

The *Prayer* *of* *Power*



The Holy Seed Church



OPENING PRAYER

In the name of Father, and of the Son and, of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who Art Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, in Jesus Christ whom we believe through his death and resurrection we get victory as we pray in Jesus name. the Glory of Father and the Son and the fellowship of holy Spirit be we thus and forever more. Amen

DAILY PRAYERS / MORNING PRAYERS

O my God, I offer you above all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; and I beseech you to give me Your grace that I may not offend you this day but may I faithfully serve you and do your holy will in all things. I desire to gain all the indulgences that I can.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of our death. Amen. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary... And the World was made Flesh; And dwelt among us. Hail Mary.... Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray; Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Hail, Full of grace, the Lord is with you (Luke 1:28) "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42).

QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia
For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia
Has risen as he said, Alleluia
Pray for us to God, Alleluia
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia

Let us pray; O God, you deigned to give joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you that through his mother the Virgin Mary we may obtain the joys of everlasting life through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe in all that Your Holy Catholic Church approves and teaches, since it is you, O infallible truth, who has revealed it to your church.

ACT OF HOPE

O MY God, with firm confidence I hope in that Thou will grant me, through the merits of Jesus Christ, the assistance of your Grace and after keeping your Commandments, will bestow on me life everlasting, according to your promises, who are almighty and whose word is truth.

ACT OF LOVE

O my God, I love with all my heart, soul, with strength and above all because of your infinite goodness and worthy of being loved. Therefore, for the sake of your love, I love my neighbor as myself.

I BELIEVE

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the Right Hand of the Father. From there, He shall come again 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.

NIGHT PRAYER

O my God, I thank you for all the benefits which I have ever received from you, and especially this day, give me the light to see what sins I have committed, and grant me grace to be truly sorry for them.

PRAYER FOR DAILY NEGLECTS

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love sufferings and merits;

1. To expiate all the sins I have committed this day and during my life. Glory be to the Father.
2. To purify the good I have done badly this day and during all my life. Glory be to the Father.
3. To supply for the good I ought to have done and that I have neglected Glory be to the Father.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they deserve your dreadful punishment, because they have crucified my loving Savior Jesus Christ and most of all, because they have offended thine infinite goodness. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, never to offend you again and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

ON GOING TO BED

O my God, receives my soul, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified. I lay down to rest. Bless me O Lord, and defend me; preserve me from a sudden and unprovided death and from all dangers and bring me to life everlasting with you.

Amen.

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Jesus, Mary and Joseph I give you my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary and Joseph assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary and Joseph may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry poor banished children of eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of fears, turn then O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known to anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; to

you do we come, before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in you mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEALS

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for your benefits, who lives and reigns forever.
Amen

BEFORE WORK OR STUDY

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that our actions with Thy holy inspirations be carried on with Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin by Thee, and though Thee be happily ended, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AFTER WORK OR STUDY

We fly to Thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from danger, O ever glorious and Hail Mary.

IN ANY TRIBULATION

All-powerful and merciful Father, refreshment of the weary, comfort in sorrow, strength in our weakness, hear the prayer which we sinners make to you; save and sustain us in our present need, and help us to face the future with courage, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CHURCH

Father, in the new covenant instituted by Christ your Son, you gather your people in the unity of your Spirit from all the nations of the earth. Keep your Church faithful to her mission as a leaven in the world, renewing all people in Christ and transforming them into your own family, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE POPE

Lord source of eternal life, you have chosen your servant (N) as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ on earth and shepherd of the whole flock. May he strengthen his brothers, and may the whole church be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, that all men may receive from you, the shepherd and bishop of their souls, truth and eternal life through Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR THE MISSIONS

God of truth, Father Son and Holy Spirit, hear our prayer for those who do not know you, that your name may be praised among all peoples of the world. Sustain and inspire your servants who bring them the Gospel. Bring fresh vigour to wavering faith; sustain our faith when it is still fragile. Renew our missionary zeal; Make us witnesses to your goodness, full of love, strength and faith, for your glory and for the salvation of the world. Amen

