



*Our
Lady of
Victory
Prayers for
Healing*

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The 1980s were a time of individualism, and the 1990s were a time of groupism. In the 1980s, the individual was the focus of attention, and the group was seen as a collection of individuals. In the 1990s, the group became the focus of attention, and the individual was seen as a member of a group. This shift in focus was reflected in the way that organizations were managed. In the 1980s, managers were concerned with the individual performance of their employees, and in the 1990s, managers were concerned with the performance of the organization as a whole.

The 1980s were also a time of competition, and the 1990s were a time of cooperation. In the 1980s, organizations were seen as competitors, and in the 1990s, organizations were seen as collaborators. This shift in focus was reflected in the way that organizations interacted with each other. In the 1980s, organizations were often in conflict, and in the 1990s, organizations were often in cooperation. This shift in focus was also reflected in the way that organizations were managed. In the 1980s, managers were concerned with the competitive performance of their organizations, and in the 1990s, managers were concerned with the cooperative performance of their organizations.

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I am pleased to present to you this Book of Healing from Our Lady of Victory Institutions, Lackawanna, New York. Our founder, Venerable Nelson Baker, had great faith in Our Lady of Victory and her power to intercede with her Son, Jesus Christ, for healing for God's people. Because of this, he was able to bring great comfort to those who suffered from sickness of the body, mind and spirit. In Father Baker's spirit, we present this book of prayers in the hope that God's comfort might come to you or your loved ones through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory.

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY HEALING PRAYERS

Our Lady of Victory is known for her intercessory help in the events of history, most notably for her role in changing the fortunes of the Catholic forces in the Battle of Lepanto in the year 1571, to enable them to win a decisive victory over the mightier Turkish fleet.



Yes, Our Lady is known for her help to save and protect Christian civilization over the centuries. Yet, not so well known is her spiritual assistance in helping the sick as well. Many saints, including St. Therese of Lisieux, sought her intercession in the most critical times in her life.

Venerable Nelson Baker, the founder of Our Lady of Victory Institutions in Lackawanna, New York, was also one of those holy people who recognized in Mary, under this title, a true life-long helper and a source of healing and strength. Fr. Baker first encountered Our Lady of Victory in Paris, at Notre Dame des Victoires, when on pilgrimage in 1874. He was deeply moved when he went inside the church and saw all of the crutches, canes and leg

braces that were discarded and left there by all who attributed their healing to Our Lady of Victories. He was so inspired by the church that he decided to build a basilica in her honor in the United States, Our Lady of Victory Basilica and Shrine in Lackawanna, New York.

Throughout his life and even after his death, Fr. Baker was associated with many miracles and healing wonders. During his life, however, when people would praise him for his abilities and attribute instances of healing to himself, he never hesitated to give credit to the one he thought was the true helper. He is quoted as saying, “They call me a wonder worker. I’m not. Our Lady of Victory is the wonder worker.”

What follows is a prayer booklet dedicated to Our Lady of Victory, containing prayers imploring her intercession. Also included are prayers asking for the intercession of some of the saints known for their help for specific ailments.

We hope this booklet will aid you in recovering your health and bringing you closer to God.

May Our Lady of Victory watch over you and bless you.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY

O Victorious Lady, I confidently invoke you as the health of the sick. You are the loving mother, especially of those who are blessed with a cross of sickness. Look upon me in my suffering and have pity on me. I humbly plead for this special request: (mention your petition here).

Our Lady of Victory, I beg you to present my petition to your divine Son. If you will pray for me, you will not be refused, for your prayers before God are all powerful.

Through your hands I offer to God every suffering I must bear. Make every pain an act of love for God, an act of atonement for my sins, and an act meritorious for the salvation of souls, especially my own. Teach me patience and resignation to the holy will of your divine Son. I beg you to grant my prayer.

V. Pray for us, Our Lady of Victory,
health of the sick.

R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.



PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
In verdant pastures
 he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
 he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the
 dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side
 with your rod and staff
 that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
 in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness
 follow me
 all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the household
 of the Lord for years to come.



