

A group of people of various ages, including children, teenagers, and adults, are shown in a church setting, all with their eyes closed in prayer. They are standing in front of a white altar with a large screen above it. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on this image.

# THE POWER OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

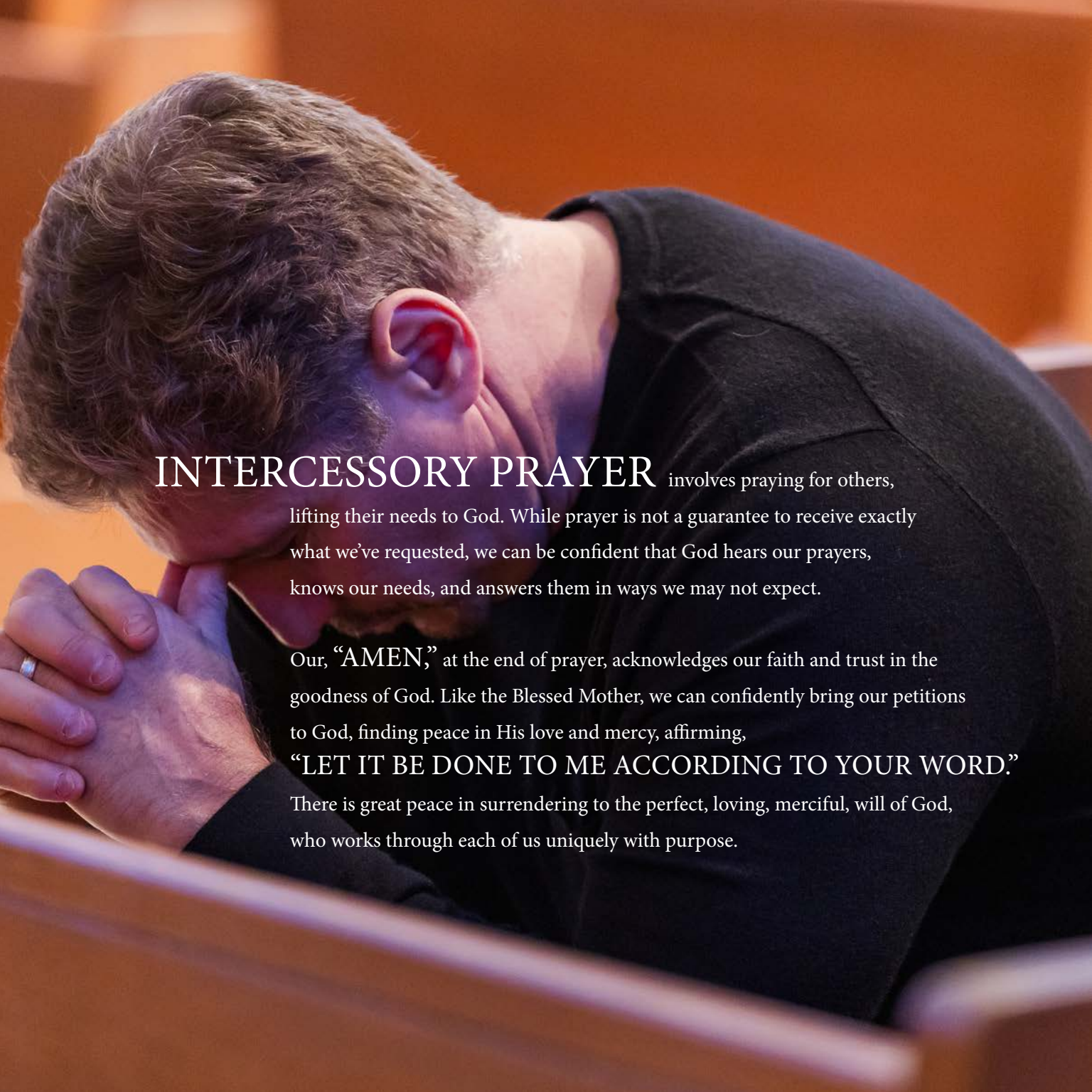
**HAVE YOU EVER** asked a friend to pray for you?  
Seeking their prayers brings comfort and a sense of support,  
especially during challenging times.

