

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*May you find Christ here....May you bring Christ to the World.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

MAY 10, 2020

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Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

## Sacraments/Other Information



### BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



### RITE of CONFESSION

By Appointment.



### FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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## Happy Mother's Day

In honor of Mother's Day, I thought it would be good to just focus on mothers today and take a look at some of the saints who are mothers. Of course the first one that comes to mind is Mary, mother of Jesus. Her saying yes to God when told of His intent that she would bear His son, and all that she would go through in the challenges and sorrows of raising Jesus and up to the point of witnessing His suffering and death. We should also be aware of the title for Mary of Theotokos, mother of God, as this reminds us not only about her, but also about her son, Jesus. And while we are talking about Mary I should mention St. Anne, her mother. While there are some different stories regarding her and the raising of Mary, we know for sure that Mary had a mother and not knowing other things we can focus on the obvious debt we all owe to our parents.

Another mother who is a saint, that I always remember because her feast day is on my birthday, and has special honor in our parish with a statue in our church and her relic under our altar, is St. Monica. She is the mother of St. Augustine and is known for her devotion to God. When she was young she was married to a Roman pagan and they would have three children. Through her example, persistence, and prayers both her husband and mother-in-law would eventually convert and be baptized the year before he would die. Unlike his two siblings who would enter religious life as they became adults, Augustine would be known for his focus on worldly pleasures. Monica stayed persistent in her prayers and efforts to convert Augustine, even involving the bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, in her efforts, until finally Augustine was baptized and became a Christian, and would himself become a saint.

In quite a different mode it was actually the Emperor Constantine who would be the influence that brought his mother, St. Helena, to Christianity. She would become known for her helping individuals and whole communities from her position by works of charity.

Another saintly and royal mother is St. Judith. From a wealthy German family, she would marry a nobleman who was used to living a very extravagant lifestyle. But through her influence she would lead him to a simpler lifestyle, donating much to the poor, and also raise their children in this manner. When her husband died she would donate her possessions to the poor and join a religious order to serve the poor and the sick.

And a fairly recent saint is Saint Gianna, born in 1922. She was an Italian pediatrician, a wife, and a mother of three when she would become pregnant with her fourth child. During this pregnancy she was found to have a tumor on her uterus. She was given a few different options that could save her life but would result in the death of her unborn child. Instead she chose a minor procedure to be done that would save the life of her child, but put her at severe risk, continuing to give instructions to her doctors to do what was necessary to save her baby's life even at the risk of her own. Seven days after her child was born she would die.

Even if our mothers' have not been declared saints by the Church I have no doubt that many more of them are. And the best gift we can give them is to live to become saints ourselves.

Peace and stay well,

**Fr. Nick**





“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love.”

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

### Prevent & Protect REMINDER

Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults is required to register in the new system for Protecting God's Children. Detailed instructions can be found at [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org). Questions? Please contact Lynn Crews at: 314-578-0741 or [lynn.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.assumption@gmail.com).



### Please Pray for Retired Priests

**Regina Cleri** is a residence for retired priests located in Shrewsbury, MO., has reported many positive cases of Covid-19. You can read the Archdioceses full statement at [archstl.org/statements](http://archstl.org/statements). Please keep them in your prayers.

## A Mother's Day Prayer



All-loving God... we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.  
 We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;  
*May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*  
 We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;  
*May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*  
 We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;  
*May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*  
 We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.  
 We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.  
**Amen.**

Dear parishioners,

It has been a true blessing to be in mission with the faith community at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish. Over the last 15 years of my employment I have been privileged to have firsthand experience of the love and vitality of this parish. So often I have been the recipient of your kind words, heart-felt actions and spiritual support. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside you in my role as Director of Religious Education. Which makes this next sentence a somewhat solemn moment for me: I am being called elsewhere and will discover what is next for me in my journey. My last date of employment will be June 30, 2020. I am thankful for the friendships I have formed as well as the opportunities to learn more deeply the value of what it means to be in relationship. Be assured I will continue to hold you in the highest esteem and in deepest prayer. Please join me in praying for the person whom God is calling next to be in mission with you. S/he will discover very quickly the abundant blessings this faith community freely grants one another. Peace be with you.

Melinda Kruper





"For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me..."

Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer

Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel  
(Northwest door ramp entrance code 3721)

RISEN



Our priests are still offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please know that they will take proper precautions before entering your home as recommended by the CDC. Please call the Parish office at: 636-240-3721.

