



ARCHDIOCESE
OF ST. LOUIS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

INFORMATION FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

On July 18, 2026, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, all are warmly invited to attend the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass at 10:00 a.m., marking 200 years since the establishment of the Diocese of St. Louis.

The **Prayer of the People** is an archdiocesan-wide, prayerful and unifying initiative in preparation for this celebration. In the months leading up to the Jubilee Mass, the faithful are invited to submit personal prayer intentions, which will be gathered from across the Archdiocese and symbolically presented during the entrance procession.

Through the Prayer of the People, the faithful of every parish community will be represented in this historic moment. By bringing these intentions together, we express our communion as one Church and entrust our prayers, hopes, and gratitude to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PARTICIPATION METHODS:

Beginning May 1, 2026, the faithful may submit intentions in one of two ways:

- Online Portal - prayer intentions may be submitted through the secure online portal accessible on the Bicentennial website, allowing for easy and convenient participation.
- In-Parish Submission - written prayer intentions may be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office.



IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT

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The Archdiocese will provide pulpit and bulletin announcements, digital ads, social media graphics, and a themed Prayer Collection Box for each parish office.

The Prayer of the People will be promoted across archdiocesan communication channels during the collection period.

PARISH INVOLVEMENT

Each parish is asked to:

- Actively encourage participation during the collection period by publishing Archbishop's invitational letter, using the provided resources, offering pulpit reminders, and promoting the initiative across parish communication channels.
- Place the Prayer Collection Box in the parish office and store collected intentions securely until July 18.
- Please ensure that all intentions placed in the offertory are separated from monetary offerings during counting.
- Considering the open-ended and anonymous nature of the submitted intentions, it is strongly recommended that the pastor or a designated representative review the intentions and remove any that are off-topic or inappropriate.
- Designate one parish representative to bring the Prayer Collection Box to the Jubilee Mass and participate in the entrance procession.
- Submit the designated parish representative's name, email, and mobile number to Linda Putnam, Director of Special Projects, at lindaputnam@archstl.org by June 5.



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Q&A FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

When is the collection timeline?

Collection begins May 1, 2026, and continues through mid-July.

Where should we keep the Prayer

Collection Box? The Prayer Collection Box should be stored securely in the parish office.

When will parishes receive their Prayer

Collection Box? The Prayer Collection Boxes will be delivered to parishes after Easter.

Should prayer intentions be anonymous?

Yes, prayer intentions should be submitted anonymously.

What should prayer intentions be written on, and what if the box becomes full?

Please encourage the faithful to use small pieces of paper to allow space for many intentions in the Prayer Collection Box. If the box becomes full, gently open it and flatten the submitted intentions to allow for additional space.

How are online prayer intentions

included? Online submissions (up to 1,000 characters) may be submitted through the Bicentennial website at archstl200.org. Online submissions will be securely stored, reviewed for appropriate content, and will not require contact information.

What if someone submits something inappropriate or hostile?

Given the open-ended and anonymous nature of the submissions, it is strongly recommended that the pastor or a designated representative review the intentions and remove any that are off-topic or inappropriate.

How will prayer intentions be included in the Jubilee Mass, and will they be read aloud?

Intentions will not be proclaimed publicly. Each parish will be represented at the Jubilee Mass by a pastor-designated representative who will carry their parish's Prayer Collection Box during the entrance procession and place it in the Blessed Virgin's Chapel. Online submissions will be presented by a Curia representative.

An intercession acknowledging the intentions of the faithful will be included in the Universal Prayer.

Following the Mass, the collected intentions will be entrusted to religious communities and retired priests for ongoing prayer.

For additional questions? Please email Linda Putnam, Director of Special Projects, at lindaputnam@archstl.org



Preview of Prayer of the People Resources for Parishes:

resources.archstl.org/article/128576/prayer-of-the-people

Bulletin Ads

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE


Be Part of a United Offering of Prayer

In this Bicentennial Jubilee year, the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to come together in prayer—entrusting our gratitude, our petitions, and our hopes to the Lord. Prayer intentions gathered from our parishes through *Prayer of the People* will be presented together at the Jubilee Mass as an offering of faith and trust in God's providence.


Let your prayer be part of this historic act of communion.

Submit your prayer intention:

- In the offertory basket
- At the parish office
- Online at ArchSTL200.org/prayer



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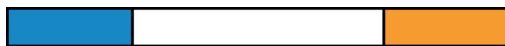
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Write a prayer. Share your hope. Join our united prayer. Your prayer will be gathered with thousands of others and presented at the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass on July 18, 2026.

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Offertory • Parish Office • Online
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Social Ads



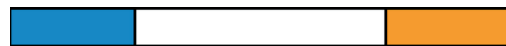
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How to Submit Your Prayer →



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Submissions accepted through July 13, 2026

*We understand that your intentions are sacred, and you can be assured they will be kept confidential and treated with care. Please do not include any identifying information in your prayer intention.

