

St. Raymond Prayer for Christian Families

Lord, Father Almighty! The family is the most ancient institution of humanity, for it is as old as man himself. But because it is your own institution and the only means by which man can come into this world and develop to the greatest perfection, the forces of evil are assaulting it, causing mankind to despise this basic unit of Christian civilization. In suicidal fury they seek to deal it a mortal blow. Let them not succeed, Lord, in their destructive design on the Christian family. Through the intercession of Saint Raymond Nonnatus, advocate in heaven for the happiness, welfare, and peace of Christian families, we beg you to hear our prayers. By the merits of this great saint, grant that our homes may ever be modeled after the Holy Family of Nazareth. Let not the enemies of Christian family life triumph in their sacrilegious attacks, but rather convert them to the truth for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Prayer to St. Brigid

Saint Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the selection of a new bishop

Merciful Father, you gave us shepherds as successors of the apostles to guide and govern your church. We implore your Holy Spirit to guide the selection process as a new bishop is chosen to lead our diocese. May he be a pastor filled with holiness and compassion who will foster healing and a greater love of your name. Allow our hearts to be open to the candidate of your choosing so that, together as disciples of Jesus, we may continue to build your kingdom. Amen.