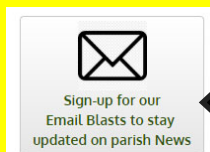


In case of an emergency, if you would like Communion brought to you or a loved one, please call the Parish office at: 636-240-3721. Please know that proper precautions will be taken before entering your home as recommended by the CDC.

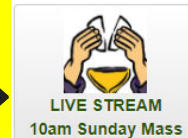
### Sign up for Assumption Email Blasts!

**For immediate updates regarding when public Masses will begin and other parish concerns sign up for our e-mail blasts!**

Simply visit our home page at [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org). There you will find a link to click on to sign up for 'Email Blasts'.



**Look for These links on our parish website**



Once you click the link, the registration looks like this:

Just type in your email and your first name and click 'Sign Up'. That's it!

**Registration**

Thanks for your interest in joining our mailing list. Please complete the information below and click Sign Up.

\* Email Address

First Name

By submitting this form, you are consenting to receive marketing emails from: Assumption Parish, 403 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO, 63368 United States. <http://www.assumptionbvm.org>. You can revoke your consent to receive emails at any time by using the [SafeUnsubscribe](#) link, found at the bottom of every email. [Emails are serviced by Constant Contact.](#)

**Sign Up**

### Watch Assumption's 10:00am Mass LIVE!

[www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)

Can't attend Mass – NO PROBLEM – we will bring Mass to you!! We will be **Live Feeding** our

10:00AM Mass each week so that WE CAN be together! SHARE this with everyone you know!! Simply visit our home page at [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org). There, you will find the link to click on to view the live Mass. Questions? Call Jeannette Hamann at 636-240-3721 ext. 247.

### Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 5.11.20	TUESDAY 5.12.20	WEDNESDAY 5.13.20
Readings	1st Reading: Acts 14:5-18 Gospel: Jn 14:21-26	1st Reading: Acts 14:19-28 Gospel: Jn 14:27-31	1st Reading: Acts 15:1-6 Gospel: Jn 15:1-8
<p><b>PRAYER RESOURCES :</b>  <b>Magnificat:</b> Their online version is being made temporarily available to everyone for free: <a href="http://www.magnificat.com/free">www.magnificat.com/free</a>.                      Free temporary access is also available in Spanish: <a href="http://www.magnificat.com/gratis">www.magnificat.com/gratis</a>.  <b>Give Us This Day:</b> <a href="https://giveusthisday.org/Free">https://giveusthisday.org/Free</a>.  <b>Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe:</b>  <a href="https://youtu.be/M-KF_ZxbkD4?list=PLpTzvCOJa7DCHIfdjcDiaydw7XUGHYQOE">https://youtu.be/M-KF_ZxbkD4?list=PLpTzvCOJa7DCHIfdjcDiaydw7XUGHYQOE</a></p>			

## Parish Office Update

The parish office is closed until further notice, but the staff will all be available to answer any of your questions! We can be reached by calling the parish office phone # (636) 240-3721 and hitting the staff members three digit extension # found below. This will go directly to our personal phones. (Or, you can always send us an email) All of us in the office want you to know that we are here for each of you! ~Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always"

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Prayer

### PRAYER:

A heart to heart with God  
"Our strength comes from the Eucharist"



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

*Paul Struckhoff  
Brother of Mary Feldmann*

*Patricia Tochtrop  
Of Our Parish Family*

*Dolores Haas  
Of Our Parish Family*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

### \*Perpetual Help Devotions on HOLD \*24 Hour Chapel Open

Until further notice, we will not be holding Perpetual Help devotions. Our 24 hour prayer chapel will remain accessible for individual prayer. Enter through the North side door near the ramp, please use code 3721 to open the door.

THURSDAY 5.14.20	FRIDAY 5.15.20	SATURDAY 5.16.20	SUNDAY 5.17.20
1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Gospel: Jn 13:16-20	1st Reading: Acts 15:22-31 Gospel: Jn 15:12-17	1st Reading: Acts 16:1-10 Gospel: Jn 15:18-21	1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18 Gospel : Jn 14:15-21

### SCRIPTURE & SPIRITUAL READING

Daily Readings: <http://usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Catechism Online: <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html>, or [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM).

**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

Hospitality

# FAITH IN ACTION

**EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT PHYSICALLY BE TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY,  
WE ARE STILL SERVING AS A COMMUNITY!!  
WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND SHARE SOME GOOD NEWS!**

**St. Vincent DePaul:**

Our Saint Vincent DePaul Society is still out there serving our community! They are still visiting those in need, only practicing social distancing! They are making sure that those who are in need of food and supplies receive what they need. Speaking of the need – here is a list of items needed to fill the pantry. The donation cart is located in the Chapel vestibule. If you can bring supplies, the Chapel is still available 24/7 via the North side ramp entrance:

Applesauce, spaghetti and sauce, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, sloppy joe mix, canned fruits, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, large tubes of toothpaste, razors, cleaning supplies, TP, Kleenex, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, gift certificates.