HEALING PRAYER

Merciful God, heal me from anything separating me from You. Bring healing to my mind, body, soul and spirit. Surround me with Your healing power to ease my brokenness, my pain, and my suffering. In Your compassion, restore me to full health.

Amen.



Calling on Jesus through prayer in times of sickness or sorrow connects us with Jesus' healing love. Healing is one of the most prominent events in Jesus' public ministry. Seeing the challenges of people afflicted physically, mentally, and spiritually, Jesus reached out to them with mercy and compassion. For those who suffered, the healing presence of Jesus was a sign of comfort and hope.

It is recorded that Father Baker was very sympathetic toward the sick as well. Many a patient enjoyed a good night's repose after receiving Father Baker's blessing, for it was his custom to visit the sick in Our Lady of Victory Hospital each evening and pray with them.

May the following prayers help you in your time of need as you call upon Jesus' healing power for yourself and for your loved ones.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Jesus, Divine Physician, come to my aid. I entrust to Your care all who are sick this day, and especially (mention by name). Grant them the strength to bear their illness. Help them to overcome their anxiety. Comfort them when they are lonely or abandoned. Give peace to their troubled hearts. And touch gently this life You have created, restoring it to health.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of Your mercy, so that being restored to health, they may render thanks to You in Your Church, through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

May the most just, the most high and the most lovable will of God be in all things done, praised and evermore exalted.

“O Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me.”

Psalm 30:2



PRAYER AFTER AN INJURY

God of comfort, I have been injured. Deliver me from the pain I am experiencing. O merciful God, stretch forth your hand and heal me. Guide those who are caring for me. O Divine Healer, I put myself in your hands trusting in your compassion.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM TRAUMA

Merciful God, heal (mention name) suffering from trauma in her/his life. Mend the body, spirit and soul that were damaged, broken, or crushed during the trauma. As (name) struggles with the challenges of recovery, sustain her/him with Your peaceful presence. Compassionate God, hear my prayer and hasten to answer my plea.

Amen.

“I’ll restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.”

Jeremiah 30:17



TIME OF SURGERY

Divine Healer, Comforter, and Source of Strength, we come to You this day seeking the gift of healing as (mention name) approaches surgery. Continue to embrace her/him with Your peace during the time of surgery and recovery.

Bless the surgeons and medical staff who will care for her/him. Touch their hands with skill, touch their mind with wisdom so they may be Your instruments of healing.

May the prayer and love of those around (mention name) be a source of life for her/him and, may she/he know Your Presence surrounding her/him.

Heal (mention name) so that she/he may fully recover, and return to daily life with renewed zeal.

“There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving”

Phillippians 4:6



PRAYER AFTER SURGERY

Jesus, Divine Healer, thank you for hearing my prayers. I now come to You with a heart full of gratitude for a successful surgery. Thank you for guiding the surgeons who performed my surgery and for those who are caring for me as I recuperate. Jesus, I feel Your healing presence. Continue to strengthen me in the days ahead. And know I am most grateful to You for restoring me to wholeness of life.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, and my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the Grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary for many sufferers to obtain the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. O loving Mother, obtain my request. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity.

Amen.





FATHER BAKER—HEALING PRAYER

Fr. Baker, whose Cause for Canonization was opened in 1987, was known for the many “wonders” he was responsible for in his lifetime and after his death. Many of those wonders he was associated with were healings, especially of diseases of the skin and injuries of the eyes. It is thought that he was sympathetic to those who had these problems because he himself nearly died of a skin disease early in his life and because he was blind in one eye later in his life. But this is not to say that many people with other afflictions were not also helped by Fr. Baker.

We welcome you to say the following prayer to ask for Fr. Baker’s assistance in any problem you or a loved one or acquaintance may be experiencing.

O God, Our Father we praise and thank you for the gift of Father Nelson Baker, priest and disciple, who lived your will in faith and trust, and lived your love in service to the poor, the sick, the homeless and the young. I pray in confidence that through his intercession, you will grant me the favor which I request. You who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.



