CHAPLET IN HONOR OF SAINT JOHN PAUL 11

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With Ecclesiastical Approval

Opening Prayer and Meditation

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

Heavenly Father, as we give You thanks for the life and ministry of St. John Paul II, may Your Holy Spirit speak to us through his witness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Called to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, "the true light that enlightens everyone" (Jn 1:9), people become "light in the Lord" and "children of light" (Eph 5:8), and are made holy by "obedience to the truth" (1 Pet 1:22).

"This obedience is not always easy. As a result of that mysterious original sin, committed at the prompting of Satan, the one who is "a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44), man is constantly tempted to turn his gaze away from the living and true God in order to direct it towards idols (cf. 1 Thes 1:9), exchanging "the truth about God for a lie" (Rom 1:25). Man's capacity to know the truth is also darkened, and his will to submit to it is weakened. Thus, giving himself over to relativism and skepticism (cf. Jn 18:38), he goes off in search of an illusory freedom apart from truth itself.

"But no darkness of error or of sin can totally take away from man the light of God the Creator. In the depths of his heart there always remains a yearning for absolute truth and a thirst to attain full knowledge of it."

(Veritatis Splendor, #1)

Our Father
<u>Petitions</u>
St. John Paul II, pray for us, that we may respond to the Mercy of God poured forth in Jesus Christ with total confidence and trust.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, that we may reverence and celebrate the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist with profound
gratitude.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, that every human life may be honored and protected from conception to natural death.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, that governments and cultures may respect and defend the religious freedom of every human
conscience.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, that all human work may manifest and support the dignity of the human person.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, for the renewal of the priesthood and religious life, with an abundance of holy vocations.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, for the renewal and the sanctification of family life, with healing for all marriages in crisis.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II, pray for us, for the grace of fortitude in the face of suffering.
Hail Mary
St. John Paul II. pray for us, that we may live the gift of sexuality with reverence, holiness, and purity

Hail Mary . . .

St. John Paul II, pray for us, that all young people may encounter the love of Christ and respond with faith and generosity.

Hail Mary . . .

St. John Paul II, pray for us, that we may be bold and ardent witnesses of the New Evangelization.

Hail Mary . . .

St. John Paul II, pray for us, that we may respond with trust, joy, and responsibility to Jesus' gift of Mary His Mother.

Hail Mary . . .

Thanksgiving for the life and witness of St. John Paul II

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

This is the moment of faith, of prayer, of conversation with God, in order to open our hearts to the tide of grace and allow the word of Christ to pass through us in all its power: Duc in altum! (*Novo Millenio Inuente*, #28)

Glory be to the Father . . . (3 times)

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Tim 1:7)

"Be not afraid. Christ knows what is in man. He alone knows it." (Homily for the Inauguration of the Pontificate, #5)

Glory be to the Father . . . (3 times)

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ." (Ephesians 2:4-5)

"This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and restored to value. The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy that he has been found again and that he has returned to life. This joy indicates a good that has remained intact: even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be truly his father's son." (*Dives in Misericordia*, #6)

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"We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

"This likeness reveals that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself." (*Gaudium et Spes*, #24)

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"Male and female He created them." (Gen 1:27)

"God has assigned as a duty to every man the dignity of every woman." (General Audience, November 24, 1982)

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Glory be to the Father . . . (3 times)
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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before Him. In love He destined us for adoption to Himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of His will, for the praise of the glory of His grace that He granted us in the beloved. (Ephesians 1:3-6)

"The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light." (*Gaudium et Spes*, #22)

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"God blessed them, and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.: (Genesis 1:28)

"... The one who, while being God, became like us in all things devoted most of the years of his life on earth to manual work at the carpenter's bench. This circumstance constitutes in itself the most eloquent Gospel of work, showing that the basis for determining the value of human work is not primarily the kind of work being done but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person. The sources of the dignity of work are to be sought primarily in the subjective dimension, not in the objective one." (*Laborem Exercens*, #6)

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"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Rom 5:5)

"We have firmly hoped, we will always hope, and we are and will be happy." (Correspondence of Karol Wojtyła with Henri De Lubac)

Glory be to the Father . . . (3 times)

"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27)

"Totus tuus!" (Papal Coat of Arms)

Glory be to the Father . . . (3 times)

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of St. John Paul II. May we grow in friendship with you through his teaching and example, and be sanctified through his intercession. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Family, become what you are!" (Familiaris Consortio, #17)