



St. Mary's University
Prayer Guild

Purposes and Practices of the Friends of St. Mary's University Prayer Guild

To seek providential care and Divine intercession for St. Mary's University: the President and Board of Governors, all faculty and staff, all students and alumni, all past and present donors and supporters, as well as their families and friends, imploring the intercession and guardianship of our Heavenly Father, our Patron – the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Communion of Saints, and the Heavenly Hosts.

To pray for the needs and intentions of the University, its students, faculty, leadership, supporters, families and friends. This includes seeking God's providential aid, praying that the University will fulfill its mandate to all members to do all for the glory of God, and working to bring Christ to others within the University community and without. Guild members will also pray for God's wisdom, clarity and peace in the decisions and practices of the Board, leadership, faculty, staff, students and donors of the University.

Members should allot 15-20 minutes each weekly chosen day to intercede specifically on behalf of St. Mary's University, and to the prayerful recitation of the Guild prayers, to develop a consistent habit of seeking God's daily protection and providence for StMU. Please begin with a period of quiet, then use the booklet as a guide for your prayer including any specific intercessions that have been given to you. As each member follows their cycle of daily prayer, the joint effort of the Guild will cover the entire St. Mary's University community with prayer.

Specific, confidential prayer intentions might be forwarded to you as well. When you receive them, please include these intentions in your daily prayers.

Besides these prayers, it is requested that each member of the St. Mary's University Prayer Guild commit to offering the following once per month for the needs, intentions and protection of the University and its wider community:

- 5 Decades of the Rosary
- 1 Mass
- 1 Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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Dear St. Mary's University Family,

St. Mary's University is a unique gift in the Diocese of Calgary and provides a unique opportunity for the faculty, staff and students to build a truly amazing community. As one of the few independent Catholic universities in Canada, St. Mary's has the ability to become a place where rich, authentic dialogue can occur between people of different intellectual backgrounds so that the university can assist in coming to a greater understanding of the truth. St. Mary's can become a place where authentic friendship and robust debate can coexist.

It is my hope that people of all faith backgrounds, religions, and denominations would find a home at St. Mary's, and find deeper and richer insights into the world through an authentic Catholic worldview which is not a threat to human nature but guides us to understanding what is truly and authentically human. At the same time I also hope that Catholic students who come to St. Mary's may find a campus that is enriched with an abundant sacramental life, nourished with a vibrant spiritual life and formed with a heart to become missionary disciples for the community, the diocese and the world.

Therefore, I invite all members of St. Mary's University family to join with me in prayer for St. Mary's so that this university may flourish and grow under the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. This prayer booklet was designed so that those who wish to participate in the mission of St. Mary's may have a concrete, intentional way of praying for the university. The goal of these prayers is to pray for the flourishing of St. Mary's university and to unite the community in love and truth. May we entrust the work of St. Mary's to our Blessed Mother who constantly cares for her children on earth and desires that they may walk along the path of her Son who is the Way, the Truth and the Life so that they may come to the joys of the heavenly kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

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St. Mary's University Prayer

To be prayed by each Guild member every day

Gracious God, source of wisdom and compassion, we ask You to bestow Your goodness on St. Mary's University. You create everything in love, and manifest that love fully in Jesus, the child of Mary.

May Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to your presence so we may become true in our innermost being, wise through our study and research, generous in our relationships with all people, and constant in our pursuit of justice. We give You thanks for the gift of our existence and Your call to be stewards of creation and servants of all humankind. Now and forever.

Amen.



St. Mary's Motto

In Your light, we shall see Light.

Psalm 36:9

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
And you give them to drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
In your light, we shall see light.

Prayers for Reconciliation and Healing

“Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun...?”

– Song of Solomon 6:10

Blessed Mother, Virgin of Guadalupe, you appeared to the first peoples of these lands with the invitation to know and love your Son. By the power of that love, intercede for all who continue to live side by side in this place, that through the gifts of healing and reconciliation, we may all live as one human family walking together on the path of justice and peace. Amen.

Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



Prayer for the Students and Alumni of *St. Mary's University*

Holy God, thank you for the students who have been entrusted to St. Mary's University. Today I commend to your loving care and providence the students and alumni from all the programs at St. Mary's University.

May St. Mary's be a place of welcome, peace, unity, and reconciliation, accepting each soul as they are, created in the image and likeness of God. May the love and mercy of God abound through each faculty, staff, student, and alumni, bringing a deep sense of peace. May St. Mary's be a place of charity where those whom God has blessed with abundance share their time, talents, and treasures with those in need.

Send your Spirit upon each student at St. Mary's University, and grace each of them with your wisdom and blessings. Fill each student with enthusiasm for learning and charity towards others in all walks of life. Grant that they may diligently devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge. Cover them with Your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Help them to be attentive and bless them with good health and authentic friendships as they grow in wisdom and knowledge. Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray that the students of St. Mary's University may bring the light of God into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for the President of *St. Mary's University*

Most Holy Trinity, thank You for the President that you have called to lead St. Mary's University. Today, I commend the President, Dr. Scott Morrison, and his family, to your loving care. Bless him with Your holy wisdom and guidance that he may experience Your grace in his work and seek Your wisdom in all matters.

