

# The Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*Handbook for*

**Chapter, Family, and Individual Members**



*The Family That Prays Together Stays Together*



## **Father Peyton Prayer Guild**

HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

*United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause*

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*Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., greeted by a number of the faithful in Nova Scotia, 1951.*

# Need for Prayer

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*I wish to thank you for joining me and prayerfully supporting the Cause for Venerable Patrick Peyton.*

*Your membership in the Father Peyton Prayer Guild is both needed and valued. People, like yourself, around the world, believe that learning about Father Peyton's life and ministry will lead our families to greater unity.*

*Through your prayers and sharing of his powerful message, "The family that prays together stays together," you, too, will be part of his Cause for Beatification and Canonization.*

*Whether you belong to a local chapter or participate as a family or individual member, your prayers and efforts will be united with people throughout the world. You will be partnering with Guild members who have the same belief in the Blessed Mother's ability to intercede for us as we turn to her Son in the prayer of the Rosary.*

*Bishop Edgar da Cunha, Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, spoke of Father Peyton's example and ministry as one that lit fires of faith around the world that continue to warm the hearts of families today. "He lit up such a big fire in the life of so many people in the world that nobody can put it out now. The fire has grown too big!"*

*I thank you for your prayerful support of Father Peyton's Cause for Sainthood and for uniting in Rosary prayer to keep the fires of faith alive for the good of all families.*

*God bless you,*

*Fr. David S. Marcham*

*Father David S. Marcham  
Vice Postulator and Guild Director*



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## Honor his Legacy and Continue his Mission

*Dear Guild Members, greetings to you all. In a special way I welcome the new members.*

*It is a joy for me to welcome you all to this effort of spreading the word about Venerable Patrick Peyton and praying for his Beatification and eventually Canonization. We need a Saint for families and the needs therein, and Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., will be a perfect fit. He deeply cared about family life, and his Canonization will offer families a special intercessor.*

*I remember years back as a seminarian when I started a Father Peyton Prayer Guild chapter in the Fort Portal Diocese of Uganda. It was in the year 2002 when Pope John Paul II declared the “Year of the Rosary” and published the encyclical Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is in that encyclical when he offered the Church the Luminous Mysteries. In that year, the team of Holy Cross Family Ministries organized several well-attended conferences and prayer events focused on Our Blessed Mother, the Rosary, and the life of Father Patrick Peyton. Part of closing the Year of the Rosary was the establishment of a Prayer Guild chapter in the diocese. We opened with a few people who knew Father Peyton and were present at his Rosary rallies in the 1950s. Chapters of the Guild have spread out in other dioceses in East Africa. The desire to make Father Peyton’s devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary known, and his message about family prayer, has grown immensely.*

*As a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross to which Venerable Patrick Peyton belonged, and as the new President of Holy Cross Family Ministries that continues his work, I welcome all the new members. I also encourage the continuing members in this important work of sharing the word about Venerable Patrick Peyton, praying for his Canonization, and asking for favors through his intercession.*

*Please know we pray for you all here at the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, MA, USA. We appreciate you joining us in mission as a member of the Peyton Guild.*

*May Our Blessed Mother keep interceding for you.*



Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C.  
President, Holy Cross Family Ministries



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# Welcome to the Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*We are United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause.*

We are grateful for your dedication and prayerful support of:

- The Canonization of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.
- The continuation of his mission through Holy Cross Family Ministries
- Your family and all families around the world

The Father Peyton Prayer Guild is one worldwide community of prayer. In gratitude for your prayers and membership:

- A Mass intention is prayed for members of the Guild and their families at the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, MA, USA, on the first Friday of each month. You will have an opportunity to submit your own prayer requests to that special Mass.
- You will receive the *Family Link* newsletters, devoted to sharing our ongoing spiritual reflections, updates on Father Peyton's Cause and our ministry's activities. Additionally, there will be regular communication from the Vice Postulator/Guild Director.
- You will be invited to Holy Cross Family Ministries' events throughout the country, particularly to local chapter events in your area.
- You will become part of an important community of prayer with families around the world.

At the end of each section of this handbook are some creative prayer ideas which we hope you will find helpful. Some ideas can be adapted for your chapter, your family or your own individual prayer. And please share your creative prayer ideas with us so we can pass them along to other members of the Prayer Guild! Let's keep each other inspired!

