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NOVENA FOR PEOPLE IN WAR AND NEED



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The Novena

On November 21, 1944, many people of the Dutch town of Steyl (Venlo) sought protection from the Allies' attacks and the German occupation in the monastery cellars of the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD) and the Missionary Sisters (SSpS). The longer they had to stay, the more difficult the situation became. Food became scarce and could only be procured at the risk of life because the place on the Meuse was regularly under fire. The people waited 100 days in the cellars until they were liberated on March 1, 1945. In the book *100 Days in the Monastery Cellars of Steyl*, this time is impressively recorded in excerpts from diary entries. [1]

On January 26, 1945, the Fathers Keuller, Windhausen and Peeters called on the people to hold a novena, a nine-day prayer, to ask God for an early end to the war, to protect people from hunger and to pray for those who provided food. The novena began on January 28, 1945 and ended on February 5th. The novena included praying the Rosary, the Litany of the Saints and the Holy Mass daily.

This *Novena for People in War and Need* replaces the 1945 novena of the Steyl people. I invite you to pray this novena at any time, not only January 25 to February 5.

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Novena for People in War and Need

Each day, pray the Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries.

Day 1 – FOR THE REFUGE

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

Enemies surround me,
 I'm exposed to them defenselessly.
Only to you, Lord, can I still flee.
 Be my rock, my wall.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – November 20, 1944

The inhabitants of Steyl flee to the monastery cellars to wait for liberation. Me too, my parents stay at home in the basement.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 28:20

Be certain: I am with you all the days until the end of the world.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who are fleeing.
- For people who fear for their lives.
- For people in need at the time of their death.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask you to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 2 – FOR THOSE WHO HUNGER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

Matt are my limbs,
 because hunger gnaws at me.
Don't let me perish,
 strengthen me, O God, with food in due time.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – December 12, 1944

The citizens in the cellars and the fraters peel potatoes every day. Our food supply is not without risks. All kinds of vegetables still have to be fetched from the farm in Belfeld. The horse and cart ride there is dangerous because of the grenades.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 15:37

And everyone ate and was filled.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people suffering from hunger.
- For people who share food and drink.
- For people who bring food to war zones.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 3 – FOR THOSE WHO THIRST

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

My mouth is dried up,
 not a handful of water refreshes me.
Take me to the well, Lord,
 lead me to clear streams.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – December 18, 1944

All day long I had no drinking water and went outside to catch raindrops with my tongue.

HOLY GOSPEL – John 19:29

There was a jar of vinegar. They put a sponge with vinegar on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who have no or too little water.
- For people who build water treatment plants in disaster areas.
- For people repairing water supplies in war zones.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 4 – FOR THOSE WHO NEED CLOTHING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

Without a covering cloth I am,
 can't protect me from the heat and cold.
Have mercy on me, Lord,
 and put a robe for me.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – February 23, 1945

The girls and women knit a lot. We have to hurry, because when I had to leave, I didn't have a decent shirt on.

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 15:22

Get the best robe quickly and put it on him.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who have no clothes to protect them from heat and cold.
- For people who want to make a new dress out of two old dresses.
- For people who give their clothes to the needy.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 5 – FOR THOSE WHO NEED SHELTER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

I can't lie down anywhere,
 under no roof.
Show me ways, my God,
 and give me shelter with the Merciful.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE MISSION HOUSE – V. THE MISSION HOUSE AS REFUGE

Since November 21, 1944, about 200 people have sought shelter here: 106 women and children and men in hiding from Steyl; and 78 old and sick people from Tegelen. We also gave shelter to 100 people on our farm in Belfeld.

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 10:40

He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people without shelter.
- For people who take in the needy.
- For people building shelters.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 6 – FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

I'm feverishly lying on my bed;
 Pain is holding me captive.
Put out your hand, Lord,
 and bring me relief.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – January 6, 1945

Sister Constantine's been shot in the dressing room. She goes to the hospital, where the shard is taken out.