PRAYER TO ST. LUCY

(Patron of the blind and those suffering with disease of the eyes)

St. Lucy, graced with the “light of faith,” increase God’s light in my life. Open my heart to overcome any blindness within my being. And intercede with God to restore my bodily eyes to perfect vision so that I may see God’s holy creation and thus give praise and glory to God for such beauty.

St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, hear my plea and grant my prayer.

Amen.



“And they brought to Jesus all the sick suffering from various diseases and He cured them.”

Matthew 4:24



PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

(Patron of those suffering from cancer)

St. Peregrine, for many years, you patiently suffered from a cancerous disease. You turned to God, the source of all healing, to give you strength in bearing this ailment. May all afflicted with cancer follow your example especially those we entrust to you (pause here and silently name those for whom you are praying). God, our Comforter, I ask you to ease his/her pain and suffering and restore him/her to full health of body, mind, and spirit. I ask this in Your Holy name.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

Jesus, Divine Healer and Consoler, I come to you as I struggle with cancer. I trust in Your loving presence and healing power. Give me the grace and strength to accept this sickness. Alleviate my anxiousness and fear. When in pain, comfort me. Heal all abnormal and cancerous growths and stop further spreading of this disease. Help me to overcome feelings of anger and frustration. Deliver me from hopelessness and negative thoughts. Jesus, walk with me through this difficult time. Restore me to wholeness of body, mind, and spirit and give me Your peace. I ask all of this in Your name.

Amen.

“A leper seeing Jesus fell on his face and implored Him. ‘Sir, he said, if you want to you can cure me.’ Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him and said, ‘Of course I want to! Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once.”

Luke 5: 12-14



PRAYER TO ST. AGATHA

(Patron of those suffering with breast cancer)

St. Agatha, while enduring extreme pain and torture in your own life, you trusted in God. Be with those suffering with breast cancer, especially (name). Help them gain courage in their own battle with this disease. Ask God to send His strength, and comfort to them as they undergo treatment. And may God's healing power ease their suffering and restore them to health.

St. Agatha, hear my prayer.



“As the people followed Jesus, he received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who were in need of healing.”

Luke 9:11



ST. THERESE – HEALING PRAYERS

In 1883 St. Therese of Lisieux was about to die when she was only about 10 years old. Her father, who often visited the Church of Our Lady of Victories when in Paris, sent a donation to the church for a Novena of Masses for his daughter's health. On the last day of the Novena, the day of Pentecost, St. Therese was completely healed. It was to Our Lady of Victories that St. Therese attributed her healing, calling it the "miracle".

Even at the end of her life, as she was sick in bed with tuberculosis, the statue in the infirmary at the Carmel at Lisieux was a replica of the statue of Our Lady of Victories in Paris.

As this church was the one that so inspired Fr. Baker on his visit to Paris, we at Our Lady of Victory in New York feel we have a connection with the well-beloved saint from Lisieux. Fr. Baker made sure there was a small altar to St. Therese directly behind the main altar at the Basilica in Lackawanna.

The following is a prayer for people afflicted with respiratory diseases. Praying for St. Therese's help is most appropriate in these situations.

PRAYER IN CASE OF RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of St. Therese and Our Lady of Victory, please relieve us of the symptoms of these lung ailments, the congestion, the discomfort, the coughing, and the struggling to breathe, and bring us healing, so that we can return to our normal lives and rest quietly in Your arms, to live in the glorious peace of your kingdom, both now and forever.

Amen.



ST. LIDWINA, PATRONESS OF THE CHRONICALLY ILL

Dear Lord, please be merciful to those who suffer from chronic illnesses and relieve them of their pain and distress. Through the intercession of St. Lidwina, who offered up her suffering for a wound she had for 38 years, please give them strength, courage, and consolation in Your sight, that they may come to know Your mercy and rest in Your joy and peace forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ALPHONSUS

(Patron of those suffering from arthritis)

St. Alphonsus, I suffer from arthritis as you did during your lifetime. Understanding my pain, console me with your compassion. Through your intercession with God, may I receive comfort and relief from this chronic pain.

