

*Dear Pope Francis and the Bishops of the World,*

*We are a committed people willing to fast and pray for you and our Church in this time of crisis. We want courageous leaders focused on transparency and accountability. We want clergy that embrace chastity and fidelity to Church teaching, And we want a Safe Environment for all, anywhere that Catholics gather to encounter Jesus.*

### *Our Father*

Dear God, We need a holy Father - Now more than ever to protect us your earthly family. Your bride the Church has been betrayed, abused and tortured by unspeakable abuse of our most vulnerable children and adults at the hands of her most cherished sons, her priests. We are devastated and confused. We have had the veil of ignorance stripped away to reveal deep wounds that only you can heal and restore. How did we get here Oh Lord in this place of shame, deprivation and pain? *Lord help us pray and fast for our leaders today!*

### *Who art in heaven*

We know that you are in heaven guiding us from above. Look down upon your lowly servants – your children, and show us the path to redemption and reparation for these unimaginable transgressions. How long oh Lord before you send your healing power over your Church and all of the survivors of abuse. Show us the way!

### *Hallowed be thy name*

You are the Alpha and the Omega! Your name is like honey on our lips as we cry out to you! Oh creator of all, create us anew and give us new names for this new era.

### *Thy Kingdom come*

Come in all of your glory Oh Lord as a warrior reclaiming your kingdom! Prepare us for battle as we embark upon this spiritual warfare! Clothe us with weapons to fight the evil one and his minions. Send us your Queen, Jesus' mother, to lead the charge of freedom.

### *Thy will be done*

Lord we know that you already know how this battle will end. We surrender to your perfect will for our Church. We trust that you know what is needed to fight these overwhelming battles. Your will be done in each and every heart of all that seek your face. Your will be done in the hearts of our leaders – give them courage and power to overcome the obstacles that are before them.

### *On earth as it is in heaven*

Show us a brand new day on earth that reveals a purified church open and ready to receive all souls that need a savior! All souls looking for a path to salvation. A new day full of hope and promise!

### *Give us this day - Our daily bread*

Lord, we need to see you – body, blood, soul and divinity in our daily bread of the Eucharist. We are thirsty and hungry – starving for your sustenance. We give you thanks for the holy hands of our priests that consecrate the fruit of the earth to become our greatest feast! This is all that we need to

sustain us in our daily challenges. Protect this sacrament and our churches Lord so we can consume you freely and without fear of persecution. Fill us oh Lord.

### *And forgive us our trespasses*

Lord as we gaze upon our souls we also see the blemishes that bind and blind us as well. We ask you to continue to show us our weaknesses so that we can beg forgiveness for our own sins. Thank you for the gift of wisdom and reconciliation.

### *As we forgive those who trespass against us*

Lord we know that all are made in your image and likeness but somewhere along the way, many of our leaders have lost their way and are consumed with thoughts and actions that are not from you. Help us to forgive those that ask that of us and help them to find their way back to you.

### *And lead us not into temptation*

Lord keep us from the temptation to hurt those that have hurt us or our friends. Keep us from the temptation of focusing on others sins rather than our own. Lead us away from all of those temptations that our broken world elevates to good when we know they are bad. Give us the strength and spiritual tools to fight these battles of temptation.

### *But deliver us from evil*

And please keep us away from all evil and the demons that prowl the world seeking our ruin. Deliver us from the all of the evils that drive a wedge between us. Give us clear eyes to discern what is evil and what is good. Lift the veil of deception. Keep the evil one away from our children.

### *Amen*

Amen Lord – We Believe – We Believe that you are in control of the battles in front of us and that you will lead us and our Church on the path of repentance, reparation, reform and restoration!

### *For thine is the power*

For you are all powerful and all knowing! You have all the power necessary to heal our brokenness and devastation. Send a powerful new Pentecost throughout the building where they meet!

### *And the glory*

We look forward to the day your glorified Church shines brightly as a welcoming beacon of hope and renewal! Thank you for healing your bride our holy Church. Thank you for raising up saints and warriors to fight this battle. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to guide our church leaders and all of us in the pews and on our knees in adoration to resurrection!

### *Forever and ever amen*

World without end – you promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against your Church and we look forward to watching you turn this devastation into blessings for our Church. We love you Lord and surrender all that we are and all that we have to your glorious will! Give our leaders the courage and wisdom to repent, repair, reform and restore your bride the Church! Amen!