PRAYERS OF MARRIED PEOPLE

Father, all-powerful and eternal God, we give you thanks and bless your holy name. You created mankind as man and woman and blessed their union, mankind them a help and support for each other. Remember us today. Looking kindly on us and grant that our love may be completely unselfish, a gift like that of Christ to his church. May we live many years together in joy and peace, and may we always give heartfelt praise through your Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER ASKING FOR A CHILD

God our Father, all parenthood comes from you. Allow us to share in that power which is yours alone, and let us see in the child you send us a living sign of your presence in our home. Bless our love and make it fruitful so that a new voice may join ours in praise of you, a new heart love you and a new life bear witness to you.

Amen.

EXPECTING A CHILD

Father, we thank you for your marvelous gift; you have allowed us to share in your divine parenthood. During this of waiting, we ask you to protect and nurture these first mysterious stirrings of life. May our child come safely into the light of the world and to the new birth of baptism? Mother of God, we entrust our child to your loving heart. Amen

FOR THE CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Lord, help our children to know the road you have chosen for them; may they give you glory and attain salvation. Sustain them with your strength, and let them not be satisfied with easy goals. Enlighten us, their parents, that we may help them to recognize their calling in life and respond to it generously. May we put obstacle in the way of your inner guidance. Amen.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER FOR THEIR PARENTS

Father, it is your commandment that we should honor our Father and mother; hear the prayers we offer you for them. Grant them many years on earth and keep them in health of mind and body. Bless their work and all they do. Give them back a hundred fold of whatever they have done for me. Inspire them with your love and help them to fulfill your holy law. One day, may I be may have the joy of being with them forever in your home in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF A FATHER OR MOTHER

Father of mankind, you have given me these children, and entrusted them to my charge, to bring them up for you, prepare them for everlasting life. Help me with your heavenly grace to fulfill this sacred duty. Teach me what to give, and what to do withhold; when to reprove and when to forbear. Make me gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A CHILD GOING TO SCHOOL

God our savior, you sat among the teachers of the law, listening to them and questioning them. We entrust our child to you while he/she is at school. Fill him/her with the spirit of wisdom; open his/her mind so that he/she may learn the knowledge necessary for this life and for the life to come. Help hi/her in all he/she had to do. Give him/her perseverance and strength; make him/her responsive and hard- working you are the way, the truth and the life; do not let him/her be led astray form the right path by false teaching. May he/she grow like you, Lord Jesus, in age in wisdom, and in grace before God and men? Amen.

FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

God our Father, look kindly on our relatives and friends. By the power of your holy spirit, pour out on the gifts of your love. Give them health of mind and body, that they may the gifts of your love. Give them health of mind and body, that they may love you with all their heart and do your will in all things, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We commend all you people to you, Lord; children, teenagers and students; engaged and newly married couples, and young parents. Grant them health, wisdom, and the joy of living in your presence; and grant those who care for them,

their leaders, and counselors, your Spirit of understanding and love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

Abba Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, I praise you, I thank you and I worship you Lord Jesus I thank you for all the blessings you have given me. I surrender my intellect, my mind and my memory into your hand. Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, send the Holy Spirit upon me. Oh! Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my mind, come into my intellect, to enlighten me so that I may study well. Holy Spirit, my helper, fills me with your wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Spirit of Jesus, give me good memory so that I might be able to understand and remember what I am going to study now. Oh Holy Spirit, I need you, come into me. Thank you Father, thank you Jesus, thank you Holy Spirit. (One our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be)

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

You, O Lord are my strength, my patience, my light and my counsel. For my own conduct and for that of my pupils, grant me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of holy fear of you, and ardent zeal to procure your glory. I unite my labors to those of Jesus Christ, and beg the most Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, the guardian angels and St. John De La sale to protect and guide me in this holy work.