*Each prayer brings Father Peyton one step closer to Sainthood!*

## Two Important Notes for all Prayer Guild Members

1. The Church does not allow any public veneration of Father Peyton yet. Once he is Beatified and his title becomes “Blessed,” then such public veneration can take place. Again, your prayers are very important to help make this happen!
2. Additionally, Father Peyton’s love for Our Lady was the hallmark of his devotion and the fuel that fired his apostolic works. Father Peyton’s devotion to Our Lady was solidly based upon Holy Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. Although he visited some of the Marian shrines that have been approved by the Church, *he carefully avoided the promotion of any particular apparition or local devotion to her.* The Rosary appealed to him precisely because it is a prayer based upon Holy Scripture and has been part of Catholic devotion for centuries. *All members of The Father Peyton Prayer Guild should follow his example when praying, especially for the Guild.*



*Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., with a group of families in Missouri, 1955.*

# Chapter Membership

## Guidelines for Guild Chapters

- Each chapter should designate a chapter leader to be the main source of contact with the Vice Postulator/Guild Director. The chapter leader will also keep the group motivated and organized, and ensure activities and meetings take place.
- Each chapter must have at least 5 active members to sustain a chapter status.
- As a chapter, it is recommended you meet as a group at least 3 times a year. (Chapters often become a close group of friends who share faith, prayer, and fellowship, and generally want to meet more often.)
- It is requested that the Rosary be prayed at each meeting, as this was a fundamental part of Father Peyton's ministry. Also, please include the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, and the *Prayer for a Favor Through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*
- A chapter is encouraged to continuously invite and welcome new members.
- A chapter is encouraged to request an Annual Mass for the Canonization of Father Peyton. The month of June is recommended as Father Peyton went home to God on June 3, 1992.
- A chapter leader may assess nominal dues to cover the cost of meetings and other events/activities, especially to promote the message, mission and Cause of Father Peyton.



A chapter of The Father Peyton Prayer Guild in East Africa.



## What Happens at Chapter Meetings?

It is up to the chapter leader and chapter members to design their own meeting format. It is asked that you always include Rosary prayer as this was a fundamental part of Father Peyton's ministry. Please also include the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, and the *Prayer for a Favor Through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*

To help you get started on your own plan, below is an example of a meeting agenda that you can adapt for your own preferences.

- Welcome and read aloud an opening prayer
- Share joys/answered prayers since last meeting, either aloud or silently
- Share family prayer concerns/needs, either aloud or silently
- Fill out Guild prayer slips and collect in a basket or center of a table
- Together pray the *Prayer for a Favor through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, aloud, keeping in mind the current family concerns/needs
- Pray the Rosary
- Conclude the Rosary prayer with the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*
- Share a short spiritual reflection if time allows, either aloud or make copies for each member to read and reflect silently
- Read aloud a closing prayer
- Group announcements – Example: News/updates on the Cause of Father Peyton, time and place of next meeting, any assignments or plans for the next meeting, share meeting ideas, etc.
- Refreshments/social time/activity (video, craft, speaker, etc.)

It's important to follow a meeting agenda so members know what to expect and to ensure the meeting will conclude on time.

After the meeting concludes, the chapter leader can collect the prayer slips and mail to the Father Peyton Center. Prayer intentions are prayed for personally by a member of the ministry staff or a volunteer, then placed at the altar of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel. Prayer requests are also accepted online at: [FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests](http://FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests).

## Meeting Places for Chapters

- Chapters can meet in someone's home – the same host each time or rotate homes among the members. A chapter may also meet at a location in your church with your pastor's permission. It can be in a park or some other quiet setting. You can also meet through social media or through an online meeting tool if all members have the technology to participate that way.
- Make it a prayerful space, perhaps include candles, fresh flowers, soft meditative instrumental music, blessed holy water from your church and/or display a statue of Mary, the Holy Family, or a cross.

