

## **2023 People of Hope Prayer Petitions**

*"Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude." Phil. 4:6*

*Our heavenly Father, in the name of Your Son Jesus, we place all our needs and desires in Your loving hands*

*"Every pious desire, every good thought, every charitable work inspired by the love of Jesus, contributes to the perfection of the whole body of the faithful. A person who does nothing more than lovingly pray to God for his brethren, participates in the great work of saving souls."*

*-Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich*

**The Call & Mission of The People of Hope** – Help us to fully embrace our call from God as a Catholic, Charismatic, Covenant Community and our mission of prayer, family life and evangelization. May we live out our covenant and essentials of membership. Bless our full membership in the Sword of the Spirit, *a community of disciples on mission.*

**Holiness** – May we grow in our relationship with you Lord. Help us to be pure and holy and to pray every day. Strengthen our faith, trust, and hope. Help us to live as a People of Hope with joy.

**Unity** – Strengthen our unity. May our speech support and reflect this unity. *"Never let evil talk pass your lips, say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them."* (Eph. 4:29)

**Brotherhood of Hope**- We pray for the Brotherhood of Hope and thank God for their membership in the Sword of the Spirit and participation in the life of the People of Hope. Bless their college outreach at Rutgers and throughout the U.S.

**Leadership** - Bless the coordinators, senior women leaders, and all who serve in the POH. We especially ask a blessing on Marty Buganski and his family as he serves as Senior Coordinator. Please guide all who are part of leadership training.

**Finances** – We pray for the financial wellbeing of all community members and that the unemployed or underemployed find good jobs. We pray for affordable housing for all community members, from the newly married to the retired and home bound. Help each of us give to

the Lord the first fruits (tithe) of our earnings. We pray we are open to planned-giving to the community as we retire and go home to the Lord.

**Family Life** – Bless and protect our marriages. May our families be models of faith, love, and respect. We pray for the end of abortion and respect for life at all stages. Please bless and protect the pregnant women in our community and those who wish to be pregnant. We pray that the traditional form of the family, husband, wife, and children, be morally and legally restored and held high as the fundamental unit of our society. Bless all our efforts to support family life. Bless all of us...married, single, widows, widowers, single parents, and the elderly.

**Youth** – May our children and grandchildren be deeply converted to you Lord Jesus. From birth to maturity, protect them, Lord. May we equip and train them to engage this culture, to transform it, and not be negatively influenced by it. Help them respond as you call them to the married vocation and to priesthood and religious life, especially with the communities that work in our life and mission, including the Brotherhood of Hope and the Servants of the Word. We pray for more young men and women to work and witness to our youth of the love and joy and the exciting journey they are experiencing in living for Christ. We pray for our family members who have left the faith. Bring them back Lord Jesus.

**Koinonia Academy** – Father, please bless Koinonia and enable it to continue to be a great support for parents who have the primary responsibility for the education of their children. Let KA grow and prosper spiritually, academically, and financially. May Koinonia continue to be, “A light in the darkness” attracting students and families to the true light of the world, Jesus Christ!

**Ignite Youth Program** - We pray for the love of Christ to win the heart of each of our youth and for the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them to live out their faith with courage. We pray for more youth workers to hear the call and join this mission...to help our youth live for Christ.

**Camp Hope** – We pray dear Lord for Camp Hope. We are grateful for all the lives that have experienced Your loving embrace at Camp Hope over these many years. We pray that you will continue to send Your Holy Spirit down upon all those who work so hard to prepare, the administrators, the counselors, the kitchen staff and the maintenance

staff. Most of all bless the campers that will be attending this year Lord Jesus, even now prepare their hearts to receive you and give them the strength and character to continue to witness to Your Good News long after this year's camp has ended.

**Seniors** – Jesus please bless our faithful senior members. May we serve, encourage, and accompany them in this stage of life as they have done for so many of us over these many years.

**Daughters of Hope** – Lord thank you this ministry to our senior women. It has brought so much life to our sisters including all those who serve in this ministry. Please continue to bless this wonderful work and inspire others to serve.

**Retired Men's Gatherings** – Lord, we thank you that a number of our retired brothers are beginning to come together regularly as protection against isolation. Please bless this new initiative. May its development be guided by Your Holy Spirit.

**Evangelization** – May the People of Hope be effective in proclaiming and communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ through community initiatives and personal witness. With courage and joy may we recognize each day the opportunities you place before us to tell others of your love and salvation. Please bless our evangelistic efforts and guide those looking to be part of the community.

**SPO/UCO** -Please bless and sustain all those serving in SPO/UCO. Fill them with contagious joy that draws young adults to life in Christ.

**Catholic Married Circles**– Dear Lord, you have called us as witness of family life. May our families reflect the unity and love of the Holy Trinity. Please bless our new marriage outreach. May it be a support to family life in a world in which the family is under attack.

**Compass / Young Adult Outreach** – Lord, bless those working to reach out to Young Adults, those out of college or in the workforce. May our missionaries in this field be bold in proclaiming the Gospel in Love and Truth and give receptive hearts to those who hear.

**Sword of the Spirit** - We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Sword of the Spirit around the world, for those especially in danger in the Middle East and Central America. Please bless our ecumenical efforts. We pray for all the leaders, internationally and regionally. We pray particularly for our international president, Jean Barbara, our regional president, Dave Hughes,

Dan Keating, our outside coordinator and Anne Kolar, our outside senior women leader. Please bless the many relationships of Christ the King Association with the Catholic Church. We pray for Kairos, the youth program of the Sword of the Spirit, to continue to bring forth the truth of Christ, powerfully and effectively to all youth from junior high to post college.

**Catholic Church** – We pray for renewal and purification of the Church. We pray that our Church be a beacon of hope, courageously proclaiming the Truth in clarity and love to the whole world.

**Priests** - We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Joseph Cardinal Tobin, Bishop Kevin Sweeney, Bishop James F. Checchio, our liaison Fr. Mariusz Koch, our local pastors, the priests who are members of the POH and the SOS. We particularly pray for Msgr. Bob Oliver, and for Fr. John Gordon, Vicar for Pastoral Life in the Newark Archdiocese. We pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Emeritus John Myers who was a friend, protector, and defender of the POH.

**Government** - *"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectable in every way."* (1Tim.2:2) Holy Mother Mary pray for our nation to turn back to God. We pray for all those in government, that they will govern in Godly ways. May all ungodly actions be thwarted. Give us Godly men & women to serve us. Bless President Joseph Biden and his administration. Please bless and protect all serving in the military.

**The Sick:** Please bless, console, and heal all the sick in our midst. (ref. community website for specific names.) Please bless all who care for them. Thank you for already healing so many.

**The Deceased:** Have mercy on all community members and their families who have died.

*Father, we thank You for hearing our prayers. For all these needs, we put our trust in You, in Jesus Name we pray. Amen.*