

Subject: Day One of Eight Days of Special Prayer

Hello Parish Families of Nativity and St. Charles,

As we begin the first day of our Special Days of Prayer, we recognize that we are living in extremely difficult times. We want to put ourselves in God's presence and bring ourselves and our needs to that relationship.

There are many ways of praying and for the next week, Brother Ray will share a prayer via a short live stream video that you can access anytime during the day once it is posted. You can find the live stream link on the Nativity website just as you would for the Sunday Mass. Go to www.nativitydetroit.org. The live stream will also be posted on the Friends Who Like St Charles Borromeo Facebook page. Please be patient on this first day if the live stream video is not posted until later in the day,

In addition, you will find an attachment to this email that offers prayers and thoughts that we hope will help you to pray. Please feel free to select the ones that especially speak to you. The second attachment is a printable prayer card with the text from one of the prayers.

Some of you may feel more comfortable with praying the rosary or spending time praying in another way. Our hope is that no matter how you choose to pray, what time of day you pray, or how much time you have to pray, all of us will spend some time each day focused on our need to turn to God and deepen that relationship.

Here is an additional resource for you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f51n-yb11dY>

You may need to paste this address in your browser. It is a beautiful song from the Taize community: "Oh Lord Hear My Prayer."

Finally, we offer some other thoughts for you:

"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him."

- St. Augustine

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer."

- Mother Teresa

"Do not make prayer a monologue...make it a conversation."

- Author Unknown

We continue to hold you in prayer,
The Nativity Parish Team