## Invite and Welcome New Members!

A personal invitation from a chapter member is the most effective way to invite new members! Chapter leaders can also receive or download the following materials to promote the Guild and invite new members:

- Parish bulletin notice templates for leaders to customize
- Informational brochures and pamphlets
- New member application forms

## Meeting and Prayer Ideas

- Ask a group member to write the Rosary Mystery reflections for the next meeting so they can be specific to both Father Peyton's Beatification and your own group's lifestyles, joys and concerns. Relate the stories of Jesus' life to support and inspire your own life today! This makes the Rosary come to life!
- Ask a different chapter member to lead the Rosary prayer for each meeting. You can also rotate leading and/or praying a decade among the members.
- Visit the Family Rosary blog at <http://blog.FamilyRosary.org> to watch a 4-minute family reflection video together and discuss. (Meeting host would have to select one in advance when planning the agenda for the meeting.)
- Some of Father Peyton's classic films and TV programs are available for viewing on demand for free: [YouTube.com/FamilyTheaterProductions](http://YouTube.com/FamilyTheaterProductions). The meeting host could select one in advance to watch during the meeting and discuss.

- Bring prayer requests from family, friends and members of your parish to your meeting and remember them during your Rosary prayer. Place them in the basket of prayers that the leader will send to the Father Peyton Center. Prayer requests are also accepted online at: **FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests**.
- Host an event at your parish to teach others how to pray the Rosary, tell them about Father Peyton, share a personal testimony about Rosary prayer, and invite them to join your chapter.
- Ask members to bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting to donate to a local food pantry to help support families in your community.
- During the refreshment and social part of your meeting, celebrate Father Peyton's anniversary of birth (January 9), a member's birth day, or a holiday together with decorations and refreshments.
- Learn how to make Rosaries together. While you're making a Rosary, pray for whomever will receive it. Give the Rosaries to loved ones or donate them. Family Rosary distributes Rosaries around the world and would be grateful for your donation. You may ship handmade Rosaries to:

Rosary Donation  
The Father Peyton Center  
518 Washington St.  
North Easton, MA 02356-1200 USA

- If you're the meeting host, keep a few extra Rosaries on hand in case chapter members bring a guest to the meeting. Encourage members to bring a guest, especially members of their family.
- Start a notebook of the names of the families your group is praying for, or place a photo of them in the notebook. Bring the notebook to each meeting and display it in a special place in the prayer space. You can write at the top of each page something like, "We remember the following families and their intentions during our Father Peyton Prayer Guild meeting." Add family names to the book as the need arises. And don't forget a prayer of thanksgiving when good changes begin to happen! You might want to note these in your notebook too!
- Bring a quote, scripture passage, the lyrics to a song or hymn, or a photo with you to your chapter meeting. Share it with your chapter members and explain why it is important to you, why it brings you

peace and why it relaxes you and reminds you to trust God. If possible, make a copy of it for all members to take home.

- Ask the chaplain at a local nursing home or assisted living center if some of the residents there would like join your Father Peyton Prayer Guild chapter. No matter what physical challenges they face, they can still pray for the Canonization of Father Peyton, their own family and families around the world.
  - We can provide you with a letter template to customize to contact the chaplain. (Please contact us for that.)
  - Host your meeting there with the residents or ask a member of your group to volunteer to host a meeting there, adapting your regular agenda to the group's needs.
  - Contact the office of the Vice Postulator/Guild Director if you need Rosaries, a Father Peyton Prayer Guild certificate to post in their facility or other materials for the residents. They might appreciate a classic Father Peyton TV or radio program on DVD or CD that they could enjoy together. If so, contact us and we'll send materials to you for free to give to them as your gift. Some of Father Peyton's classic films and TV programs are available for viewing on demand for free as well: **[YouTube.com/FamilyTheaterProductions](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzT0Yt1E81pX1uWU01p1p0g)**.



*Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., prays the Rosary with Saint Teresa of Calcutta, 1981.*

- The volunteer chapter member could invite a child or teen to go with him/her.
  - Some residents might remember Father Peyton from the radio or TV. Their stories about Father Peyton are priceless! Don't forget to share them with the Vice Postulator/Guild Director.
  - Ask the chaplain if you could start a Father Peyton Prayer Guild bulletin board to keep the group updated on his Cause.
  - Ask the residents if they remember praying the Rosary together with their family as a child. What can we learn from them about family prayer?
- Sing a hymn during your Rosary prayer, or play soft meditative instrumental music while praying the Rosary.
  - Pray the Rosary together outside or while taking a walk together (and get some exercise too).
  - Remember to pray for other Father Peyton Prayer Guild members around the world!
  - Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at **PopesPrayerUSA.net**, and as a group, watch and reflect on the video and other resources about Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention.
  - Create a game of Father Peyton trivia for the social part of your meeting. You can browse **FatherPeyton.org** or his biography, *American Apostle of the Family Rosary*, for some amazing facts. Award a small prize to the winner.
  - Invite a priest to celebrate Mass for your chapter at your meeting space or church. Invite your families too.
  - Serve a creative dessert for your chapter meeting. One example is decorated cupcakes displayed as a Rosary!

