....

L: Teach us, Lord, to be missionaries of the Gospel of Life as You have taught us. Allow us to be vibrant witnesses of the abundance of life in a world of apathy. Let us be a channel of Your breath of Life to the world.

All: May spirit of life who incubated the earth to bring forth life overshadow us. May we become the font of life giving waters and refresh the whole world.

May The Lord the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit bless us. Amen.

OR

Priest: May spirit of life who incubated the earth to bring forth life overshadow you. May you become the font of life giving waters and refresh the whole world.

May The Lord bless you, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.