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 8:15

Then he touched her hand and the fever moved away from her.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who are without medical care.
- For people who help the sick.
- For people who risk their lives to help the sick.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 7 – FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN PRISON

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

High walls surround me;
 the gates are firmly closed.
Come, Lord, and break it open.
 Free me from my shackles.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – November 28, 1944

Our fratres are housed with several hundred men from Venlo, Tegelen, Reuver and Beesel in Kaldenkirchen in a large factory: crammed into two large halls, at the mercy of the English grenades, which occasionally also come to this area.

HOLY GOSPEL – Acts 12:5

So Peter was guarded in prison. But the congregation prayed for him.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who have confined to prisons.
- For people who minister to prisoners.
- For people who are committed to the observance of the Geneva Convention.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 8 – FOR THOSE WHO ARE DYING AND THE DEAD

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

Only tears and earth remained,
 to cover the dead.
Into your hands, my God,
 I commend their spirits.
Lord, hear my cry.
 O Lord, hear my plea.

FROM THE DIARY – November 21, 1944

Mientje was hit before our eyes by a shrapnel above the heart. Her body is laid out in one of the rooms on the sofa. She will be buried in the garden of the novitiate, along the moat of the Capuchin Fathers.

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 23:53

And he took him from the cross, and wrapped him in a linen sheet, and laid him in a rock tomb, in which no one had yet been buried.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
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He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who have died and are dying.
- For people who respect the dignity of the dying and the dead.
- For people who comfort mourners.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 9 – FOR THOSE SEEKING FREEDOM

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God, eternal truth,
 we believe in you.
God, our strength and salvation,
 we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
 we love You with all our heart.
You sent Your Word to save the world,
 make us all one in Him.
Fill us with the spirit of your son,
 that we may glorify Your Name.

CALL TO PRAYER

Quiet those guns,
 free me from this misery.
I'll sing you songs of praise,
 rejoicing in your name.
Let the whole world hear it:
 My God has broken the bonds of death.

FROM THE DIARY – March 1, 1945

Now we can go to sleep in our narrow cellars in the joyful awareness that we are free, that we no longer have to fear "greens" and grenades. That we can go outside again, get some fresh air. That we can speak freely again, and go and stand where we want. The suffering, the heavy pressure that held us captive for so long, is over. Who could have imagined this morning that the day would end like this. WE ARE FREE! FINALLY!!!!

HOLY GOSPEL – Acts 5:19

But an angel of the Lord opened the prison gates at night and led them out.

SILENCE

MAGNIFICATE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

Saint Arnold Janssen, Saint Joseph Freinademetz, Blessed Helena Stollenwerk and Blessed Hendrina Stenmanns pray for us:

- For people who do not lose hope
- For people who bring freedom to others.
- For people who long for reconciliation.
- For people who are committed to peace and justice.

God, our Father, take care of them and send people to help them in their suffering. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, our Father, we ask You to send your blessing to all those for whom we prayed and for ourselves, too, that we may become a blessing to others. Amen.

Appendix - Prayers

THE ROSARY - The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Cross – The sign of the cross, Apostles' Creed and Glory be to the Father.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven;
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

1st Rosary Bead – Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

2nd to 4th Rosary Bead – Hail Mary

HAIL MARY
Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

QUARTER HOUR PRAYER

God, eternal truth,

 We believe in you.

God, our strength and salvation,

 We hope in you.

God, infinite goodness,

 We love you with all our heart.

You have sent the Word as Savior of the world,

 Make us all one in him.

Fill us with the Spirit of your Son,

 That we may glorify your name. Amen.

Annotations

Quotations „100 dagen in de kloosterkelders van Steyl. Bewerkte dagboeken uit de periode 21 november 1944 – 1 maart 1945. Vragen aan en antwoorden van overlevenden. Uitgeverij Brónsgreun in Steyl, mei 2015“ – Translation Maria Wego.

To „From the diary – December 12, 1944 [...] and the fratres [...]“: The expression „Fratres“ is still used by for men in vows by Divine Word Missionaries. Commonly the word seminarians is used.

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