If you and your chapter come up with more creative ideas, let the Vice Postulator/Guild Director know about it! He can share with all Guild members. Let's inspire one another!

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# Family Membership

## Guidelines for Family Memberships

- Each family should designate a leader to be the main source of contact with the Vice Postulator/Guild Director. The leader will also ensure the family's ongoing prayer and commitment to the Guild guidelines.
- It is also requested that the Rosary be prayed often in the home, as this was a fundamental part of Father Peyton's ministry. Also, please include the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, and the *Prayer for a Favor Through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*
- It is suggested the family leader create a schedule so Rosary prayer becomes part of the family's routine. Perhaps the Family Rosary on the first Friday of each month could be designated for your special Father Peyton Prayer Guild prayer time, for example.
- A family is asked to request an Annual Mass for the Canonization of Father Peyton in their parish if possible. The month of June is recommended as Father Peyton went home to God on June 3, 1992.

## Notes for Families with Young Children

- When your young children are grown, we hope they remember praying for Father Peyton to become a Saint. When they start a family of their own, we hope a future *Saint Patrick Peyton* can be their family's advocate in heaven!
- Don't get discouraged. Young children do not have the patience or attention to pray an entire Rosary. Perhaps they can hold their Rosary while you pray an Our Father together. Then after some time, add a Hail Mary, etc. Eventually, you can pray one decade together. Your Rosary prayer will grow as your children grow!
- While the children listen to you pray the Rosary, perhaps they can draw a picture of someone they are praying for or draw/color a picture of a Rosary to display in their room.
- Probably the best way to get young children interested in Rosary prayer is to have them see you praying the Rosary. They'll know it's important and they'll want to learn as they are able so they can model you.

## What Happens During Family Rosary Prayer Time?

It is up to you and your family to design your own prayer time format. It is asked that you always include Rosary prayer as this was a fundamental part of Father Peyton's ministry. Please also include the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, and the *Prayer for a Favor Through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*

To help you get started on your own plan, below is an example of what your family prayer time could include. Adapt for your own preferences.

- Read aloud an opening prayer
- Share joys/answered prayers since the last time together, either aloud or silently
- Share family prayer concerns/needs, either aloud or silently
- Fill out Guild prayer slips and collect them in a basket or in the center of a table
- Together pray the *Prayer for a Favor through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, aloud, keeping in mind the gratitude of prayers answered and the current family concerns/needs
- Pray the Rosary
- Conclude the Rosary prayer with the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*
- Read aloud a short reflection on a family topic and discuss
- Read aloud a closing prayer
- The family leader says: *The family that prays together*, and the family responds enthusiastically: *stays together!* The leader says: *A world at prayer*, and the family responds enthusiastically: *is a world at peace!*
- Family announcements – Example: time and place of next prayer time, any assignments or plans for the next prayer time, share prayer time ideas, etc.
- Refreshments/social time/activity (video, crafts, etc.)

It's important to follow a meeting agenda so each family member knows what to expect and so that it becomes part of the family's routine. After the prayer time concludes, the family leader can collect the prayer slips and mail to the Father Peyton Center. Prayer intentions are prayed for personally by a member of the ministry staff or a volunteer, then placed at the altar of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel. Prayer requests are also accepted online at: [FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests](http://FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests).



## Meeting Places for Family Prayer Time

Families can meet anywhere! Look for a quiet, peaceful, prayerful and comfortable place. You can use the same place each time or change it each time.

- Make it a prayerful space, perhaps include candles, fresh flowers, soft meditative instrumental music, blessed holy water from your church, and/or display a statue of Mary, the Holy Family or a cross.

