Universal Prayer
Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
April 18

We pray for the Church: that all Catholics will recognize themselves and their communities as members of the Body of Christ, uniting their ministries and charitable works with the mission of the Universal Church.

We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, and religious: that their joyful and humble service will inspire others to consider dedicating their life to the Church through Holy Orders.

We pray for the gifts of faith and understanding: that all Catholics will grow in their love of the Eucharist; and that all parish communities will put the celebration of the Eucharist as the central focus of their life.

We pray for unity among all Christians. May the mercy of God—which is at work through our common baptism—help us forget past sins and division, and become one truly unified Body of Christ.
We pray for those who have nothing to eat, who are being persecuted, or who feel abandoned this night: that God will fill their emptiness, renew their spirit, and grant them peace of mind and heart.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, we pray for the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Paris: that they—the living stones of the Church—will cling in hope to Christ the Cornerstone, as they mourn the damage to their beloved Cathedral.

We pray for those who seek spiritual, material or emotional assistance from our community of faith: that we may welcome them, assist them along life’s journey, and share the gospel with them.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will share in Christ’s ultimate victory over death.