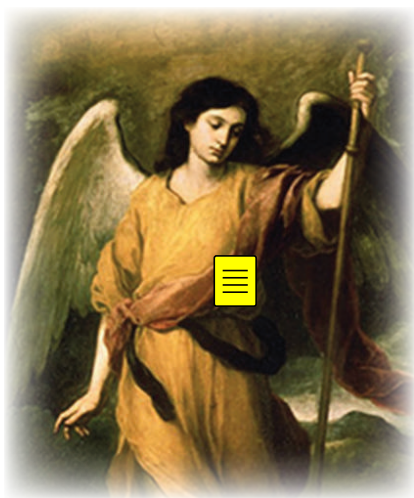
St. Alphonsus, pray for me



PRAYER TO ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Raphael, archangel, angel of health, consoler of the afflicted, I ask you to assist me in my need. Heal me from the disease that afflicts my body. I especially ask of you the following favor (name your petition). Ask God to embrace me in this time of sickness.

St. Raphael, pray for me.



PRAYER FOR A SAFE DELIVERY

(Prayer to St. Gerard Majella, patron of awaiting mothers)

St. Gerard, known as the patron and protector of expectant mothers, I come asking you to be with (name) during her months of waiting and time of delivery. Protect her from any dangers during pregnancy and watch over the child You have blessed her with. May she have a safe delivery and may mother and child experience good health.

THANKSGIVING FOR A SAFE DELIVERY

St. Gerard, patron of mothers and powerful intercessor, help me in thanking God, our Creator and Source of Life, for the beautiful gift of motherhood. I'm most grateful for a healthy baby and for my own good health. May I be a loving and caring mother, always nurturing my child. Give me the graces needed to raise (name of child) as a child of God.

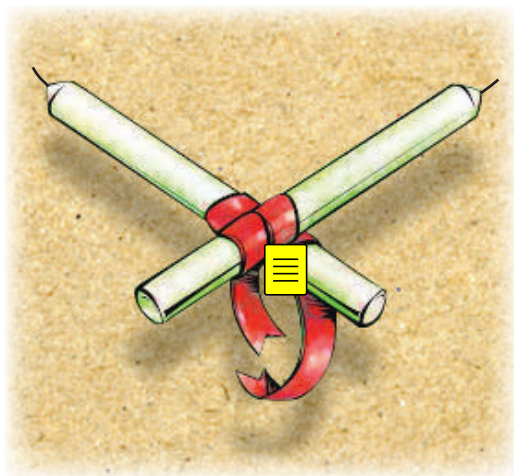


PRAYER TO ST. BLAISE

(Patron of those suffering from throat disease)

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, I implore your powerful intercession with God to deliver me from every disease of the throat.

St. Blaise, pray for me.



PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

(Patron saint of those suffering from hearing loss)

St. Francis de Sales, known to aid those who experience hearing loss, I invoke your help for all who suffer from such loss. Assist them in coping with this diminishment and in learning new ways of listening. May they attune their ears to listen with their heart and their soul so that they may hear the beautiful sounds of creation.

St. Francis de Sales, hear my prayer.



PRAYER FOR HEALING OF HEART DISEASE

Loving God, Source of all Life, I beseech Your help in healing for (mention name) who is afflicted with heart problems.

Bring healing to this heart which at one time was full of life and vigor. Give comfort to (mention name), alleviating all pain, and restoring her/him to full health.

Renew this heart to once again be a core of life and a source of energy. May it be a vital vessel from which love can be given and received.

O Holy One, healer and sustainer of life, come to the aid of (mention name) at this time.

Amen

“Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who consoles us in all our afflictions.”

2Cor. 1:3-4



PRAYER TO ST. DYMPHNA

(Patron of those suffering from nervous and mental afflictions)

St. Dymphna, known for comforting those who suffer with illnesses of the mind, I invoke your help with my present need (mention it). Attain for me serenity and peace of mind. And in the meantime, help me to patiently bear my affliction.

St. Dymphna, Virgin and Martyr, pray for me.



PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND AND HEART

O Compassionate God, I come to you in need of help. I feel overburdened with doubt, struggles, and difficulties. Fear, anxiety, and anger overwhelm me causing me to feel helpless and yes, to even question my own worth.

Comforting God, embrace me with your love. Protect me in my brokenness. Give me courage and strength to confront my troubles and free me from all this suffering and pain. May You be a source of serenity for me and an assurance of hope.

God of peace, I look to You for help, confident that You will be at my side.

“Heal me, O God that I may be healed, save me and I shall be saved, for you alone are my hope.”

Jeremiah 17:24



PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

(Prayer for those on medication)

Jesus, thank You for the many healing treatments and medications that can help me when I am sick. Through St. Anthony's intercession, may Your healing power be with me as I take the medication prescribed. May it restore me to full health in body and mind.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE ADDICTED

God, Source of all life, you created (name) in Your image and likeness. You are a merciful and forgiving God. Help (name) in his/her brokenness. May he/she come to know the dangers involved with his/her addictions. Help him/her face and deal with the pressures of life. Instead of turning to addictive behavior for strength to cope, teach (name) to turn to You. Give him/her the strength to reach out for help. Bless and guide him/her with the persistence to persevere in the work of recovery. Enfold (name) in Your love and restore him/her to wholeness and a life of peace.

“The Lord is kind and compassionate”

James 5:11



SUSCIPE, ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.



PRAYER IN TIME OF DIMINISHMENT

St. Anthony, known to help the poor and lost, I turn to you in my time of trouble and stress. As I age, doing the simple tasks in life are more difficult. I am becoming forgetful, confused, and need to rely on others for my care. Help me to accept my diminishment. Hold my hand as I walk through each day. And ask God to fill my life with His peace.

Amen.



“Do not be afraid, for I am with you; stop being anxious and watchful, for I am your God. I give you strength, I give you help.”

Isaiah 41:10



PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

God of mercy and love, hear my prayer for those suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia. As their memory deteriorates, comfort them in their times of fear and anxiety. Embrace them in your gentle, tender love. Give them peace of mind and heart. Provide for them a safe environment. And bless them each day in the ways they need. Compassionate God, hear my prayer.

"In God I trust, I do not fear"

Psalm 56:12



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(After an illness)

God of all goodness, I offer praise and thanksgiving to You for relieving my pain, renewing my strength, and restoring me to health. I am most grateful for Your love and healing presence during my illness. Thank you for the abundant blessings you continue to shower on me.



IN PRAISE OF DIVINE GOODNESS – PSALM 103: 2-5

Bless the Lord, my soul;
remember all the gifts of God,
who pardons all your sins,
heals all your ills,
surrounds you with
 love and compassion.
Fills your days with good things
so that you are renewed.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the days of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion. Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us an example of how to untie the knots in our life. And by remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make clear the ties that link us to the Lord. Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie, with a motherly heart, the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks. Through your grace, your intercession and your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters.

Amen.



LITANY TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us,

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.

The response for all of the followings is: Pray for us.

Our Lady of Victory,

Victorious daughter of the Father,

Victorious Mother of the Son,

Victorious Spouse of the Holy Spirit,

Victorious servant of the Holy Trinity,

Victorious in your Immaculate Conception,

Victorious in crushing the serpent's head,

Victorious over all the children of Adam,

Victorious over all enemies,

Victorious in your response to the Angel Gabriel,

Victorious in your wedding to St. Joseph,

Victorious in your birth of Christ,

(continued)



Victorious in the flight to Egypt,
Victorious in your exile,
Victorious in your home at Nazareth,
Victorious in finding Christ in the temple,
Victorious in the mission of your Son,
Victorious in His passion and death,
Victorious in His Resurrection and Ascension,
Victorious in the Coming of the Holy Spirit,
Victorious in your sorrows and joys,
Victorious in your glorious Assumption,
Victorious in the angels who remained faithful,
Victorious in the happiness of the saints,
Victorious in the message of the prophets,
Victorious in the testimony of the patriarchs,
Victorious in the zeal of the apostles,
Victorious in the witness of the evangelists,
Victorious in the wisdom of the doctors,
Victorious in the deeds of the confessors,
Victorious in the triumph of all holy women,
Victorious in the faithfulness of the martyrs,
Victorious in your powerful intercession,
Victorious under your many titles,
Victorious at the moment of death.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy, O Lord.