If our earthly friends' prayers provide comfort and grace,  
how much more powerful are the prayers of our heavenly friends—  
the Blessed Mother, saints, angels, and holy souls?  
They, who are in God's presence, perfect and present our prayers to Him.

This illustrates our profound connection through God,  
forming the mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints.



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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

involves praying for others, lifting their needs to God. While prayer is not a guarantee to receive exactly what we've requested, we can be confident that God hears our prayers, knows our needs, and answers them in ways we may not expect.

Our, "AMEN," at the end of prayer, acknowledges our faith and trust in the goodness of God. Like the Blessed Mother, we can confidently bring our petitions to God, finding peace in His love and mercy, affirming,

**"LET IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."**

There is great peace in surrendering to the perfect, loving, merciful, will of God, who works through each of us uniquely with purpose.



# WHY USE INTERCESSORY PRAYER WITH YOUR FAMILY?

When Father Peyton encouraged the world with his realized vision that “THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER,” and “A WORLD AT PRAYER IS A WORLD AT PEACE,” he was zealous about it! He recognized the power of family prayer, especially the Rosary, in bringing healing and peace into the home and people’s lives. Families today face many challenges, and our heavenly helpers, through intercessory prayer, can be an instrumental part of the solution. As we draw closer to God through prayer, we can help heal our families, communities, and the world.

Prayer doesn’t need to follow a formula, but tools like the Rosary can help. Don’t worry, because the beauty and grace of prayer, even if done imperfectly, is fully valid and effective. For example, if a child tries to help with a chore, but it’s not done perfectly, it’s the effort that matters. Of all the legacies we leave our children, none is more profound than teaching them how to pray and instilling it into their lives as a regular practice – for themselves, those they love, and those they may not know. Why? Because prayer is one of the most meaningful and powerful gifts we can give to another.

# WAYS TO PRAY FOR INTERCESSION WITH YOUR FAMILY

- **CREATE A PRAYER SPACE:** Designate a space in your home where your family can gather for prayer. Decorate it, together, with a Bible, a cross, images of the Blessed Mother, or any of your favorite saints, and sacred items. Include a set of rosary beads for each member of your family.
- **TAKE IT ONE STEP AT A TIME:** Maybe praying together is a new concept for your family. Begin by instilling grace before meals. In time, add a morning prayer together to start the day, bless your children with the Sign of the Cross as they leave the house or before sleep. Pray just one decade of the Rosary (10 Hail Marys) together, first discussing the Mystery you've selected (**discover helpful tips: [familyrosary.org](https://familyrosary.org).**) Include some prayers of intercession.