**Outreach Phone Calls:**

Several of our parishioners made over 300 phone calls to our older parishioners of our parish to make sure that they had what they needed – groceries, prescriptions, etc. Some of them took us up on the offer of shopping for them but the majority had family helping them or were fine on their own. Here were some comments that we received because of our outreach:

*"Thank you so much for calling and asking if we needed assistance! This is why I love our parish! God bless Assumption!"*

*"Thank you for arranging Jason to grocery shop for me. He did an outstanding job and actually exceeded my expectations. I really appreciate the kindness shown to me during this hard time."*

*"I am overwhelmed by the generosity of my parish and that you are helping the other people in my building even though they aren't even catholic! Thank you all so very much!"*

*"Assumption parish will always have a special place in my heart because of the kindness of people like you. Thank you for calling and checking in on me and husband."*

*"A parishioner came to my house to help me with my computer so that I could get online, I'm not so good at these types of things. Now I can see our wonderful priests at Mass."*

**Bible Studies/CRHP Teams:**

Many of you may be doing this yourself and that is wonderful!! We have one of our Men's Bible Study groups meeting on a weekly basis through "Zoom" 12 of them to be exact reflecting on the upcoming weekend's scriptures. Our CRHP teams are still in formation preparing themselves to give retreats this coming Fall for YOU!!

Parish families are gathering together by way of Zoom and praying the rosary together on a weekly basis for an end to this pandemic so that we can all be together again!

**Prayer Team Ministry:**

Our Prayer Team ministry has begun taking their prayer ministry to a whole new level as well!! They started taking prayers via email since we can't gather in church and prayer over you in person... they started an email so that you can email your prayer requests to them or that they can call you or video chat with you so that your prayers can get heard and prayed for!!

And the list goes on and on...

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish might have the Church doors closed, but we are *still* walking the walk... *still* praying together... *still* sharing faith... we are *still*...

**BRINGING CHRIST TO THE WORLD** as our faith is not in quarantine.....

**Our Faith is in ACTION!!!**





**LIFE TEEN:**  @assumption\_LT

 @assumption\_life\_teen

 Assumption Life Teen



## From the Principal's Pen

As my farewell message for the 2019-2020 school year, I want to recognize our 8<sup>th</sup> graders whose awards ceremony, graduation, and Confirmation have been upended by the pandemic. It is with great pride and admiration I offer the following as our Class of 2020. God bless you, always.

## Congratulations, Assumption Class of 2020!



**FORMATION**  
Continuous  
conversion  
of mind and  
heart  
"Following  
Jesus is the  
work of a  
lifetime"

Youth Formation

Alexander M McCulloch	Delaney Poropat	Lauren Roberson
Anabelle L Burke	Emma Maria Davis	Lindsey Moore
Ava Giesmann	Evan Hotfelder	Logan Montgomery
Ava Heath	Evan Mannebach	Mackenzie Long
Avery Fontana	Greta Jane Heiney	Matthew Colin Cornett
Blaise K Hytrek	Hayden William Gaynor	Mia Tabacchi
Carmen O Joseph	Jacob R Kenkel	Morgan Elle Reiter
Charles R Chitwood	Jacqueline A Fesser	Mya Roberson
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Connor Beerman	Julia Clare Byrne	Samuel Koenig
Cooper Merritt	Kaden Stoddard	Skylar Young
Cooper Smith	Katelyn E Morris	Spencer O'Rourke
Corinne Marstall	Kylee Kratzer	William M Maloney

Thanks for reading our last weekly school news for 2019-2020! Talk again in August :-)

Dr. Pat Hensley

**SERVICE:**

in  
action  
"Truly I tell  
you,  
whatever  
you did for  
one of  
the least  
of these  
brothers and  
sisters of  
mine, you  
did for me."

