

**Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith  
PRAYER PROGRAMME  
Sunday 10, October 2021**

*Intention: Protection of Life and the  
preservation of Faith in Ireland.*

**Hymn: I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary**

I'll sing a hymn to Mary,  
The Mother of my God,  
The Virgin of all virgins,  
Of David's royal blood.  
O teach me, holy Mary,  
A loving song to frame,  
When wicked men blaspheme thee,  
To love and bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley,  
O Mystic Rose, what tree,  
Or flower, e'en the fairest,  
Is half so fair as thee?  
O let me, tho' so lowly  
Recite my Mother's fame.  
When wicked men blaspheme thee,  
I'll love and bless thy name.

**PSALM 51**

**R: A humble and contrite heart, O God,  
you will not spurn.**

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.  
In Your compassion blot out my offense.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

Indeed You love truth in the heart;  
then in the secret of my heart teach me  
wisdom.  
O purify me, then I shall be clean;  
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
nor deprive me of Your Holy Spirit. **R**

**The Holy Rosary  
The Glorious Mysteries**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord**

Consider Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
risen in glory on the third day after His most  
grievous Passion and Death. Just as every hope  
and dream of Jesus' followers seemed to be  
ended, everything was made new. In our own  
time of uncertainty let us place our hope in the  
Resurrection and pray with Mary Our  
Mother "Jesus, I trust in You."

**The Ascension of Our Lord**

Consider Our Risen Lord Jesus on Mt Olivet.  
Entrusting His Mystical Body, the Catholic  
Church, to His Mother and the Apostles who  
surrounded her. He ascends to His Father to  
take up His throne as King of Heaven and  
Earth. Mary our Mother please continue to  
protect the Church guiding the ministry of the  
apostle's successors.

**The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

Consider the fulfillment of Our Lord's promise  
to send His Spirit. Manifesting as a strong  
wind, tongues of fire and a transformation that  
saw the apostles zealously proclaiming the  
Good News of Jesus with great wisdom and  
courage. Our Lady, please, obtain for us from  
the Holy Spirit, the Graces and Virtues to once  
again proclaim the Good News in our beloved  
country.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Consider the obedience of Mary in remaining  
behind on Earth after her Son's ascension into  
Heaven. Ever willing to conform to the Will of  
God, she spent the long years caring for the  
infant Church with the love that she had cared  
for the Infant Jesus. At last she was called to  
heaven. What an occasion of Joy! O Mary,  
obtain for us the patience and joy of  
conforming to the Will of God.

**The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Consider Mary, beloved daughter of the Father,  
perfect mother of the Son and Immaculate  
spouse of the Holy Spirit, crowned Queen by  
the Most Holy Trinity. Our Mother and Queen,  
entrusted with God's infinite Graces. Please  
bring His Love into our families and country,  
opening all hearts to the great gift of His  
Mercy.

**Act of Consecration of Ireland to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary (Archbp Eamon  
Martin)**

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and  
Refuge of Sinners, we entrust and consecrate  
ourselves, our family, our home, our Dioceses  
and Ireland our country to Jesus through your  
Immaculate Heart. As your children, we  
promise to follow your example in our lives by  
doing at all times the will of God.

O Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, we renew  
today the promises of our Baptism and  
Confirmation. Intercede for us with the Holy  
Spirit that we may be always faithful to your  
Divine Son, to his Mystical Body, the Catholic  
Church, and to the teachings of his Vicar on  
earth, our Holy Father the Pope.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Queen and our  
Mother, we promise to uphold the sanctity of

marriage and the welfare of the family. Watch over our minds and hearts and preserve our young people from dangers to their faith and the many temptations that threaten them in the world today.

We ask you, Mary our Advocate to intercede with your divine Son. Obtain for our country the grace to uphold the uniqueness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope, we wish that this Consecration be for the greater glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son.