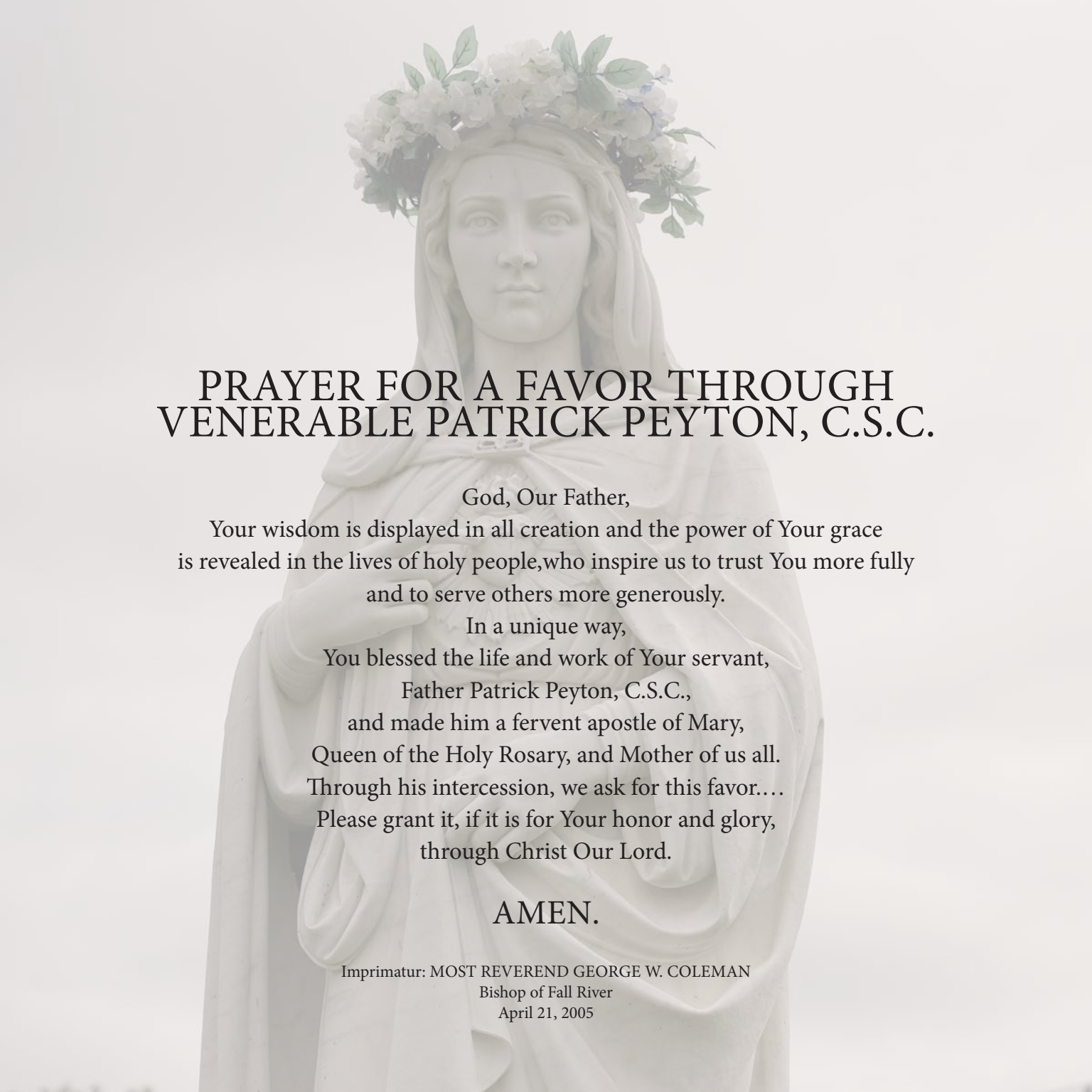
- **INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS:** Encourage your children to pray for the intercession of the saints. Engage their help and highlight a saint each week. Utilize the special prayer at the end of this booklet. Instilling a spirit of compassion and service will deepen your family's understanding and experience of the Communion of Saints through praying for their intercession together.

- **ATTEND PILGRIMAGES AND RETREATS:** Embark on pilgrimages to shrines or holy sites, such as the Father Peyton Center in Easton, Massachusetts.

**Learn more:** [museumoffamilyprayer.org](https://museumoffamilyprayer.org). Participate in retreats or workshops on the lives and teachings of the saints. These experiences offer opportunities for reflection, prayer, and renewal.



- **MODEL YOUR FAITH THROUGH PRAYER:** As parents, you are the most impactful source of faith in your children's lives. Talk about your faith with them. Cultivate their seeds of faith by showing them how to live the faith they have been given, striving to know, love, and serve God and others through your family life. Bear witness to the transformative power of faith and inspire your children to follow in the footsteps of the saints.



# PRAYER FOR A FAVOR THROUGH VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON, C.S.C.

God, Our Father,  
Your wisdom is displayed in all creation and the power of Your grace  
is revealed in the lives of holy people, who inspire us to trust You more fully  
and to serve others more generously.

In a unique way,  
You blessed the life and work of Your servant,  
Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.,  
and made him a fervent apostle of Mary,  
Queen of the Holy Rosary, and Mother of us all.  
Through his intercession, we ask for this favor....  
Please grant it, if it is for Your honor and glory,  
through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN.