A NURSE'S PRAYER

O my God; I am about to begin the day's work. Teach me to receive the sick in your name. Give to my efforts success, sweet Jesus, for the glory of your Holy name. It is your work; without you I cannot succeed. Grant that the sick whom you have placed in my care may be abundantly blessed, and not one of them be lost because of anything that is lacking in me. Help me to overcome every temporal weakness and strengthen me so to bring the sunshine of joy to the lives that are gathered around me so as to bring the sunshine of joy to the lives that are gathered around me day by day. Make me beautiful within for the sake of your sick ones and of those who will be influenced by them. Amen.

A DRIVER'S PRAYER

O Lord make me a careful and watchful driver, so that I may not cause death or pain through any neglect of mine. Protect all who are with me in my car, that no harm may come to them. Help me to enjoy the beauty of your creation and to be thoughtful to others at all times O Lord Jesus Christ, be with me on my journey and bring me home in peace ; at the end of life meet me and welcome me to my true home with you in heaven.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

Father, you are the unfailing refuge of those who suffer. Bring peace and comfort to the sick and the suffering, to the aged and the dying. Give all those look after them knowledge, patience, and compassion. Inspire them with actions which will bring relief, words which will enlighten, and love which will bring comfort. We commend to you the disheartened, the rebellious, those torn by temptation or tormented by desire, and those wounded or abused by the ill will of men. Lord, pour out on us your spirit of love, understanding and sacrifice, may we then give effective help to the suffering we meet on our way. Help us to answer their cry, for it is our own.

Amen.

FOR THE SICK

Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weaknesses of all mankind; through his passion and cross, He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE DYING

All-powerful and merciful Father, in the death of Christ you have opened a gateway to eternal life. Look kindly on our brother/ sisters (N), who is suffering his/her last agony. Unite it with the passion and death of your Son, and saved by the same Christ by the blood he shed, may he/she come before you with confidence, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE AGED

Eternal Father, unchanged down the changing years, be near to those who are aged. Even though their bodies weaken, grant that their spirit may be strong; may they bear weariness and affliction with patience and at the end, meet death with serenity, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR JOURNEY

Lord, you fill every place with your presence; be with me on this journey. Help me reach my destination and bring me home safely and in good health. May my journey bring joy and encouragement to all I meet, a message of hope and a witness to the Christian life? Amen.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give and consecrate my entire self to you; mind, heart and body. Guard and defend me always from every sin. May my mind be uplifted to heavenly things? May my heart love God ever more May I avoid every evil occasion? Keep me near you, so that I may keep a close watch over my internal and external senses. In heaven may I join the company of the pure forever? Amen.

FOR PEACE

Father, those who work for peace are called your sons, May we never tire in working for that justice which alone guarantees true and lasting peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Lord God, you guide the universe with wisdom and love. Hear the prayer we make to you for our country; through the honesty of our citizens and the wisdom of those who govern may concord and justice flourish, and real progress in peace be achieved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR CIVIL; AUTHORITIES

Almighty and ever-living God, in whose hand are the right and speak or act against us. Help us to observe the commandments of the new law, returning good for evil

and learning to forgive as your Son forgave those who persecuted him, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR ABANDONMENT

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you; I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures- I wish no more than this, O Lord, Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

SPECIAL PRAYERS/ PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION-SOUL OF CHRIST

Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me, Blood of Christ, run through my veins, Water flowing from the side of Christ, what me, Passion of Christ, strengthen me, O good Jesus, hear me, Within Thy wounds, hide me, Me not be separated from thee, From the evil enemy defend me, At the hour of death call me, And bid me come to thee, That with Thy saints I may praise thee, For all eternity. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself/herself today to Thy most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known thee, many too, despising Thy precepts, them to Thy Sacred Heart,

Be thou king, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be thou king of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd Grant, O Lord, to Thy church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations and make the each resound from pole to pole with one cry; "praise to the divine heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen

