

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

17 June - 4 July

*Please print in the parish bulletin on the following Sundays:
17 June, 24 June, and 1 July.*

Prayer for Religious Liberty

O GOD OUR CREATOR, from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

For You are good, O our God, and You love mankind, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Ecumenic Prayer

To be inserted after the second petition on 17 June, 24 June, and 1 July.

Have mercy, O God, upon America and all its people, that it may be ever vigilant in defending and protecting religious freedom, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

Lord, have mercy (thrice).

Again and again, we pray for our President and all our elected leaders, that they may respect our God-given freedom of conscience and religion.

Lord, have mercy (thrice).

Again, we pray for the Church in America, and all religious institutions, that they may stand firm in resisting all who seek to compel them to violate their religious beliefs.

Lord, have mercy (thrice).