**Maronite Vigil**

**For Life**



**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

**Exposition of TheMost Blessed Sacrament**

O Bread of Life

**O Bread of Life, O Food of Souls God’s joy unsealed.
The Son of God, now Son of man God’s love revealed
The angels stand before your face with awe and fear,
How then shall we poor sinful men dare draw so near?**

**The ocean depths of God’s great love became a flood
the night He gave His precious food, His Flesh and Blood.
Our bodies take, our souls receive this awesome Lord.
O Mystery that shows how God should be adored!**

**For mercy, come with rev'rent love, O penitent To God who gives, and given is, in sacrament; My hope, my grace, my happiness, God’s only Son; Receiving you is promise of salvation won.**

**Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Giver of Life**

Come Holy Spirit, Creator of all things...You who breathed over the waters at the dawn of creation and brought forth all living beings...You who filled the apostles when the Risen Lord breathed on them on the first Easter night, giving them the power to restore life to those dead in sin...You who, on the last day, will breathe again over all the dead and raise them from the grave--Come! Come and breathe on our world again, immersed as it is in the Culture of Death! Come, O Lord and Giver of Life! Defeat the works of death in our midst, that abortion may no longer stain our land.

We worship You, O Holy Spirit, and we rejoice in You. We know that no matter how strong the forces of death may be, we can still find in You the endless source of life. Renew that life in each of us, and make us worthy apostles of the Culture of Life in our day! Amen.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said “Yes” to Life. “You will conceive and bear a Son,” the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. “Be it done unto meaccording to your word.” Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on, that they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion and to say with you, “Be it done unto me according to your word.” May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God’s will.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.Amen.

Our Father,Hail Mary (3x), Glory Be

**The Fatima Prayer** (to be repeated after each decade)"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

**First Sorrowful Mystery -The Agony in the Garden**

Let us pray for mothers and fathers who are in agony because they are tempted to abort a child. May they be given the good news that there are alternatives, and may they make use of the help that is available.

**Second Sorrowful Mystery - The Scourging**

As Christ's flesh was torn by the instruments of those who scourged Him, so the bodies of babies in the womb are torn by the instruments of the abortionists. Let us pray that abortionists may repent of these acts of child-killing.

**Third Sorrowful Mystery- The Crowning With Thorns**

Jesus suffered the pain of thorns in His head, and did so silently. We pray for the healing of the mothers and fathers of aborted children. So many of them suffer deep grief and regret over a choice they can never reverse. So many suffer in silence, because others tell them it's no big deal.

**Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross**

Jesus was not condemned by the power of wicked people. He was condemned because of the silence of good people. Silence always helps the oppressor, never the victim. Let us pray that we may never be silent about abortion, but rather will clearly speak up to save babies from death.

**Fifth Sorrowful Mystery- The Crucifixion**

As we ponder the death of Christ, let us remember the many women who have died from so-called "safe, legal" abortions. Let us ask forgiveness and mercy for them. May their memory save other women from making this tragic mistake.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

 V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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

**Litany in response to abortion**

Lord, have mercy.**Lord have mercy**

Christ, have mercy.**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy.**Lord have mercy**

Christ, hear us.**Christ, graciously hear us.**

God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy on us. **RESPONSE: Have mercy on us!**

God the Son, through whom all things were made,

God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,

Lord Jesus, the Beginning and the End,

Lord Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,

Lord Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life,

Lord Jesus, Eternal Word of Life,

Lord Jesus, living in the womb of the Virgin Mary,

Lord Jesus, Lover of the poor and weak,

Lord Jesus, Defender of the helpless,

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life,

For every sin against life,

For the sin of abortion,

For the daily killing of innocent babies,

For the bloodshed throughout our land,

For the silent screams of Your children,

For the killing of Your future disciples,

For the exploitation of women by abortion,

For the silence of Your people,

For the apathy of Your people, For the cooperation of Your people in this tragedy,

**RESPONSE for the following: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our pre-born brothers and sisters killed by abortion,

