



Christ Our Hope

An Hour of Prayer in HARD TIMES

Men's Groups are encouraged to arrange and lead a special hour of prayer from 6am-to-7am on the first Friday of each month in 2009 to intercede for individuals and families who are suffering from times which are hard—economically and otherwise. Entitled “Christ Our Hope”, this initiative offers a practical way for every parish to respond with Christian faith and hope to the serious challenges we face. The early time slot helps accommodate commuters and others who need an early start. The starkness of the early hour also underscores that we seem to be entering an unusual epoch in American life—one that calls for sober leadership of men at prayer before the Lord. By means of song, silent prayer, a short reflection, and a sharing of petitions, this initiative also provides a great chance for men to grow in manly ministry.

The suggested prayer format and materials for organizing the first-Friday prayer within your parish can be found at www.christschosen.com.