CONFIDENCE TO THE SACRED HEART

O Lord Jesus Christ, to your most Sacred Heart, I confide this intention (Here place your intention) only look upon me. Then do what your sacred heart decide. I count on it. I trust in. I throw myself on its mercy Lord Jesus you will not fail me, Sacred Heart of Jesus I trust in Thee, Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe in Thy love for me, Sacred Heart of Jesus Thy Kingdom come. O sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one. Take it, place it Thy Sacred Heart. When the eternal Father sees it covered with Thy precious blood, He will not refuse it. It will no longer be my prayer but Thine. O Jesus, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee. Let never be confounded. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most sweet Jesus humbly kneeling at Thy we renew the consecration of our family to Thy Dive Heart. Be thou our king forever. In thee we have full and entire confidence.

May your spirit penetrate our thoughts, desires, words and deeds. Bless our undertakings. Share in our joys, our trials and our labors. Grant us, to know thee better to love thee more and to serve thee without faltering. Our Lord of peace, Set up Thy Kingdom in our country. Enter closely in the midst of our family and make it Thine own. So that through the solemn enthronement of the sacred Heart, soon one

cry might resound from home to home, may the triumphant heart of Jesus be everywhere loved, blessed and glorified forever. To the sacred heart of Jesus be all glory and honor forever and ever Amen.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our family.

CROSS PRAYER

O God Almighty, who suffered death upon the cross particularly for my sins, be with me. As you protect me from, bitter pains, take away all evil, let me walk in the way of salvation, have pity on me and be my protector. Preserve me from any temporal accidents, take away any danger of sudden death, I always adores of Jesus Christ. Jesus of Nazareth crucified, have pity on me. Make the spirit of evil leave me at all times. I leave it all to thee in the name of Father, I leave it all thee in the name of the Son, I leave it all to thee in the name of the Holy Spirit. Amen

JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God. Have mercy on me a sinner. (say every hour during the day)

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION THROUGH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF "JESUS"

Lord Jesus, by faith in your merits, I now your precious blood and anoint myself right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. I claim total and compete protection for my life. Lord Jesus keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear of darkness, fear of man, sickness, diseases, doubts, anger, all calamites and from all that is not of Thy kingdom. Fill me Lord Jesus with the gifts of your Holy Spirit and grant me the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and discernment so that I will live today for your glory by doing what is right. Jesus I praise you, Jesus I thank you, Jesus I love you, and Jesus I adore you.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Soul of soul, I adore thee. Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me. Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it. I promise to be submissive in all that you shall ask me and to accept all that your permit to happen to me. Only show me what your will is. Amen. Breathe in me, oh Holy Spirit that my thoughts may be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit that my work may be holy. Attach my heart holy spirit, that I may love only what is holy. O Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, life of my life, I adore you, I worship you, Guide me - In all my works, Strengthen me- From all my weakness, Comfort me -In all my disappointments and failures, Sanctify me - From all my sins, Heal me - of all my sickness, wounds: Physical and emotional. Lead me to the way of my Father, reveal Jesus my savior to me, open my eyes and my heart the word of God, teach me to pray, help me to love as Jesus loves. Strengthen me Holy Spirit that I may defend all that is holy Protect me Holy Spirit that I may always be holy.

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive, To the voice of my pleading. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness; For this we revere you. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord More than a watchman for daybreak. Because with the Lord there is mercy And fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem, From all its iniquity, Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace Amen, O Lord, hear my prayer, And let my cry come unto you, O God , the creator and redeemer of All the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants the remission of all their sins, That through our prayers, They may obtain that pardon which they have always desired, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF PROTECTION

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair,
hope Where there darkness, light And where there is sadness, joy, Divine master,
grant that I may not so much seek, To be consoled, as to console, To be
understood, as to understand, To be loved, as to love, For it is in giving that we
receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is dying that we are born to
eternal life.

PRAYER FOR VOCATION

O my Jesus, I thank you for the gift of life you have given me. I praise you for your guidance. I worship you for your continued protection. I surrender my whole life into your hands. O Lord, Your servant Samuel prayed, "Speak Lord your servant hears."

