

## Have Confidence in the Lord!

By Father Libby

As I read my one chapter of the bible each day, one of the things that strikes me each year as I go through the history of the Old Testament ( Kings, Chronicles, etc) is how differently each King ruled in Jerusalem. Some good, most bad. And of those that were good, very few were *really* good—that is many of the good ones would restore the basic temple worship, get rid of the idols, atone for sins, but very few would as they say 'clear out the high places'. Apparently they would have these groves and out of the way places in the hill country where pagan activity would still be allowed, or where most of the good kings would look the other way concerning their bad activities. Maybe they didn't have the manpower they felt to clear them out and restore order. Yet it seems it was more than that. It seems that they more often than not just didn't have the gumption to get to those comparably little things in the realm that needed addressing.

I think the point for us in the spiritual life with this is that when it comes down to it, most of us don't have a big idol sitting in our living room, but we too often might not have the gumption to attack, one by one those 'high places', those things in our lives that we say to ourselves are little, are no big deal. Or we say 'well I'll get to them' after we first fry the bigger fish. And so there they fester. A blot on our otherwise good reputation, both with others and with the Lord. But what is it for us? What be the which-a-why? The real reason? I think at least two things. First, most of us are, when it comes down to it, ruled by our appetites. We've come to an easy or uneasy truce with them. We allow them to have their way with us in many little things; whether it be issues of hygiene we should address, physical and spiritual, eating habits, custody of our eyes, judgment of others instead of reaching out with acts of charity which would make our appetites uncomfortable. We need to smite our appetites hip and thigh (cf Judges 15:8-sometimes the King James Version does have a way with words). Take one each month and go after it, chase it out of it's hiding place in the spiritual hill country, hunt it down and put it to death with right reason integrating the appetite.

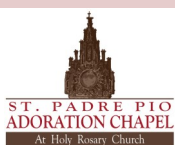
The second reason is that I don't think we'd know what to do with ourselves if we did totally clear out our spiritual hill



country. Yeesh, then we'd actually have to be saints, be examples and stop hiding behind a myriad of excuses why we aren't loving God and neighbor with all our hearts, souls, strength and mind. Life might seem artificial if we lived like that, full of virtues, making real progress in every area that is at present prone to vice. Each king in those days of the Old Testament had the full might behind them to do God's will. They just had to choose to do it, put it into effect, and then once they did they always rejoiced about it. It wasn't a drag or boring. They could take pride in the Lord their God.

We've just celebrated the Epiphany, when the Wise Men, the Gentiles, have first seen the great Light and we now see a crescendo begin to build all the way to February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Candlemas. This is the time when we go for our adoration time to let that Light, Christ, shine on the Hill Country of our souls. Don't just muck about in the shadows of the adoration chapel; expose your full soul, all of the Promised Land, to the Lord. Let Him do the heavy lifting through daily communion whenever possible and confession having been frequented, and come to adoration with the full intent of clearing out the hill country, turning our fallen nature into supernature. Those hours spent will never be wasted.

Go into the chapel with full intent to make progress in the spiritual life. Atone for your sins with that hour of adoration. Realize that it is either now or in purgatory that the hill country must be purged. Have confidence in the Lord! I notice many times that it is in the last five minutes of a holy hour that God does His work. If we persevere to the end in our prayer time all of a sudden He acts. Perhaps He waits to see if we're serious, perhaps it just takes that long to calm down enough to hear Him. And then give thanks for the graces received. Come! Let us adore Him!



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# HOLY ROSARY PRAYER CORNER

Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

## Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us

Jill Anderson- Home

Ted Bodus- Woodside Assisted Living

Betty Flaska- Home \* Georgetta Galla- Joy Givers

Theresa Garvin- Joy Givers \* John King- Home

Loraine Kulanda - Home \* Ann Mazurek- Home

John Peplinski- Medilodge \* Joanne Popa- Home

Kelly Priest - Woodside Asst Living

Frank Majszak - Medilodge South \* Elizabeth Randall- Home

Mike Shorter- The Villa at Traverse Point

Thelma Weber- Woodside Assisted Living

*Please call the office to correct & update this list.*

## Please pray for those receiving the Sacraments

### First Sacraments

#### Candidates

Karl Altman

Lucas Baker

Natalie Berninger

Demar Bromley

Philip Dunphey

Blaise Grignon

Brianna Goff

John Jeffrey

Mark McManus

Luke Parshall

Margaret Ritola

Axton Thorne

### RCIA Candidates

Alex Bendickson

Drew Gibson

Rebecca, Dale & Brianna Goff

Evan Penney

Stephen Starling



*May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey into the Catholic Faith*

## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

### Recent Prayer Intentions

Terry Weber (Kingsley) - Rehab

Joan Gauthier - continued healing \* Logan (28 wks) - NICU

Randy Weber - healing \* Robin R. - heart issues

Ray Pleva - knee surgery recovery \* Judy Finnazi - heart

Carole Jones - Oral surgery \* Majeane & Kelly Sparks

Joan Ciccone - serious neck injury \* Jim L. - hand surgery

Randy (Buckley) - Parkinson's \* Jean L. \* Conor Rigan

Bill Walton - rehab \* Christen Landry \* Dianne G. - Heart

Ruth Trotsky \* Carlos H. - Shingles \* Hope & Bob - Prison sentences

Jon LaCroix - Sinus surgery recovery

Mary Ellen (98) - broken hip \* Gena Culver - surgery recovery

Jim Plamondon - serious injuries / construction accident

Gayle Popa - heart issues \* Covid Healing for many \* Marissa

Theresa Weber - heart attack \* Zachary - autism / care facility

Roger - severe spinal pain \* Cory Young - wait list for transplant

Joe Rioux - spinal cord stroke \* Amy Thoreson - surgery

Bill (63) - Amputee / severe health / diabetes

Margaret Siemiantkowski - surgery & recovery

Carolyn B. - coronary heart dis. / heart attack

### Cancer Patients:

Cynthia Lieby \* Peter Freundl \* Carmen Dietrich \* Danny

Mikowski Richard Plamondon \* Carrie DeLille

Therese Rosinski \* Leah D. \* John Trotsky \* Marissa

### For the recently deceased & their families

Karl Marsh \* Evelyn "Evie" Kellogg \* Larry Esch

Jean Horn \* Ken Schmuckal \* Baby Jayna

Various local car / pedestrian accidents resulting in deaths

### \* Ongoing Prayer Intentions \*

\* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues \*

\* Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery \*

\* Dakota Korson - 3 yrs. old - Neuroblastoma (Cancer) \*

\* Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE \*

\* Ron Rushton - stroke recovery \*

\* Amy Thoreson - for complete healing \*

\* Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles \*

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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### FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz -US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger -US Navy
- Nicholas Bryan -US Army
- John Bunek -US Navy
- Curtis Bunek -US Navy
- Keith Castle -US Marines
- Matthew Culver -US Navy
- Tim Fisher -US Army
- Peter Freundl -US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler -MI National Guard

- Christopher Kohler -MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde -US Air Force
- Austin McQueer -US Marines
- Andrew Tondreau -MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau -US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf -US Marines
- Daniel Weber -US Army
- Anya Woods -MI National Guard
- Tim Wigton -MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits -US Army



*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*