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NCYC Pilgrim's Prayer Journal



The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

- Revelation 11:15



Notes

**Welcome to the
2009 National Catholic Youth Conference
*Christ Reigns!***

This Prayer Journal was prepared especially for YOU. We hope that you use it everyday to help you reflect on all the wonderful experiences NCYC has to offer.

We encourage you to start each day with the Morning Prayer and to think about those you would like to keep in prayer. You may also want to take a few minutes to look over the theme for the day. Each evening you will be asked to take some time to reflect on your experiences of the day and to answer some questions, share your insights, and pray together.

We want you to know that there are many people both here and back home who are praying for you while you are here in Kansas City.

As you journey through the next three days, we hope that this Prayer Journal will help you more fully enjoy NCYC, to make new friends, to be open to the movement of the Spirit in your life, to have more fun with each other, to grow closer to God and to let Christ reign in your heart, your life and our world!

Sincerely in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati NCYC TEAM



NCYC 2009 Theme Song

Christ Reigns

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Forever and ever you shall reign.
We wait in hope until you come again.
Come again.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
You have taken our hearts and placed them all in yours.
O Lord
Your Glory brings light to all.
Unfailing your love in our call.

Christ reigns

By your love you have claimed us.

Christ reigns,

Where two or more are gathered in your name

We reflect the light that is forever shining:

Christ reigns.

How wondrous Your name throughout the earth.
With justice and mercy, Lord,
you are worthy. You are worthy.
Strengthen the meek and lift the poor.
You've taken our hands and placed them all in Yours.
O Lord.
Your Glory brings light to all
Unfailing your love in our call.
Rise all you people and sing.
Lift hands and give praise to the King! (refrain)
Alleluia. Forever He shall reign!
Alleluia. Forever; forever!
Reinados de Christo
By your love you have claimed us.
Reinados de Christo
Where two or more are gathered in your name
We reflect the light that is forever shining:
By your love you have claimed us. (refrain)



Petitions

Leader: Our hunger for God's presence in our lives gives us confidence that God hears our petitions.

Response: *Lord, give us today our daily bread.*

Leader: All-holy Father, you gave us Jesus, the sign of your love poured out on all of us. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of your kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

Leader: You gave us Jesus, the Bread of Righteousness. May those who hunger for justice receive your mercy and compassion through our actions, we pray to the Lord.

Leader: You offer us fellowship—a special bond of friendship that lasts forever. Help us to accept your gift of friendship and to remain close to you always, we pray to the Lord.

Leader: You bless all who serve you; bless our families, friends, parishes and schools back home who made it possible for us to be here this weekend, we pray to the Lord.

Leader: Let us offer our own intentions...

Closing Prayer (The NCYC Pilgrim's Prayer)

ALL: Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. Through Him You have saved us from death and given us Your Divine life of grace. By becoming more like Jesus on earth, may we come to share His glory in Heaven. Give us the peace of Your kingdom, which this world does not give. By Your loving care protect the good You have given us. Open our eyes to the wonders of Your Love that we may serve You with willing hearts. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.



Saturday Morning, November 21
Theme: Christ Reigns Through Us

Sign of the Cross

Leader: *Let us open our hearts to hear the living word of God.*

Scripture:

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:21)

Reflection Questions:

1. What special message from today's general session speaker(s) touched your heart? Why?
2. How can suffering be redemptive? That is, what good can come from suffering?
3. What is the difference between being a follower of Christ and just being an admirer of him?
4. What do you need to ask of God and others to help you become a more faithful follower of Christ?



Morning Prayer *(to be prayed at the beginning of each day of NCYC)*

Sign of the Cross

(Spend a few moments reflecting on the theme for the day:)

- Thursday (traveling to NCYC 2009 in Kansas City): *Making a Pilgrimage: On the Road to Christ's Kingdom*
- Friday morning: *Christ Reigns In Us*
- Friday evening: *Christ Reigns Among Us*
- Saturday: *Christ Reigns Through Us*

Sign of the Cross

Prayer to Start the Day:

Loving Father, your son, Jesus, truly is Christ the King. We seek to follow in his Way, living a life worthy of the calling we have received from you in baptism. You call us to live as "kingdom-builders" in the world—to bring to others your gifts of peace, compassion, mercy. Strengthen us in the Christian way of life and help us to become more determined to devote ourselves to the works of charity. In this way, we reflect to others that Christ reigns—in our hearts, in our lives and in our world. We ask this in Jesus' name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture: (Rev. 11:15)

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Today I will Pray:

Jesus Christ our King, you have taken our hearts and placed them all in your heart. I pray that _____ will know how much you love him/her and wish to be closer to him/her.

