

NOVENA TO ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ON BEHALF OF THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Most Glorious and Venerable St. John Chrysostom, Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has illumined the universe.

It shows to the world the treasures of poverty; it reveals to us the heights of humility.

Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Pray for the bishops of the United States of America, who do not teach or practice the Catholic faith in its fullness, that God will deliver them to orthodoxy, and reform their ways of living, so that as exemplars of orthopraxis, they will protect all life, from the moment of conception to the time of natural death.

Teach them true solidarity with the poor, so that they understand the consequences of their moral abandonment of entire nations of human beings to a collective fate of cruelty and violence because they were in the way of the American Empire and its gluttonous lust for oil, supremacy, and blood.

As you refused to obey the aristocratic commands of your era, help our bishops turn away from the political demands that cause them to preach a false gospel of moral relativism regarding war and peace.

Having received divine grace from heaven, with your mouth you teach all people to worship the Triune God. Instruct our bishops with the wisdom of the Gospel, so that they repent of their material cooperation with the objective evil of unjust war, and call all people, in authentic word and deed, to live in solidarity, peace, and justice.

All-blest and venerable St. John Chrysostom, we praise you, for you are our teacher, revealing things divine! Pray for us that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, Who by the preaching and teaching of Saint John Chrysostom has given us an example of fortitude in the face of persecution and political corruption, grant that we who reverence his life and ministry may also imitate his example of fidelity to wisdom, truth, justice, and beauty, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Father . . . Glory be. . .

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