## Family Prayer Ideas

- Ask a family member to write the Rosary Mystery reflections for the next meeting so they can be specific to both Father Peyton's Beatification and your own family's lifestyles, joys and concerns. Relate the stories of Jesus' life to support and inspire your own life today! This makes the Rosary come to life!
- Ask a different family member to lead the Rosary prayer for each meeting. You can also rotate leading and/or praying a decade among the family.
- If there are small children present, it might be fun to pray a decade of the Rosary in different rooms of the house. Move from room to room together and fill your home with prayer!
- Visit the Family Rosary blog at <http://blog.FamilyRosary.org> and watch a 4-minute family reflection video together and discuss. (Family leader to select one when planning the prayer time.)



- Some of Father Peyton's classic films and TV programs are available for viewing on demand for free: **YouTube.com/FamilyTheaterProductions**. The family leader could select one in advance to watch after the prayer time and draft some discussion questions.
- Display your membership certificate in your home to remind all members of the family about the importance of your prayers.
- If you can, select a day, time and place to have your prayerful time together so it becomes part of your busy routine.
- If children are too young to understand the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, perhaps you would like to use the child's prayer below:

### A Child's Prayer for the Sainthood of Father Peyton

Dear Jesus,  
 There was a priest long ago,  
 who reminded us to pray.  
 His name was Father Peyton.  
 Make him a Saint for us today.  
 I pray for my family,  
 for my neighbors and my friends.  
 I pray for all families,  
 and for peace that never ends.  
 Amen.

*Imprimatur: Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. Bishop of Fall River. April 4, 2023*

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- Mention Father Peyton in your prayers at other times of the day - mealtime, bedtime, before driving, etc. - so his name becomes familiar to everyone.
- To conclude your prayer time together, the leader says: *The family that prays together*, and the family responds enthusiastically: *stays together!* The leader says: *A world at prayer*, and the family responds enthusiastically: *is a world at peace!* (Great after bedtime prayers too!)
- Have the children take turns selecting the prayer space each time. Ask your children to set up the prayer space with what they think is important for your prayer time. Have them explain the prayer space and the meaning of their design.
- Collect outgrown clothes and toys or non-perishable food to donate

to a local non-profit organization that supports families. Explain to your children that in addition to your prayers for other families, your family can help them this way as well.

- Remember to pray for other Father Peyton Prayer Guild family members all around the world!
- During the refreshment and activity after your prayer time, celebrate Father Peyton's anniversary of birth (January 9), a family member's birthday, or a holiday together with decorations and refreshments.
- Start a notebook of the names of people your family is praying for or place a photo of them in the notebook. Bring the notebook to each prayer time and display it in a special place in the prayer space. You can write at the top of each page something like "Our family remembers the following people and their intentions during our prayer time." Add people's names to the book as the need arises. And don't forget a prayer of thanksgiving when good changes begin to happen! You might want to note these in your notebook too!
- Find a local nursing home or assisted living center in your community that prays the Rosary. Ask the chaplain there if you and your family could join them sometime. Ask members of your family to explain to the residents that you are part of the Father Peyton Prayer Guild and why that's important.
  - Some of the residents might remember Father Peyton from his Rosary rallies, and radio and TV programs! Ask them to tell you about him.
  - Ask the residents if they remember praying the Rosary together with their family as a child. What can we learn from them about family prayer?
- Learn how to make Rosaries together. While you're making a Rosary, pray for whomever will receive it. Give them to loved ones or donate them. Family Rosary distributes Rosaries around the world and would be grateful for your donation. You may ship handmade Rosaries to:

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- Sing a hymn during your Rosary prayer!
- Pray the Rosary together outside or while taking a walk together (and get some exercise too).
- Pray the Rosary together in the car on your way to a sporting practice, group event or family outing.
- Bring a quote, scripture passage, the lyrics to a song or hymn, or a photo with you to your prayer time. Share it with your family and explain why it is important to you, why it brings you peace and why it relaxes you and reminds you to trust God. If possible, make a copy of it for all family members to keep.
- Keep a Rosary in your car where you can see it. Make it a habit to say a short prayer before driving.
- Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at **PopesPrayerUSA.net**, and as a family, watch and reflect on the video and other resources about Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention.
- Keep extra Father Peyton prayer cards and Rosaries with you to give away! You never know when the perfect moment will arise to offer spiritual support to someone.
- Pray the Rosary during sunrise and/or sunset.
- Create a game of Father Peyton trivia for the social part of your time together after the Rosary prayer. You can browse **FatherPeyton.org** or his biography, *American Apostle of the Family Rosary*, for some amazing facts. Award a small prize to the winner.

