

MINISTRY LEADERS' PRAYER FOR USE AT MEETINGS – June 2017

Leader: Opening/Introduction

Today, we take a moment and settle ourselves...to calm our fears and anxieties...to still the turbulence in our life and pray through the intercession of St. Rita as together we pray our St. Rita Parish Prayer:

All: *St Rita Parish Prayer:*

Lord,

Thank you for the rich history you have bestowed on our faith community.

Blessed by your constant grace and the intercession of St. Rita,

we ask that you be present in our parish and in our lives.

Build us into a community of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness, and

send us out into the world proclaiming the Good News of Christ crucified.

Dearest St. Rita,

you became a rose in the garden of Christ

because of your love for him on the cross.

Pray for us, especially in times of trial and anguish,

that we may always know God's love.

Amen.

June is filled with the celebration of Pentecost, the Feasts of the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Each of these feasts are foundational in and of themselves but taken in combination, week after week, June becomes anything but ordinary.

Taken together these celebrations speak of our life of relationship with God and what feeds our relationships with others.

How is your relationship with God?

- † Do you give yourself over to celebrating your relationship with God in the Sacraments?
- † Does your relationship with God positively influence your relationship with others in your life?

How will you, as a ministry leader at St. Rita:

- † Help those in your ministry form a deeper personal relationship with God?
- † Help those with whom you serve channel their relationship with God into loving service to the sisters and brothers in this faith community?
- † Help the worshipping community experience the love of God?

Litany: Let us seek the intercession of St Rita in our life
(Leader say first part and people say *italicized part*)

Lord have mercy...**Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy...**Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy...**Lord have mercy**

Christ hear us...**Christ hear us**

Christ graciously hear us...**Christ graciously hear us**

Glorious St. Rita...**pray for us**

St. Rita, mirror of Christian spouses...**pray for us**

St. Rita, heroic in sacrifice...**pray for us**

St. Rita, generous in forgiving...**pray for us**

St. Rita, advocate of the impossible...**pray for us**

St. Rita, patroness of desperate cases...**pray for us**

St. Rita, consumed by the Passion of Christ...**pray for us**

St. Rita, pierced by a thorn...**pray for us**

St. Rita... **obtain for me the grace to faithfully fulfill the duties of my state in life**

St. Rita... **obtain for me the grace to be satisfied with the lot in life to which God has called me**

St. Rita... **obtain for me a spirit of patience and strength in adversity**

St. Rita... **obtain for me total detachment from the things of this world and fix all my affections and desires on heavenly treasures**

St. Rita... **obtain for me health of soul and body**

St. Rita...**obtain for me the favors I ask through you**

St. Rita... **obtain for me the graces to suffer with resignation the troubles of this life, and protect me in all my needs**

Let us pray:

Glorious St. Rita, patroness of our parish, we seek your intercession in our life. We ask that you show us how to love the Lord our God and how to proclaim the love of Christ crucified. We ask that we may be like you as an instrument of God's peace, and through your example give our lives to Him unconditionally.

St Rita of Cascia... **pray for us.**

Amen