V: Pray for us, blessed Lady of Victory

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.

Let us pray: Our Lady of Victory, we have unshaken
confidence in your influence with your Son, Our
Lord, Jesus Christ. Humbly we ask your intercession
for all of us associated under your title, Our Lady
of Victory.

We beg your powerful assistance also for our own
personal needs. (Please mention here your special
intention in your own words.) In your maternal
kindness please ask Jesus to forgive all our sins and
failings, and to secure His blessings for us and for
all the works of charity dedicated to your name. We
implore you to obtain for us the grace of sharing
Christ's victory and yours forever in the life that
knows no ending. May we join you there to praise
forever the Father, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the
Holy Spirit, one God for all ages to come.

Amen.



MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER NELSON BAKER

Monsignor Nelson Baker, familiarly known as “Father Baker” was born on February 16, 1842 and was ordained a diocesan priest for the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, on March 19, 1876. In 1882, Father Baker was assigned to Lackawanna, New York to be the Superintendent of the Institution destined to become Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, with an orphanage, industrial school, home for infants, facilities for unwed mothers, and maternity hospital. Father Baker promoted devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady of Victory. He built the Basilica of Our Lady of Victory which was consecrated in 1926. And he administered the Basilica Parish with the adjacent Homes of Charity, for the rehabilitation of countless underprivileged men, women, and children, until late in life. Father Baker died on July 29, 1936 in Lackawanna, New York. And his legacy of compassionate caring continues to this day.



In the summer of 1987, the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints approved the initiation of Father Baker's cause and confirmed the title "Servant of God." In 2011, recognizing the holy life and heroic virtue of Msgr. Nelson Baker, Pope Benedict XVI granted him the title "Venerable."

Please join us in praying the following prayer for Venerable Nelson Baker's canonization.

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless, and young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled, and courage to those in doubt. We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized. Amen.

Glory Be (3 times).

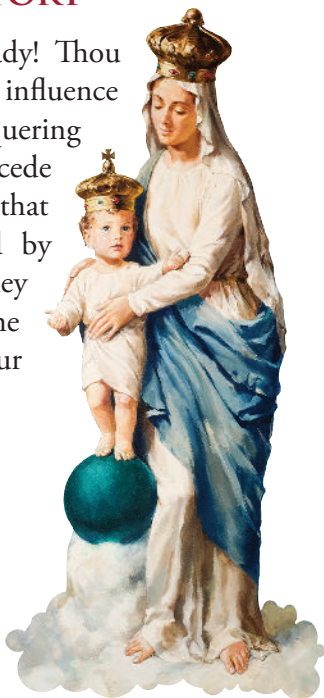
Kindly communicate any favor obtained to:
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FATHER BAKER'S PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Let us pray: O Victorious Lady! Thou who has ever such powerful influence with thy Divine Son, in conquering the hardest of hearts, intercede for those for whom we pray, that their hearts being softened by the rays of Divine Grace, they may return to the unity of the true Faith, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY HOMES OF CHARITY AND BAKER VICTORY SERVICES

Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity was founded in 1882 by Father Nelson Baker when he pioneered a fundraising program to support his work with abandoned and orphaned children.

To this day, the Homes of Charity promotes devotion to Our Lady of Victory and financially supports life-changing programs and services at Baker Victory Services allowing Father Baker's legacy of compassionate caring to continue.

Programming at Baker Victory Services includes: residential services for troubled teens and for individuals with developmental disabilities and dementia or Alzheimer's, special education programs, in-home preventive services, foster care programs, and dental care for individuals with special needs.

The Homes of Charity also supports the Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica in Lackawanna, N. Y.

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