For our pre-born brothers and sisters threatened by abortion,

For our brothers and sisters who have survived abortion,

For mothers who have had abortions,

For mothers tempted to have abortions,

For mothers pressured to have abortions,

For mothers who have refused to have abortions,

For the healing of fathers of aborted babies,

For the healing of families of aborted babies,

For the strength of families of those tempted to have abortions,

For the conversion of all abortionists,all who assist and cooperate in abortions,

For doctors and nurses, that they may nurture life,

For government leaders, that they may defend life,

For the clergy, that they may speak up for life,

For the pro-life movement that it continues to stand up for the Truth and Life with fraternal love to the opponent,

For those who speak, write, and work to end abortion,

For those who help provide alternatives to abortion…

For those who promote adoption,

For national and local pro-life groups,

For unity in the pro-life movement,

For courage and perseverance in the pro-life work,

For those who suffer ridicule and rejection for their stand for life,

For those imprisoned for defending life,

For those who have been injured and mistreated for defending life,

In thanksgiving for the babies saved from abortion,

In thanksgiving for the mothers saved and healed from abortion,

In thanksgiving for the former abortion providers who have become pro-life,

In thanksgiving for all those who take a stand against abortion,In thanksgiving for the call to be part of the pro-life movement,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us,

O Lord, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, You have created all things through Your Son Jesus Christ. He trampled the power of death by His Paschal Mystery. May all who acknowledge You promote the sacredness of life and always serve You faithfully, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-34

**When Jesus had crossed again [in the boat] to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.” He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?” But his disciples said to him, “You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.” While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?” Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.” And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talithakoum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. [At that] they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.**

**Eucharistic Healing Service**

**Period of Silent Adoration**

**Benediction**

Holy, Holy, Holy

 Lord, God of hosts

Heaven and earth are full of your great glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest

Have mercy on us, Almighty God, have mercy on us.

We praise You, we glorify You, we bless you

 We adore You, and we believe You.

From You we ask the forgiveness of our sins

And our trespasses.

Have mercy on us, O God and hear us.



**Prayer to Our Lord**

We believe, O God that you are here present in this Blessed Sacrament in both natures, Divine and Human, together with all your attributes. You are the one Who hid Yourself in the womb of Your Mother, The Virgin Mary, for nine monthsand was bornfrom her in the cave of Bethlehem. You are the One who lived in the worlds for thirty-three years. You are the One Who cured the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, healed the lame, cast out devils, called back the dead to life, and walked upon the sea. You are the one Who announced salvation to the world and guided back those who had gone astray. You are the One Who crushed idols and destroyed idolatry. You are the one Who was scourged and crowned with thorns and accepted all kinds of punishment from those who offend your divinity and humanity. You are the one Who entrusted to us Your body and Blood at the Last Supper under the species of bread and wine through Your holy apostles. Even though You are the King of the angels, You chose to stay in Your Church with us inners; to guide and console us in our difficulties and tribulations; and to let shineupon us the truths of our Catholic faith; and to deliver us from the darkness of atheism, schism, and heresy; and to nourish us with Your Body here present before us and to satisfy our thirst with Your Blood which You shed for our salvation by opening for us the gate of heaven and closing the gates of hell to give us life and sanctify us with Your divine nature.

For this reason, we thank You always and we adore Your Holy Body and Blood which are exposed before us, confessing that we are not worthy of this Divine Mystery and of this affection which You gave us. Grant us to sacrifice to You our hearts with love, to long for You with hope, and to receive You with faith, that You may become for us Viaticum at the hour of our death, and we shall give You praise and thanksgiving now and forever. Amen.

**Reposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament**

**We Give You Thanks**

We give you thanks and praise O Lord in Eucharistic veils concealed.

We give you thanks and praise O Lord to whom all time and space must yield.

Host of Angels crying, send forth praise undying, ever glorifying Your wondrous ways

Hidden from view in sacrament lying, let us adore You singing Your praise.

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