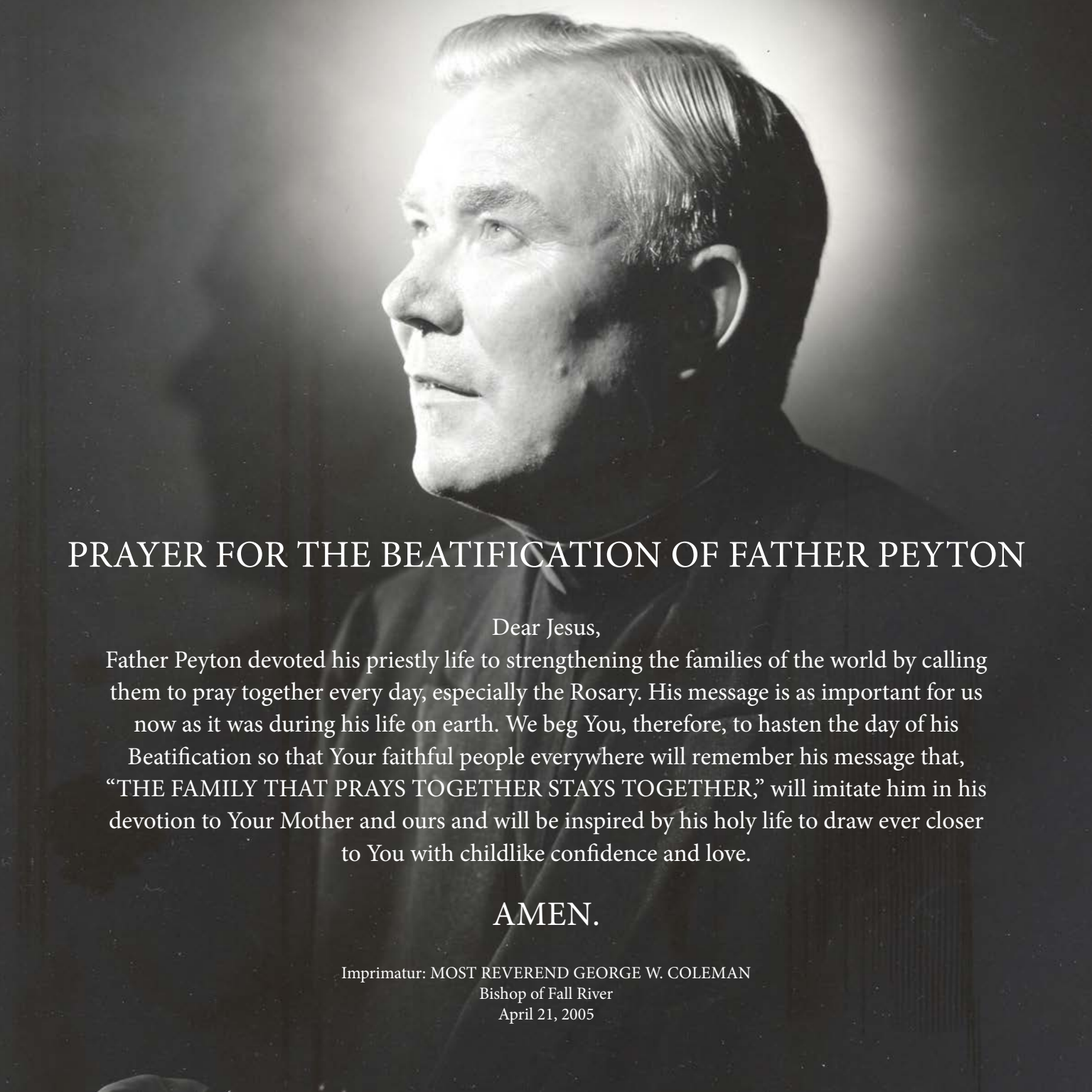
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**VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON** The mission of HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES emerged through intercessory prayer. As a young seminarian, Patrick Peyton, lay suffering from advanced tuberculosis. Father Cornelius Hagerty, C.S.C., visited him and offered sound advice, “You have the Faith, Pat,” he said, “but you’re not using it.” Father Hagerty also spoke of Mary, our Blessed Mother’s intercession, w Young Pat turned to prayer and shortly thereafter began to feel his health return. From that day forward, he saw the Blessed Mother in a new light: how human, approachable, and sensitive she is to our needs.



Father Patrick, known as the “ROSARY PRIEST,” traveled the world organizing Rosary Rallies that united millions. He passionately advocated for daily family prayer, especially the Rosary, encapsulated by his message, “THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER.” He believed that daily prayer strengthened family bonds and deepened their connection to God and each other.



## PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER PEYTON

Dear Jesus,

Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg You, therefore, to hasten the day of his Beatification so that Your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that, “THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER,” will imitate him in his devotion to Your Mother and ours and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to You with childlike confidence and love.

AMEN.

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