



St. MATTHEW PRAYER MINISTRY July 2018

July's Scripture Verse

Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? *Matthew 6:26*

July's New Requests:

That the Lord will bless our nation as we celebrate Independence Day, and keep us always thankful for the gift of freedom.

For policemen, firemen, and those in the military, who risk their lives in order to protect the lives of others, that they be strengthened, shielded and aided by our Lord.

May the Lord bless all families gathered together this summer as they take vacations and rest.

For refugees and those exiled from their homeland that they may receive a loving welcome.

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Existing Requests:

We pray for an increase in vocations to religious life. We especially pray for Father John, parish seminarian Andrew Gaffney, and David Auten as he goes through the diaconate program. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their service to Christ.

That our parish will be a vibrant community of prayer, evangelization, and charitable action.

That Christ may guide the minds of those who govern so as to promote the common good according to God's will.

July Prayer

Father, by the blood of your Son you have set us free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of our salvation we may reach the eternal life it promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

