

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant:

Brothers and sisters, as we now offer our petitions for our community and for the world, let us pray in the spirit of Blessed Michael for all those in need.

Deacon or Petitioner:

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for all bishops throughout the world, that God will guide and protect them as they teach, govern and sanctify the flock entrusted to their care, we pray to the Lord.

R/ Lord, hear our prayer.

For priests, including chaplains of the Knights of Columbus, that Blessed Michael McGivney's life as a holy and heroic parish priest will inspire them to live their vocation with fidelity and evangelical zeal, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

For laypeople, that they will fulfill their baptismal call with creative courage and contribute to the sanctification of the world, as Blessed Michael inspired Catholics of his day to do through the Knights of Columbus, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that Blessed Michael will continue to inspire many young people, as he did his two brothers who also answered God's call to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

For families, especially those who struggle with illnesses or early death, that Blessed Michael will advocate for them from heaven as he did on earth, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the cause of life, and for parents facing negative prenatal diagnoses, that Blessed Michael will intercede for them and help all people to see the image of God in every human life, especially the marginalized and most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our beloved dead, that Blessed Michael will be their sure guide to heaven, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the canonization of Blessed Michael, that a second miracle attributed his intercession may open the way for him to be proclaimed a saint of the universal Church, we pray to the Lord. **R/ Lord, hear our prayer.**

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God of mercy, you know the many needs of your people.

Hear our prayers, and through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney, grant what we ask in faith. Through Christ our Lord.