

**Universal Prayer**  
**Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**March 29, 2018**

We pray that through their joyful and humble service, all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious will inspire others to consider dedicating their life to the church through Holy Orders.

We pray that a culture centered on the value of life will erase the bipartisan politics surrounding the many pro-life issues in our country.

We pray that all Catholics will truly see themselves and their communities as members of the Body of Christ, uniting their ministries and charitable works with the mission of the Universal Church.

We pray that all Catholics will grow in their understanding and love of the Eucharist; and that all parish communities will put the celebration of the Eucharist as the central focus of their prayer life.

We pray that those living in poverty or domestic crisis will given physical, emotional and spiritual care by their neighbors.

We pray that those preparing to receive the Easter sacraments will be led by the Holy Spirit and encouraged by the prayer of this community.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will share in Christ's victory over death.