

Celebrating 100 years of the 19th Amendment!

We as Catholic Daughters are living in extraordinary times unlike any we have ever experienced. Staying alive, keeping our families and loved ones safe in this time of the coronavirus pandemic is challenging. For some, inability to physically attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive the greatest treasure on the face of the earth, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, has caused great sorrow. There are many churches that have been live streaming the Mass and there are networks that carry many religious programs like EWTN. If you are financially able to contribute to your church, the need is great.

One would not know that there is something we can celebrate! Women were given the right to vote 72 years ago on August 18, and this was a 72 year struggle led by wonderful women like Susan B. Anthony who believed in the inherent dignity of every human person. It is vitally important for us as United States of America citizens to perform our civic duty and vote. Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas exhorted Catholics to vote “with a well formed conscience” for candidates who “respect LIFE, morality, marriage, family and our basic freedoms”.

There is a beautiful prayer to Our Blessed Mother written by Monsignor William Blacett entitled:

A PRAYER TO MARY AT ELECTION TIME

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,
we entrust the United States of America to your loving care
and beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son.

Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation

We cry to you from the depths of our hearts

And seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.

Open our minds to the great worth of human life
And to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion

And threaten the sanctity of family life.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law

Is the foundation on which this nation was founded,

and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new
Culture of Life.

Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.
To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word Incarnate
Despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen

We are women of great hope for it is your prayers and your love for your neighbor as yourself that is transforming communities and building that wonderful culture of LIFE.

Oración para el tiempo de elecciones presidenciales

O Señor nuestro, Padre justo y amoroso, te damos gracias por el precioso don de la vida que está gravemente amenazada por la cultura de la muerte.

Conscientes de los peligros que nos afrontan en este momento, te pedimos nos guíes para elegir a los líderes que nuestra nación verdaderamente necesita:

- Líderes con la sabiduría para discernir Su plan providencial,
- Líderes que entiendan la fragilidad de la condición humana,
- Líderes que enseñen a nuestros ciudadanos a respetar la ley,
- Líderes con la fortaleza de enfrentarse con gracia a sus positores
- Líderes con el conocimiento de los verdaderos derechos humanos
- Líderes cuya piedad los haga consciente de sus propios límites
- Y líderes cuyo temor reverencial les advierta de su juicio moral.

Oramos para que los derechos inalienables de la vida, la libertad, y la búsqueda de la felicidad, prometidos por nuestros precursores sean conservados, protegidos, y defendidos para todos, especialmente para aquellos más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad.

Que el Señor misericordioso nos sostenga en nuestra lucha por vivir en paz como una nación bajo Dios. Amén.

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God Bless You!

In Unity and Charity,

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