

St. Peter RC Parish
Niagara Frontier Catholic Community
Prayer Group
August 2026

**Month of
The Immaculate Heart
of Mary**
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**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**
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Leader:

**“Pray with real concentration
for God listens more
to the voice of the heart
than that of the mouth.”**

-St. Louis Montfort

All:

**Let us always offer to God
our sacrifice of praise.**

-Hebrews 13:15

Leader:

We come before You, Lord, to express our gratitude for the many ways that You protect and guide us, every day throughout our lives.

R (All): We give our thanks and praise.

....For the Light of God which surrounds us. **R**

....For the Love of God that enfolds us. **R**

....For the Power of God that protects us. **R**

....For the Presence of God that watches over us. **R**

....For the Mind of God that guides us. **R**

....For the Life of God that flows through us. **R**

....For the Laws of God that direct us. **R**

....For the Joy of God that uplifts us. **R**

....For the Strength of God that renews us. **R**

....For the Beauty of God that inspires us. **R**

.... For the Faithfulness of God who is ever by our sides. **R**

**Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be**



**The month of August
honors
The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Leader:

“ Don’t lose heart.
I will never forsake you.
My Immaculate Heart will
be your refuge and the way
that will lead you to God.”

- Our Lady of Fatima
speaking to Lucia Santos



All:

O Mary, Give Us A Heart Like Yours

O Holy Mary,
give us a heart as beautiful,
pure, and spotless as yours.
A heart like yours so full
of love and humility.

May we be able
to receive Jesus as
the bread of life, to love Him
as you loved Him,
to serve Him under the mistreated
faces of the poor.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

-Blessed Mother Teresa

Leader:

“Like Mary, great are the graces we have received. Like her, let us always accept the cross in whatever way it comes. Like her, let us, with grace and delicacy, touch the lonely and unwanted. Like her, let us not be ashamed or slow to do humble works.”

- Blessed Mother Teresa

All:

**Prayer for Peace
to the Immaculate Virgin**

Look down with maternal clemency,
most Blessed Immaculate Virgin,
upon all of God's children.

Consider the anxiety of bishops
who fear that their flocks will be
tormented by a terrible
storm of evils.

Heed the anguish of so many people,
fathers and mothers of families
who are uncertain about their future
and beset by hardships and cares.

Sooth the minds of those at war
and inspire them with thoughts of peace.
Through your intercession, may God,
the avenger of injuries,
turn to mercy.

May He give back to nations
the tranquility they seek
and bring them to a lasting
age of genuine prosperity.

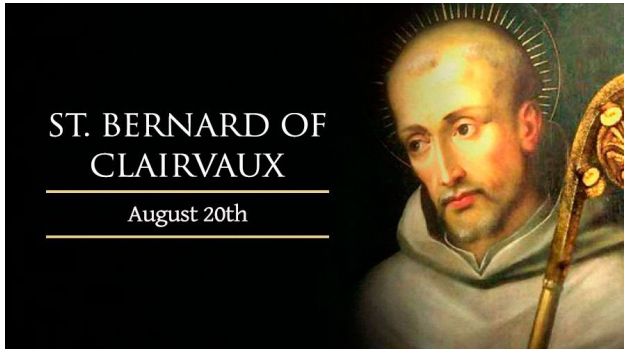
- Pope Paul IV

Amen

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**Prayer to St. Bernard
Doctor of the Church
1090 - 1153
Memorial August 20th**



Leader:

The Church calls Mary the
“Queen of Mercy”
because we believe that she
opens the abyss of God’s Mercy
to whomever she wills,
when she wills, and as she wills.
No sinner - no matter how great -
who has Mary as a protector, is ever lost.

- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

All:

“When you find yourself
tossed by raging storms on this great
sea of life, far from land,
keep your eyes fixed on
this Star to avoid disaster.
When the winds of temptation,
or the rocks of tribulation threaten,
look up to the Star,
call upon Mary.”

- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Leader:

Beloved St. Bernard, through your great love and devotion to
our Lord, and his Blessed Mother, we ask for your prayers of
intercession on our behalf.

R (All): St. Bernard, pray for us.

Leader:

....Let us take a moment to recall all those priests and religious who have touched our lives in a positive way.

