

Prayer of Consecration (Pope Francis)

Holy Mary Virgin of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence we join our voice to that of all the generations who call you blessed.

We celebrate in you the works of God, who never tires of looking down with mercy upon humanity, afflicted with the wound of sin, to heal it and save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration of our entire Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown that we perform today with confidence, before this image of you that is so dear to us.

We are certain that each of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing of all that lives in our hearts is unknown to you. We let ourselves be touched by your most sweet regard and we welcome the consoling caress of your smile.

Hold our life in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for good; revive and nourish faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide all of us along the path of holiness.

Teach us your own preferential love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the downhearted.

Bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son Jesus, who is Christ our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Prayer for Blessing the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Lord God,

We acknowledge your infinite glory and the abundance of your gifts.

Before the foundation of the world, you appointed Christ the beginning and the end of all things.

You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother and companion of your Son, as the image and model of your Church, and as the Mother and Advocate of us all.

She is the new Eve, through whom you restored what the first Eve had lost.

She is the daughter of Zion, who echoed in her heart the longings of the patriarchs and the hopes of Israel.

She is the poor and lowly servant, who trusted solely in her Lord.

In the fullness of time she was delivered of the Sun of Justice; the dayspring from on high; your Son, Jesus Christ.

In the flesh she was His Mother; in her person, his disciple; in her love, His servant.

Father,

May your children who venerate this image of Mary know her protection and trace in their hearts the pattern of her holiness.

Bless them with faith and hope; love and humility.

Bless them with strength in hardship and self-respect in poverty.

Bless them with patience in adversity and kindheartedness in times of plenty.

May they search for peace, strive for justice, and realize your love, as they pursue their journey through life toward your heavenly city, where the Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes as mother and reigns as Queen.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.