Matthew  
25:40

Service



As expected during this challenging time, our clients have grown in numbers and needs. Since mid-March, your donations have aided more than 50 families with various needs. Thank you for continuing to bless this ministry with your love and support! The pantry is currently low on the following food items: crackers, applesauce, spaghetti sauce, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, Sloppy Joe mix, jello and canned pears. Non-food items needed: shampoo, conditioner, large toothpaste, deodorant, razor blades, cleaning supplies, toilet paper. We realize some of these items may be hard to find. Grocery store gift certificates are always welcome to allow our families in need some flexibility in purchasing dairy, produce, etc. (Our Grocery Cart is currently located in the Chapel) *Thank you for "Bringing Christ to the World" through your actions. God Bless You!!*

**Assumption Blood Drive**

May 17th, 9am - 1pm

By APPOINTMENT



Are you a regular donor at the Assumption blood drives? Would you like to donate for the first time? Are you wondering how you can help during this difficult time? Was your last blood donation on or before March 22? If your answers are yes, please consider making a donation of the gift of life at our upcoming blood drive.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the parish hall on Sunday, May 17, 9:00am – 1:30pm, and we look forward to welcoming you there!

**Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.**

During this challenging time blood donations are more important than ever. Healthy individuals are needed to keep our local blood supply at the necessary level so that the needs of patients in the area can be met. Strict protocols are in place to ensure your safety and the safety of the blood being collected.

You may go to [www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org](http://www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org) (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment, or call MVRBC at 866-448-3253 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is available to answer any questions you may have about donating, at 314-852-3842. Our parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823.

## St. Louis Friends of Birthright *Virtual* Run for Life and Learning



Looking for a fun and safe way to support Moms in need? The Friends of Birthright Run for Life and Learning has gone Virtual! To register or donate, visit [run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com](http://run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com). Complete a Run/Walk distance of your choice (6K, 1 mile, 0.25 mile) individually or with your immediate family any time between Monday, June 1 and Sunday, June 7. Post your time and/or photo to our Facebook page, or email us, and receive a race t-shirt. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education. Please email us at [run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com](mailto:run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com) for sponsorship opportunities.

## New Member Registration!



Ready to be an official member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish??!! **We can't wait to welcome you!** We are changing our format to make it easier for you! There are several ways to register! You can call the parish office 636-240-3721 or Lynn Crews 314-578-0741 and register over the phone; or we have a link on our web page. Simply click on the link and download the registration form and either email the form to Peggy Brewer at [peggy.assumption@yahoo.com](mailto:peggy.assumption@yahoo.com) or print it off and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the parish office drop box.

*May you find Christ here... may you bring  
Christ to the world!*





**Are YOU in need? OR Would you like to help someone IN need?**

As we all muddle through these troubling days, we have had generous parishioners who have offered to help anyone who is in need of someone to grocery shop for them, especially the elderly, or someone who is in need of a meal or two. **OR**, if you are someone who would like to assist in this way, please call Jeannette Hamann at the parish office: (636)240-3721 ext. 247.

### Mercy Angel Drivers

If you are in need of someone to pick up your prescription or grocery shop for you - THAT is our specialty! Please visit: <https://mercydriversxr.weebly.com>.



### Easy Options for Getting the Assumption Parish Bulletin!

#### 1. You can have Assumption Bulletin sent directly to your email! It's EASY!

Go to <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx>

- Enter criteria to find Parish by state, city, or zip code and then click on the Search button.
- Choose parish from list of results by clicking on the green arrow on the left.
- Complete a simple registration form and SUBMIT. It's that easy!

#### 2. Go on line to the Assumption parish website: [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org)

#### 3. Pick up a Bulletin from the Chapel Vestibule anytime!

#### 4. Would you like the bulletin to MAILED to your home? Just call the parish office and request this! We will be glad to mail one out to you!

Questions....please call the parish office. 636-240-3721.



#### SERVICE:

Love in action  
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Even though we do not have public Masses, we still have ongoing employee and facility expenses. Envelopes still can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office, in the drop box next to parish office door.

#### Giving Online: It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

##### Instructions:

- ~ Go to Assumption's website: [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org)
- ~ Under Quick Links on the right, click on: Online Giving
- ~ Click on: Login/Create an Online Giving Account
- ~ Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place.  
(If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office. If you forget your password, you can reset it.)
- ~ Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- ~ Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- ~ Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.  
You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account
- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account
- ~ If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

**Thank you for what you sacrifice so that people might find Christ here and bring Christ to the world.**

*If you have questions or need additional help, please call Mary Knapp, 636-240-3721, ext. 234.*

## May 10, 2020 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 PT 2:4-9; JN 14:1-12

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

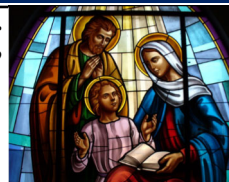
Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families, our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home! ~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita



“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined

Adult Formation

## Prayer for Protection & Healing

**Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas,**

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,

and for all our families and loved ones,

the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,

wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,

teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,

knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother,

health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,

keep us in the embrace of your arms,

help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

**Amen.**



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