I too eagerly wait to hear your call. You called Abraham, the Father of all the believers to be a blessing for the whole world. Lord, give me the grace to discern the way of to which you have called me. Lord, bless me to give first place in my life for you and to do your will with sincerity and commitment every moment of my life. Lord, anoint me with your Holy Spirit to surrender my body, soul and mind into your hands.

PRAYER FOR EMPLOYMENT

God, our Father , I am turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for suitable employment. I need your wisdom to guide my foot along the right path, and to lead me to find the proper things to say and do in this quest. I wish to use the gifts and talents you have given me, but I need the opportunity to do so with gainful employment. Do not abandon me, dear Father, in this search, but rather grant me this favor I seek so that I may return to you with praise and thanksgiving for your gracious assistance. Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

PRAYER FOR PASTORS

Lord Jesus Present in the most Blessed pasaka and living perpetually among us through your pastors, grant that the words of your pastors may be only your words, that that their gestures be only your gestures, and their lives be a true reflection of your life. Grant that they may be men who speak to God on behalf of his people, and speak to Hos people of God. Grant that they may be courageous in service, serving the church as she asks to be served. Grant that they may be men who witness to eternity in our time, traveling on the paths of history in your steps, and doing good for all. Grant that they may be faithful to their commitments, Zealous in their vocation and mission, clear mirrors of their own identity, and living the joy of the gift they have received.

(ANOTHER PRAYER FOR PASTORS)

O Jesus, Eternal pastors, keep your pastors within the shelter of your heart where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch your sacred body. Keep unsullied their lips, purpled with your precious blood. Keep holy and unearthly their sealed with the sublime mark of your glorious pastor hood. Let your love surround and shield them from the contagion of this world. Bless their labours with abundant fruits and may they whom thy serve be a source of joy to them here on earth and in heaven their crown. Amen

PRAYERS OF CARES

God our Father, you chose us from the beginning the foundation of the earth. May he who cared for your Son here on earth, continue to care for us from your home in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SERVANTS

Lord or God, in the preaching of the Holy servants you gave to your church the beginning of Christian faith. Through their intercession prayers come to our aid and guide us in the way of eternal salvation.

PRAYER OF DESPERATE CASES

O glorious Father, Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege accorded to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despised. Come to my assistance that I may receive the consolations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly in this my present need. (Here make your request). Grant that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE POWER

O God you are burning fire, full of loves your exalted virtues and your great charity towards mankind. When you were on earth you performed many miracles and powers which you gave to your disciples also performed same as, "To the sick you gave back health, you restored what was lost, and the sorrow stricken were the objects of your tender compassion. Encouraged by this thought, and convinced of the efficacy of your holy intercession, we kneel before your throne of mercy, and full of confidence, we implore you to obtain for us the favor that we now need (here mention your request)."

O Lord and loving Father, you whose heart was ever full of mercy and sympathy, whisper our prayers in your hands we commit our souls. One word from you as you receive our prayers will be granted in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR BATTLE

O Lord defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against, the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou prince of heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all other evil spirit who wanders throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

PRAYER FOR HEROES

O Lord, one thing we know for certain about you is that you became a heroic martyr in fidelity to your divine Bridegroom. We do not know that you were a musician but we are told that you heard Angels sing. Inspire musicians to gladden the heart of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of divine musician who created all beauty. Amen

PRAYER FOR SICK:

The book of James tells us that if any member is sick. "Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15). Here is another form of ministry available to elders that can bring great blessing to your people.

Prayer ought to be at the heart of every elder's ministry, and prayer for the sick is a significant part of such a prayer ministry. When you visit the sick, you should be mindful, not only of their physical condition, but of their spiritual condition as well. Often during illness, people feel helpless and discouraged. Sometimes their faith wavers and they need your encouragement and reminder that God loves them.