If you and your family come up with more creative ideas for family prayer, let the Vice Postulator/Guild Director know. He can share it with other families in the Guild. Let's inspire one another!

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*A family visits the statue of Father Peyton at the Father Peyton Center.*

## Individual Membership

### Guidelines for Individual Members of the Guild

- Members of the Father Peyton Prayer Guild are asked to pray for the following intentions in their daily prayers:
  - The Canonization of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.
  - The continuation of his mission through Holy Cross Family Ministries
  - Your own family and for families around the world
- During your prayer time for the Guild, it is requested that the Rosary be prayed, as this was a fundamental part of Father Peyton's ministry. Also, please include the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, and the *Prayer for a Favor Through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*
- Members are asked to request an Annual Mass for the Canonization of Father Peyton in your parish if possible. The month of June is recommended as Father Peyton went home to God on June 3, 1992.

### What Should my Prayer Time for the Guild Include?

It is up to Guild members to design their own prayer-time format. It is asked that you always include Rosary prayer as this was a fundamental part of Father Peyton's ministry. Also, please include the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, and the *Prayer for a Favor Through the Intercession of Father Partick Peyton, C.S.C.*

To assist you, below is an example that you can adapt for your own preferences.

- Pray an opening prayer
- Reflect about or journal about the joys/answered prayer since your last prayer time
- Reflect about or journal about your and/or other families' current prayer concerns/needs
- Fill out a prayer slip(s) to send to the Father Peyton Center
- Pray the *Prayer for a Favor through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*, keeping in mind the gratitude of prayers answered and your and/or other families' current concerns/needs

- Pray the Rosary
- End the Rosary prayer with the *Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*
- Read a short spiritual reflection or scripture passage and take some time to think about it or journal about it
- Pray a closing prayer

You can mail your prayer slip(s) to the Father Peyton Center. Prayer intentions are prayed for personally by a member of the ministry staff or a volunteer, then placed at the altar of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel. Prayer requests are also accepted online at: [FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests](http://FatherPeyton.org/prayer-requests).

## Prayer Spaces

You can pray anywhere! Perhaps you already have a place in your home where you like to pray. If not, look for a quiet, peaceful, prayerful and comfortable place. You can use the same place each time or change it each time.

- Make it a prayerful space, perhaps include candles, fresh flowers, soft meditative instrumental music, blessed holy water from your church and/or display a statue of Mary or the Holy Family or a cross.



## Prayer Ideas

- Host an event at your parish to teach others how to pray the Rosary, tell them about Father Peyton, share a personal testimony about Rosary prayer and invite them to join the Father Peyton Prayer Guild.
- Teach someone to pray the Rosary - a child, teen, family members, friend or someone new to the faith.
- Invite a family member or friend to join you during your prayer time for the Guild.
- Learn how to make Rosaries. There are some great instructions online or ask someone you know to teach you. While you're making a Rosary, pray for whomever will receive it. Give them to loved ones or donate them. Family Rosary distributes Rosaries around the world and would be grateful for your donation. You may ship handmade Rosaries to:

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- Visit the Family Rosary blog at <http://blog.FamilyRosary.org> and watch a 4-minute family reflection video. Take some time to reflect on it or journal about it.
- Visit [YouTube.com/FamilyTheaterProductions](http://YouTube.com/FamilyTheaterProductions) and watch original footage of film clips, TV programs and interviews produced by Father Peyton or that he appeared in.
- Volunteer to lead the Rosary at a nursing home or assisted living center, hospital, or for wake services or funerals in your parish.
- Offer to lead a Father Peyton Prayer Guild chapter (group) at a local nursing home or assisted living center. No matter what physical challenges the residents face, they can still pray for their family, all families around the world and the Canonization of Father Peyton.
  - We can provide you with a letter template to customize to introduce yourself and the program to the chaplain. (Please contact the Vice Postulator/Guild Director.)
  - Some of the residents might remember Father Peyton from his Rosary rallies, and radio and TV programs! Ask them to tell you about him.

