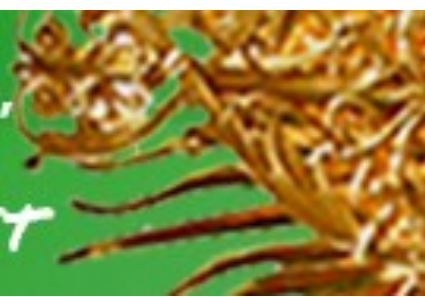




Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty *JOIN THE MOVEMENT*



May 16: Friday Fast

Intention:

Lord, help us always to follow the Gospel call to serve “the least of these.”

Did you know?

The USCCB has [prayer resources](#) for the Fortnight for Freedom, including a [Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty](#). You can pray for religious freedom at home, school, work, or in your parish! You can also attend [special Masses](#) to celebrate the Fortnight; if you are not able to travel to Baltimore or Washington, DC, the Masses will be televised nationally, so check your local listings!

Quick Links

- ⇒ [Call to Prayer facebook page](#)
- ⇒ [Join the Movement! \(video\)](#)
- ⇒ [Call to Prayer webpage](#)

Reflection:

The [Fortnight for Freedom](#) is coming next month (June 21 – July 4). The two-week celebration will focus on the theme, “Freedom to Serve,” emphasizing the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable.

As Catholics, we believe that the gift of our faith is to share the light of Christ with all people. The teaching of our Catholic faith “obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land” and around the world. This includes the *freedom to serve* with Christian love and humility all those around us and share the teachings of our Lord. In loving him more, honoring him steadfastly and serving him as disciples, we naturally serve others in the same way.

In a recent homily, Pope Francis [emphasized](#) [charity](#) as the “greatest act of holiness [that] relates to the flesh of our brother and the flesh of Jesus Christ.”

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