The formal anointing service is reserved for those with significant physical illness. However, the text asks, "Is anyone among you sick?" I do not ask, "Is anyone among you doing?" The anointing service ought not to be used for every frivolous physical complaint. It should be reserved for serious illness, but not just for fatal illness. In some places, anointing has become almost a lost rite because of the traditions of some non-the holy seed church denominations that have used anointing as though it were a last rite.

(a)WHO OFFICIATES:

The sick should call for the elders of the church. Local elders may officiate at an anointing service in the absence of a minister, but should do so with the pastor's approval. Ideally a minister leads out, assisted by the presence and prayers of available elders.

(b) PREPARING FOR THE SERVICE:

Where held. An anointing service may be held in church, home, nursing home, or hospital. If in a hospital, it should be conducted so as not to interfere with the physician and hospital staff. Length and formality of the service depend on the place it is held and the condition of the recipient. Who attends? In addition to the minister and the elders, it may be well for others having a special gift of prayer to be present. The recipient might wish to invite praying friends. Non- Christian family or friends are usually not invited, but need not be asked to leave if present. Those who lead out should have a serious commitment to Christ, believe firmly in divine healing, and have prepared their hearts for the occasion.

Preparing the recipient. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear" (Psalms 66:18). Encourage the sick person to examine his/her life before the anointing. An excellent way to prepare for the service is for the individual to study the chapter "Prayer for the sick" in The Ministry of Healing. Respect the privacy of persons not waiting to speak too specifically about their ailment. On the other hand, you should learn as much as the recipient is comfortable in sharing so your prayer can be specific.

(c) ORDER OF SERVICE:

Preliminary remarks. As leader, you should explain to the group the purpose of anointing and how it takes place. The recipient might be invited to testify to he/her faith and give the reason for requesting healing. If the sick person is not too critical to warrant a brief service, take time to read from the scriptures the prerequisites to divine healing. These include:

1. Belief that God can and does heal.
2. Confession of sin.
3. Commitment to healthful living:

Much illness results from habits of living. Assure the sick that God freely forgives our sins of the past, but it is presumptuous to ask Him to heal our bodies if we intend to go on abusing them.

4. Willingness to use human means:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). God may already have engifted some physician to who He will lead the sick person for healing. God works miracles, but He often chooses to work them through gifts He places in human hands.

5. Trust God's answer. Sometimes God heals immediately,

sometimes slowly, sometimes not until Christ's Second Coming. If the afflicted person is not healed immediately, it ought not to be interpreted as a sign either of the individual's spiritual weakness or of God's unwillingness to heal. The service should climax with the certainty that everything has been placed in God's hands and that God can be trusted. Scripture to be read or excerpted could include: James 5:14-16; Numbers 21:8-9; psalms 103:1-5; Psalms 107: 19-20; Mark 16:15-20.

There anointing prayer.

If you are leading out you should have a small vial of olive oil. Everyone kneels. The recipient may wish to pray. If so, he/she should probably pray first. Other designated leaders pray in turn. You pray last. As you begin to pray, place a little oil on the fingertips of your hand. Near the close of your prayer, apply the oil to the forehead of the one you are anointing. This symbolizes the Holy Spirit's touching the afflicted in a specific and special way.

The Holy Seed Church do not follow or support the practice of some who apply oil to the part of the body in which the infirmity exists. Concluding the service. As soon as the prayer season ends, say your goodbyes and leave. A little time for getting acquainted and social; fellowship might precede the anointing, but should not follow it. Leave while a spirit of reverence prevails and the presence of God permeates the room.

CONCLUSION

We end this Constitution and Rules where we began, with an appeal for all elders to take up the challenge of vibrant, spiritual church leadership. Your ministry is vital to the ongoing growth and development of the church. Because of the unique leadership talents the Holy Spirit has given you, you can make a tremendous difference. Consecrate yourself to Christ daily and learn on Him for grace and guidance.

"The elders who are among you I exhort,...Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away" (1 Peter 5:1-4).

The Bible says "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." God is perfect and holy and our sins separate us from God forever. The Bible says "The wages of sin is death," {Romans 3:1-31}.