A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis.  
Amen

#### **Hymn: Hail Queen of Heaven**

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, theocan Star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below!  
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me  
O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee  
Remind thy Son that He has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE CHILD IN THE WOMB (IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS)**

Lord Jesus, You are the source and lover of life.  
Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Together with Mary, Your Mother, in whose womb You took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with You, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity.  
Amen

**Our Lady of Knock**, pray for us.

**St. Joseph**. Pray for us!

**St Patrick, St Malachy, St Oliver martyrs, saints and holy souls of Ireland**, pray for us.

**St Michael, the Angel of Ireland and Holy Guardian Angels**. Pray for us

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**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in this hour of conflict. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host thrust Satan down to hell, and with him all the wicked spirits who wander the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen

**Solemn Blessing of Ireland (By priest/bishop)**. If no priest is present, begin each section with

**“Eternal Father, always present to your people, in the Name of Jesus, we beg you to bless Ireland...”**

God, Creator and Redeemer of all that exists, from the time that You sent St. Patrick to our island of Ireland, You have made Yourself known to us as the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the God of Infinite Love who is always present for His people. From that time Ireland has been and is a Christian nation. To implore Your heavenly blessings in abundance once again, We have come here today, as the present day Irish generation of the faith which our ancestors treasured, preserved and handed down to us, even at the cost of their lives. Through the intercession of the Hearts of Your Son Jesus, the Divine Majestic King, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Ireland, to whom we consecrate ourselves and our nation today, may You bless Ireland with a renewed sanctification by the fire of the Holy Spirit. So that the faithful thronging in ever greater numbers to Your Church, will form the heavenly Jerusalem throughout our land. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, Your very own words in referring to Yourself were “I am God not of the dead but of the living”. Since every single life is created by You and is infinitely sacred and precious to You from the moment of conception to natural death, You look upon each with unfathomable love. Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary as King and Queen of all the living, in union with our ancestors of the faith who now reign with You in heavenly glory for having imitated You in loving life, we ask Your protective blessings on all life, from conception to natural death. May all who were brought into this world by You to be the loving welcoming arms to receive these new lives be enlightened by your Spirit and set aflame with a heavenly desire to treasure every life as a sacred gift from heaven. May all those who have been allowed by You in Your infinite wisdom to occupy

positions of power and authority be blessed with a deep awareness of the grave responsibility that comes with the position, that of using their positions, before Your all seeing eyes, only in ways that preserve and treasure life from conception to natural death. **Amen**

Finally, we ask You Lord, to remove all obstacles to the blessings You wish to bestow upon our nation and people through Ireland's Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith. Through St Joseph in his special year. Through St. Peter You constantly remind us to stay alert because our enemy "the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour". Through St. Paul, You further warn us to be on our guard against "the principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness in this world and against spiritual wickedness in the high places". Such dark clouds have been hovering over and residing in our nation Lord but we know in faith that as "the Light which has come into this world, a Light that no darkness can overpower", all it would require for the total banishment of these clouds is one word of command from You. This great blessing we ask of You for our unborn, for our elderly, for our youth, for our faith, for our Church, for our sacramental marriage and family, as we make the words of Ps 68 our own: "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee before Him! As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let all wickedness perish before God! You have heard our plea Lord and with your response may we become once again a divinely enlightened nation of "saints and scholars" for Your greater glory and our eternal happiness. **Amen**

May Almighty God descend upon Ireland and upon you and your families, and enrich you with His blessings and preserve you in His Grace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in the peace of Christ.  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Holy water sprinkled in all directions**



***Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers and/or Our Lady of Knock***

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them should die for thee:  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

**Our Lady of Knock**

There were people of all ages  
gathered 'round the gable wall  
poor and humble men and women,

little children that you called  
We are gathered here before you,  
and our hearts are just the same  
filled with joy at such a vision,  
as we praise your name

**Refrain:** Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland,  
all my cares and troubles cease  
as we kneel with love before you,  
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace

Though your message was unspoken,  
still the truth in silence lies  
as we gaze upon your vision,  
and the truth I try to find  
here I stand with John the teacher,  
and with Joseph at your side  
and I see the Lamb of God,  
on the Altar glorified. **Refrain**

And the Lamb will conquer  
and the woman clothed in the sun  
will shine Her light on everyone  
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and the woman clothed in the sun,  
will shine Her light on everyone. **Refrain**