Jesus Christ our King, you strengthen the weak and lift up the poor. I pray that _____ will feel the love of your compassion and mercy in his/her life.

Jesus Christ our King, you have taken our hands and placed them in yours. I pray that _____ will receive the courage he/she needs to be bold about proclaiming the Gospel in word and action.

Closing Prayer

Holy, powerful, awesome God, I offer this day to you—all my actions, thoughts and words.

Jesus, you are King of kings and Lord of Lords. Be present to me today as Loving Friend and Model of Kingdom-living. Open my heart to your presence in others that I meet today.

Holy Spirit, Gift of the Loving Father, Send us your grace to be Christ's love and friendship to everyone we meet today and everyday. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Thursday, November 19
Theme: Making a Pilgrimage: On the Road to Christ's Kingdom

Sign of the Cross

Leader: Let us open our hearts to hear the living word of God.

Scripture:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. (Luke 24:13-16, 28-32)

Reflection Questions:

1. What do you expect the NCYC pilgrimage to be like? (Why are you here? What brought you to this point?)
2. What do we need to watch for (listen for) on this NCYC pilgrimage?



Petitions

Leader: God's love sets us free from sin. In confidence, we call upon him to hear our petitions.

Response: *Lord, may we be good stewards of your love.*

Leader: All-holy Father, help us to practice hospitality so that we might welcome all people as children of God, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: May the words we speak bring others into your wonderful light and love, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: May our acts of service be a prayerful reflection of your Reign, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: May everything we say and do help usher in Christ's reign and give you glory, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: Let us offer our own intentions...

Closing Prayer (The NCYC Pilgrim's Prayer)

ALL: Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. Through Him You have saved us from death and given us Your Divine life of grace. By becoming more like Jesus on earth, may we come to share His glory in Heaven. Give us the peace of Your kingdom, which this world does not give. By Your loving care protect the good You have given us. Open our eyes to the wonders of Your Love that we may serve You with willing hearts. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.



Friday Evening , November 20
Theme: Christ Reigns Among Us



Sign of the Cross

Leader: *Let us open our hearts to hear the living word of God.*

Scriptures for Reflection:

Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another. As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:8 - 11)

Reflection Questions:

1. What special message from today's general session speaker(s) touched your heart? Why?
2. If Christ reigns, how would we know it?
3. Where does he reign from? Is Christ only in Heaven? How do we experience Christ today?

3. What will you need from God to be more open during this NCYC pilgrimage?

Petitions

Leader: God is the beginning and the end of our pilgrimage. Let us call on God with confidence, saying

R. Lord, be our companion on our journey.

1. Father all-holy, of old you made yourself the guide and the way for your people as they wandered in the desert; be our protection as we begin this journey, so that we may return home again in safety. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
2. You have given us your only Son to be our way to you; make us follow him faithfully. We pray to the Lord. **R..**
3. You gave us Mary as the image and model for following Christ; grant that through her example we may live a new life. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
4. You guide your pilgrim Church on earth through the Holy Spirit; may we seek you in all things and walk always in the way of your commandments. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
5. You lead us along right and peaceful paths; grant that we may find peace in our pilgrimage. We pray to the Lord. **R..**
6. For these and all the prayers we hold in our hearts we pray. **R..**

Closing Prayer (The NCYC Pilgrim's Prayer)

ALL: Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. Through Him You have saved us from death and given us Your Divine life of grace. By becoming more like Jesus on earth, may we come to share His glory in Heaven. Give us the peace of Your kingdom, which this world does not give. By Your loving care protect the good You have given us. Open our eyes to the wonders of Your Love that we may serve You with willing hearts. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

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Friday Morning, November 20

Theme: *Christ Reigns In Us*

Sign of the Cross

Leader: *Let us open our hearts to hear the living word of God.*

Scripture:

Lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. (1 Thes. 2:12)

Reflection Questions:

1. What special message from this morning's general session speaker(s) touched my heart? Why?
2. Am I living a life worthy of God? Do I "walk the talk", that is, do my actions match my words?
3. What can I do today to take a first step toward living more fully so that Christ's reign can become a reality in my life and in our world ?

Petitions

Leader: In living a life worthy of God, we ask for the graces we need. In confidence we call upon him to hear our petitions.

Response: *Lord, make our lives worthy of you.*

Leader: All-holy Father, you gave us your only Son as our way to you; make us follow without faltering wherever he may lead, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: You gave the prophets of old the strength to proclaim your compassion and mercy; give us courage so that we will boldly proclaim that Jesus is Lord, we pray to the Lord.

Leader: You made hospitality to strangers one of the signs of your coming kingdom; help us to be more open and welcoming to everyone we encounter, we pray to the Lord.

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