- Ask the residents if they remember praying the Rosary together with their family as a child. What can we learn from them about family prayer?
- If you decide to begin a chapter (group of 5 or more members), please contact the office of the Vice Postulator/Guild Director to change your membership status from individual to chapter leader so we can support you with chapter materials.
- Sing a hymn during your Rosary prayer!
- Pray the Rosary outside, in a park or while taking a walk (and get some exercise too!)
- Pray the Rosary (or one decade) during part of your lunch hour or break.
- Keep a Rosary in your car where you can see it. Make it a habit to say a short prayer before driving.
- Pray the Rosary in the car!
- When food shopping, buy some extra non-perishable food and donate it to a food pantry to support families in your community. Pray for the families who will receive the food.
- Remember to pray for other Father Peyton Prayer Guild members all around the world!
- Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at **PopesPrayerUSA.net**, and watch and reflect on the video and other resources about Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention.
- Keep extra Father Peyton prayer cards and Rosaries with you to give away! You never know when the perfect moment will arise to offer spiritual support to someone.
- Pray the Rosary during sunrise and/or sunset.

If you discover more creative prayer ideas that work for you, please let the Vice Postulator/Guild Director know. He can share with all Guild members. Let's inspire one another!

*Each prayer brings Father Peyton one step closer to Sainthood!*



## Prayer for a Favor through the Intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

God, Our Father,  
Your wisdom is displayed  
in all creation  
and the power of Your grace  
is revealed in the lives of holy people,  
who inspire us to trust You more fully  
and to serve others more generously.  
In a unique way,  
You blessed the life and work of Your servant,  
Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.,  
and made him a fervent apostle of  
Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary  
and Mother of us all.  
Through his intercession,  
we ask for this favor ....  
Please grant it,  
if it is for Your honor and glory,  
through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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## Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Dear Jesus,  
Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to  
strengthening the families of the world  
by calling them to pray together every day,  
especially the Rosary.  
His message is as important for us now  
as it was during his life on earth.  
We beg You, therefore,  
to hasten the day of his Beatification,  
so that Your faithful people everywhere  
will remember his message that  
**the family that prays together stays together,**  
will imitate him in his devotion to Your Mother and ours,  
and will be inspired by his holy life  
to draw ever closer to You  
with childlike confidence and love. Amen.

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## Online Resources for all Prayer Guild Members

- **FatherPeyton.org** – Learn more about Father Peyton, request prayer, and find Prayer Guild resources.
- **FamilyRosary.org** – Prayer resources and inspiration for families.
- **PrayTheFilm.com** – PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON. Documentary about the amazing life and worldwide ministry of this Sainthood candidate.
- **MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org** – First-of-its-kind interactive museum for families established in honor of Father Peyton located in North Easton, MA.
- **WorldAtPrayer.org** – Request prayers and pray for others.
- **HCFMstore.org** – Faith-based products for families.
- **Facebook.com/FamilyRosary** – A faithful and prayerful worldwide community of over 1 million people.
- **Blog.FamilyRosary.org** – A World at Prayer blog and 4-minute family reflections filmed live at the Father Peyton Center, Monday through Friday.
- **Daily Family Prayer App by Family Rosary** – free, on iTunes and GooglePlay.
- **The Mobile Rosary App by Family Rosary** – free, on iTunes and GooglePlay.
- **PrayersForFamilies.org** – Send an e-prayer to someone you love.
- **PopesPrayerUSA.net** – Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention. Includes video and other resources.
- **CatholicMom.com** – Community of women encouraging one another in the vocation of Catholic motherhood.

*DVDs and books about or by Father Peyton are also available to you as a Guild member. You may also request extra Father Peyton prayer cards and literature about Father Peyton and the Prayer Guild at any time as well. Please contact the Vice Postulator/Guild Director.*



*Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., with Saint John Paul II, 1980.*



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## Father Peyton Prayer Guild

HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

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We are grateful for your dedication and prayerful support of:

- The Canonization of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.
- The continuation of his mission through Holy Cross Family Ministries
- Your family and all families around the world

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Learn more about Father Peyton's amazing story and the Prayer Guild at:  
[FatherPeyton.org](http://FatherPeyton.org)

If you would like to join the Prayer Guild, have questions or need materials,  
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