

## PRAYER TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

MERCIFUL FATHER, WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON ALL WE DO TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE. HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE DEATH PENALTY.

WE PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE, THAT THEIR LIVES AND DIGNITY AS CHILDREN OF A LOVING GOD MAY BE RESPECTED AND PROTECTED IN ALL STAGES AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

WE PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND THEIR FAMILIES, THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE OUR LOVE AND SUPPORT AND FIND COMFORT IN YOUR COMPASSION AND IN THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON DEATH ROW, THAT THEIR LIVES MAY BE SPARED, THAT THE INNOCENT MAY BE FREED AND THAT THE GUILTY MAY COME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FAULTS AND SEEK RECONCILIATION WITH YOU.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO ARE FACING EXECUTION, THAT THEY MAY BE COMFORTED BY YOUR LOVE AND COMPASSION.

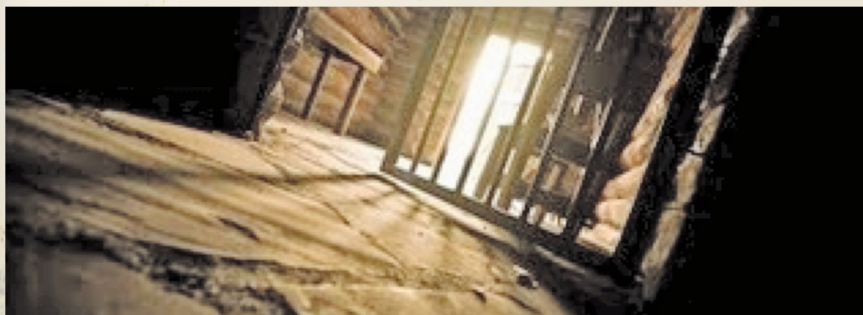
WE PRAY FOR CIVIC LEADERS, THAT THEY MAY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RESPECTING EVERY HUMAN LIFE AND ENDING THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN OUR LAND.

COMPASSIONATE FATHER, GIVE US WISDOM AND HEARTS FILLED WITH YOUR LOVE. GUIDE US AS WE WORK TO END THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY AND TO BUILD A SOCIETY THAT TRULY "CHOOSSES LIFE" IN ALL SITUATIONS.

WE ASK THIS FATHER THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN

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ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - DALLAS DIOCESE

## ST PAUL THE APOSTLE



*SAUL, SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?  
THE VOICE GOES ON TO ADD: 'I AM JESUS'.*

THE APOSTLE PAUL. PAUL (SAUL) WAS A RABBI, PHARISEE, AND RISING STAR IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WHO HATED CHRISTIANS AND VOWED TO EXTERMINATE THEM. HE WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS BY HAULING WHOLE FAMILIES AWAY AT NIGHT FOR BEATINGS, STONING, ARRESTS, AND EXECUTIONS—A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR.

# NOVENA: TO ST. PAUL

## OPENING PRAYER

GOD OUR FATHER, YOU TAUGHT THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD THROUGH THE PREACHING OF PAUL YOUR APOSTLE, MAY WE WHO CELEBRATE HIS CONVERSION TO THE FAITH FOLLOW HIM IN BEARING WITNESS TO YOUR TRUTH. WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

DAY 1 - AN END TO THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY; LK.22:47-53-FOR GOD' CHOSEN LEADERS IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING.

DAY 2 - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS;JAS.5:14-16-FOR THE IMPRISONED, IN NEED OF CLERICAL DISPOSITION.

DAY 3 - RESTORATION OF POLITICAL INFLUENCES; IS.26:19- MAY THE WORD OF THE LORD PROCLAIM HIS RESURRECTION WITHIN ALL OF HUMANITY.

DAY 4 - UNITY OF CHRISTIANS; PHIL.2:1-4-IN COMING TOGETHER, MAY WE STAND FOR LIFE.

DAY 5 - LOST AND FALLEN AWAY; HB.10:19-25-FOR HOPE AND REVITALIZATION OF THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE SON, IN THE FATHER.

DAY 6 - FOR THE WRONGLY CONVICTED; 1COR.6:9-10-FOR ALL ILLEGALITIES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

DAY 7 - FOR FAMILY MEMBERS; MT.1:1-17-FOR THE SUPPORT AND THE CHALLENGES UNDERTAKEN BY ALL AFFECTED FAMILIES.

DAY 8 - AFFLICATIONS OF THE IMPRISONED; ACTS 16:22-24-FOR MENTAL/EMOTIONAL ANGUISHES, TORTURES, LOCK-DOWN ALONENESS AND ALL OTHER INHUMAN TREATMENTS.

DAY 9 - FOR THE EXECUTED; MT.13:16-17-FOR THE LAST BREATH FOUND IN REPENTANCE.

## CLOSING PRAYER

LORD MAY YOUR SPIRIT WHO HELPED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO PREACH YOUR POWER AND GLORY FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF FAITH. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR LORD. AMEN.

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED. I AM SURE THAT HE, THE JUST JUDGE, WILL GUARD MY PLEDGE UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. CF.2 TM.1:12;4;8