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**Jesus, I Trust in You**

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### **In the New Year**



Greetings,

As we begin a new year, we wonder what the new year will bring. Although we have no way of knowing what the coming year holds for each of us, we do know of one assurance. We know of Jesus' unfathomable love for each of us. He loves us unconditionally. He invites us in the new year to:

Pray always - for our blessings received and for the needs of others

Reflect - spend some quiet time alone allowing Jesus to speak in the silence of your heart

Read - there is so much reading material to nourish our mind, body and soul....the Bible or the diary of Sister Faustina, is a great place to start

Deeds of Mercy - do some act of kindness, it does not matter if it is small, what does matter is how that act will make someone feel. Focus on the beatitudes and Matthew Chapter 25, the perfect companions to guide you.

Live each day with hope in your heart, trust in the Lord and love for others even those you have not yet met. A smile, a kind word, a thoughtful gesture can have a lasting effect like the rippling effect of a stone on water.

Spread joy, peace, kindness and love. As quoted from Thirsting for God, daily meditations reflecting on the life of Mother Teresa.

"Christ says: I was hungry, not for food but for peace that comes from a pure heart. I was thirsty, not for water but for peace that comes from freedom from war. I was naked, not for clothes but for dignity. I was homeless, not for a shelter made of bricks but for a heart that understands, that covers, that loves."

May the light of Christ continue to shine upon each of you surrounding you in his radiant love and blessings. Wishing you peace in the new year and may your light shine bright and radiate out to others bringing the love of Christ to a world in great need of his love and mercy.

Blessings, prayers and best wishes for a peace filled new year,

Lorraine Carpenter

Jesus I trust in you!



# A Calling to Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

By Lorraine Carpenter

During a recent visit to Charlotte and after having breakfast with Lucille who shared with me the pamphlet of the prayer of St Gertrude said in Chaplet form for the souls in purgatory, I felt called to pray the chaplet prayer.

That same day before heading home, I stopped by St Matthew to pick up a pamphlet so that I could begin praying. When I arrived at St Matthew the church doors were locked. I headed to my car and was about to text Lucille to ask her to pick up a pamphlet and mail it to me. Within a minute or so a white car pulled up in front of church. A gentleman got out of his car and proceeded to unlock the church doors and enter. I waited a few minutes to find Deacon Bill Griffin exiting the church and he was able to let me into church so that I could pick up the pamphlet.

I think of these moments as God moments - God's plan to invite me to pray for the souls in purgatory. I have been praying this chaplet prayer since that day and I believe that I might not know now how my prayers impacted the holy souls but just my efforts to pray could help to release souls.

I am blessed and grateful for this opportunity.

Thank you Jesus!



## From the Diary of St. Faustina

"My daughter, do not be afraid of what will happen to you. I will give you nothing beyond your strength. You know the power of My grace; let that be enough" (Diary No. 1488)

"And when it seems to you that your suffering exceeds your strength, contemplate My Wounds and you will rise above human scorn and judgment. Meditation on My Passion will help you rise above all things." (Diary No. 1184)

## St. Theresa of Jesus Prayer

Let nothing trouble you  
Let nothing frighten you  
Everything passes  
God never changes  
Patience obtains all  
Whoever has God wants for nothing  
God alone is enough. Amen.



## Prayer Intentions

### Please Pray for

Ralph and Pat Sullivan  
Jan and Paul Clemens  
Patricia Duran  
Julie and Joe Novak & Family  
Mary Frances and Tom Veltri  
Tim Ford, brother in law of Lucille Coan  
Marilyn Schrieber  
Florie Flores and Family  
Elaine Rosoff  
Brian Hindt  
Daniel Lee  
Patricia Richards

### For the Repose of the Soul of

Kellianne Nagy  
Kathleen Valentini



## A New Year Wish

As we begin a new year, I wish you  
STRENGTH for the way  
COURAGE to keep going forward  
LOVE of family and friends to surround you  
HOPE that with the help of God you will endure  
PEACE to fill your mind, body and soul  
TRUST that God walks the journey with us  
BELIEF in God who is the source for all we need  
May you begin and end each day knowing and trusting that God is always near

Lorraine Carpenter



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## Thank You Ralph and Pat Sullivan Zoom Celebration

*By Lorraine Carpenter*

On Saturday, October 5th we had a Zoom thank you celebration for Ralph and Pat Sullivan to thank them for their many years of dedication to the Divine Mercy ministry. It was a lovely celebration and several in attendance spoke words of thanks to Ralph and Pat and of the importance and impact Divine Mercy has had in their lives. The messages were heartfelt and very touching. Ralph responded with thanks and appreciation to each person who spoke. It was a very moving exchange of sentiments.

In addition a video message was played from Dr. Bryan Thatcher to Ralph thanking him for all his hard work to promote the Divine Mercy devotion and way of life and expressing appreciation for their many years of friendship. We presented Ralph and Pat each with gifts which included a Divine Mercy mug and set of rosary beads as well as a spiritual bouquet box which was crafted by our talented newsletter creator, Jen LaPierre. The box had an image of Divine Mercy on the cover and inside there was a quote from St Faustina's diary. The box was filled with all our prayers that we will be offering up for Ralph and Pat. They were so touched and grateful for the beautiful and thoughtful gifts.

May our Lord continue to watch over, protect and guide Ralph and Pat and may they be blessed with abundant graces and blessings! We are thankful and appreciate all their hard work and tireless efforts over the years to promote the Divine Mercy message and devotion.

Many thanks Ralph and Pat!