.....5 second pause.....

Pray for heavenly intercession in granting such gifts to Father Sam, Father Alphonse, and all your earthly priests. May they truly be inspired to serve as Christ's apostles did. **R**

....We call to mind those in our lives who have left the Church because of hurt, disillusionment, lack of faith formation, or those who are enamored with the distractions of the world.

.....5 second pause.....

Pray with us that they may hear the Lord's call, accept His grace of eternal life and healing, and bring them back into His Church. Allow us to be sensitive to those around us who are facing these struggles, and prompt us to provide guidance and a helping hand. **R**

....Consider for a moment, those in our lives who are floundering, filled with hopelessness and despair, many of whom are also fighting battles with addictions.

.....5 second pause.....

Join our prayers in asking for God's Graces of healing, love, and hope to fill them and bring them firmly into an understanding of His Holy Presence. **R**

....We pray for those living through war, natural disasters, injustice, and unsafe conditions throughout the world. Call to mind those that are most prominent in your hearts.

.....5 second pause....

Pray with our Blessed Mother to gather them all to her Son's Holy attention, and grant them His most Divine protection. Open our hearts to help in whatever ways we can. **R**

....We recall all those things that worry us, anger us, and those burdens that are weighing us down and that we can't let go of.

.....5 second pause.....

We ask for your prayers of guidance in handing them over to the capable hands of our Holy Father. May we be filled with His all encompassing love, strength, and patience. **R**

....Help us all to stay strong in faith, passionate for justice, and tender in mercy. **R**

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All:



Lastly, Most Loving Father, we turn to You with these personal intentions, knowing that through You all things are possible. We ask, not with the intention of changing Your will, but to secure blessings for Your people and Church throughout the world.

R (All): Lord of Mercy, hear our prayers.

Leader:

.... Please guide us and our Church leaders as our Diocese continues to consolidate it's resources, and bring Your faithful together as a loving family in Christ. **R**

....We pray for Your Divine guidance and protection for all of our seminarians, especially Br. Cassian Iozzo, Br. Sean McFarland, Luca LaNasa, Michael Zafuto, and James Broderick Quinlan. **R**

.... As ever, we ask for Your guidance in working together to grow into a stronger and more unified Body of Christ on earth. **R**

....Please continue to keep our St. Peter Parish of Lewiston and Youngstown under Your loving care. We ask the same for our family members from Immaculate Conception. Walk closely with us all, and help us to keep the Spirit of Christ alive in our homes and communities. **R**

....We pray for the protection and continued spiritual growth of our children of all ages. Please keep our St. Peter's School and parish family strong, and continue to bring the light of Your love to all who travel its halls and classrooms. **R**

....We pray for the Holy Spirit to ignite the souls of our young. May they be filled with the fire of Your Grace, and love of Your Holy word. Please direct them to care for Your people through faith based ministries, the vocation of priesthood, and all holy orders. **R**

....We pray that all people come to realize the value and dignity that has been granted human life, from conception to natural death. May they also realize that life is a sacred gift, created with love and purpose by You. **R**

.... By the power and gifts bestowed upon our Blessed Mother by You, may all who have yet to believe throughout the world, come to know Your Son, Jesus, through her Most Loving and Immaculate Heart. **R**

....May we ever be aware of social injustice throughout the world. Solidify our resolve to right the wrongs, and to give aid to those in need. **R**

....We continue to pray most earnestly for a return of peace, respect, and patience in our world. May we all be living examples of such Grace to all who encounter us. **R**

....Keep close to You, all who are suffering, especially those separated from loved ones, and those who are facing death alone. **R**

....We pray for those in most need of Your mercy, particularly those on our parish prayer list. **R**

....We pray for the salvation of all our brothers and sisters who have passed from this life into the next. We offer special prayers for those who no longer have anyone left on earth to pray for them. **R**

***** ***Take this time to offer up our intentions for August*** *****

....Take a moment to offer up the intentions most dear to your heart. **R**

....We would like to share with each other, those things that through Your Divine Grace and intercession, we are most grateful for. **R**

R: God is good.

We ask You, Heavenly Father, who is gracious and merciful, to hear these prayers brought before You, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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