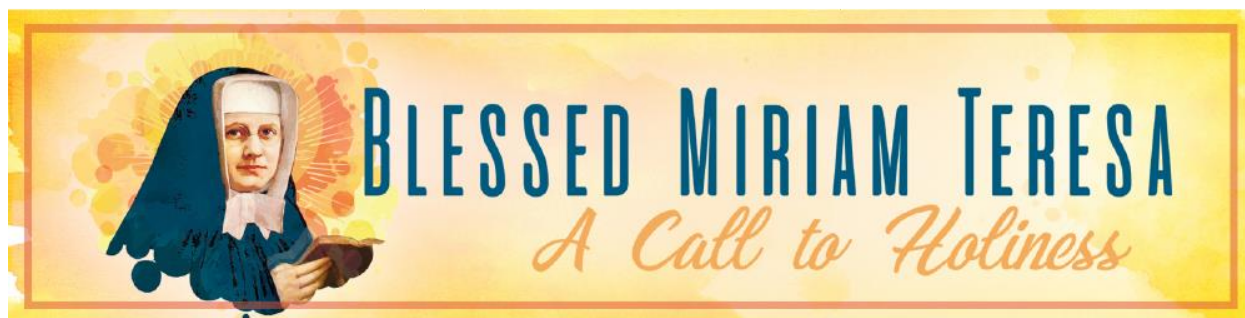




Prayer Service Honoring Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich

Readings:

A central document of the Second Vatican Council in 1964 was *Lumen Gentium, the Constitution on the Church*. The heart of this document is that the call to holiness is not limited to any one state in life, but is indeed universal, embracing all baptized Christians.

Lumen Gentium, Chapter 5, Paragraph 40

In a recently published book we read the following:

“A revolutionary yet simple idea that we are all called to be saints-far preceding the universal call to holiness of Vatican II- remarkably came from a quiet New Jersey girl who went on to become a religious sister and was later elevated to being recognized as Blessed on the path to canonization.”

Michael O’Neill, *They Might Be Saints*, 2021

Opening Prayer

We gather today to honor the life and legacy of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, a woman who, though she lived only a few short years, left behind a profound witness of holiness. She reminds us that sainthood is not reserved for the few but is a call to each one of us - **a universal call to holiness**. As we pray together, may we be inspired by her example to live lives of deeper faith, love, and union with God.

Psalm 96: 9-13

All: O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let all the earth be moved at His presence.

Say among the nations, “the LORD reigns.”
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

All: Glory to you, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Moment Reflection On This Thought

“If people only sought God in all earnestness they would find Him and if all would only make use of ordinary duties of their state, in the way God intended, they would all become saints.”

Sister Miriam Teresa to Father Benedict, OSB., August 19, 1926

Intercessions:

Leader: Let us turn to God, who inspired Blessed Miriam Teresa to a life of holiness and love.
Through the intercession of Blessed Miriam Teresa, we pray for the following:

For the Church, that she may continue to proclaim the universal call to holiness...

For young people, that they may find inspiration in the lives of the saints...

For those seeking purpose or struggling in life's challenges...

For those who find ways to build bridges instead of walls...

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit...

For those for whom we have promised to pray...

For those who have no one to pray for them...

For all who promote the cause of Blessed Miriam Teresa's canonization...

Together: Our Father

Closing Prayer

O God, source of all holiness,
you raised up Blessed Miriam Teresa as a model for our times,
showing us that every person is called to the fullness of life in You.
Through her intercession, help us to follow in her footsteps—
trusting in Your love, seeking Your will, and striving for holiness in our daily lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.



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