We thank You for having called Dr. Scott Morrison to lead St. Mary's University at this time of hope, challenge, and promise. May he draw confidence from Your constant presence and Your promise that all things work for good for those who love You. Surround him with a strong team and bless him with the people, resources, and wisdom to advance Your work.

May the Holy Spirit bless him richly with His gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

May he draw strength from our patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, reflecting Mary's qualities of simplicity, clarity, purity and confidence. We commend the president and his family to Your providential care and protection. Bless Dr. Scott Morrison and his family with unity and peace.



Prayer for the Board of Governors

Loving God, You have entrusted St. Mary's University to the care of the Board of Governors. We pray for the Governors, that St. Mary's University may be true to the Catholic intellectual tradition and committed to developing the whole student – mind, body and spirit. We pray that each Governor will feel Your loving presence in their work and seek Your wisdom and guidance in all matters as they set policies and make decisions for the future of St. Mary's University. I specifically pray for the persons in the position of:

- Chancellor, Bishop William McGrattan
- President and Vice-Chancellor
- Chair and Treasurer
- Vice-Chair
- Chancellor's Designate
- Faculty Representative
- Student Representative
- Staff Representative
- Community Advisory Council Representative
- Alumni Representative
- Ecumenical Representative
- And all Members-at-Large

I pray for each Governor, and for the needs and intentions of their families, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

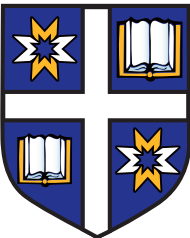


Prayer for *the Faculty and Staff*

Lord, thank you for the dedicated persons who teach, undertake research, support programs and provide facilities to the students of St. Mary's University. Today I commend to your care the professors, instructors, and administrative staff of St. Mary's University.

I ask for Your divine protection and guidance over all those involved in the care and education of the students through their roles in the classroom, laboratories, student services, library, facilities management, fund development, and administration. Bless the faculty and staff with Your wisdom so that they may support the students to grow in knowledge and truth. In their deliberations at Academic Council, may they be guided by the light of Your will in setting policies and approving programs that will support students to grow in wisdom, not only academically, but also intellectually, spiritually and physically, preparing them to become inspired and compassionate members of society.

Please bless Campus Ministry with grace, faith and fortitude as they inspire students to seek a deeper relationship with our Lord. May the faculty and staff You have called to serve at St. Mary's University see Your image reflected in the face of each student, providing them with the supports they need to grow in wisdom and knowledge. May the light of Christ shine through their every thought, word and deed. Amen.



Prayer for *the Financial and Practical Needs*

Lord, thank you for establishing St. Mary's University as a beacon of Catholic education imparting wisdom, knowledge, and hope. May the grace of the Almighty continue to generously support and sustain all the financial and practical needs of St. Mary's University.

We pray in the name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that St. Mary's University will have the visionary leadership, necessary funds, wise faculty, dedicated staff, enthusiastic students and educational programs to grow and flourish in accordance with Your will.

Mother of Mercy, our hope and comfort, please intercede for St. Mary's University in all its financial and practical needs, allowing it to provide students with well-equipped campus facilities, spaces to encounter God in prayer, and a campus home where they can experience the beauty of God's creation.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Thomas More, pray for us.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, pray for us.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us.

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.



Prayer for the Donors and Supporters

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who support St. Mary's University.

Without You we can do no good thing. May your Spirit make us wise, may your Spirit guide us, may your Spirit renew us, may your Spirit strengthen us, so that we will be strong in faith, discerning in proclamation, courageous in witness, and persistent in good deeds.

Give us Your grace so that we can be charitable and patient with one another, working together for St. Mary's University and Your greater glory. Grant that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to You our gifts and talents, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Charity is patient, is kind; charity does not envy, is not pretentious, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, is not self-seeking, is not provoked; thinks no evil, does not rejoice over wickedness, but rejoices with the truth, bears with all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Cor. 13:4-7

The point is this: one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor. 9:7

We ask for charity to reign in the hearts of the St. Mary's University community, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.

R. *Christ, have mercy on us.*
R. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,
God the Son,
Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

R. *Have mercy on us.*
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Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of Mercy,
Mother of Divine Grace,
Mother of hope,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of Good Counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of Justice,
Seat of Wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical Rose,

R. *Pray for us.*

Tower of David,
Tower of Ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the Covenant,
Gate of Heaven,
Morning Star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without Original Sin,
Queen assumed into Heaven,
Queen of the most Holy Rosary,
Queen of Families,
Queen of Peace,

R. Pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

R. Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

R. Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

R. Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow to enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayers

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

Eph. 6:11-13



Memorare

Remember O Most Gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto thee O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother;
To thee do I come,
Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
But in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

