



POPE LEO XIV

*Most Glorious God, we thank you for the gift of our New Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. May you strengthen him with courage, zeal and wisdom, so that he may be an eloquent and articulate defender of religious freedom and a voice for the voiceless. At this critical moment in salvation history, arm your Church with the sword of the Spirit and the shield of Faith. Defend us, O Lord, from the pervasive evils of our day which seek to distort the meaning you gave to marriage and to deny the dignity you author in every human life. By Pope Leo XIV's leadership may your Church flourish with faithful vocations to religious life and a renewed appreciation for the sanctity of the Christian family. As the successor of St. Peter, that great fisher of men, may Pope Leo XIV heed your call to "put out into the deep". May he renew the universal call to holiness and ignite a great desire for the gifts of faith, virtue and truth. May he guide the Barque of Peter through the turbulent waters that lay ahead and bring us to the the eternal shores of Paradise where the Saints and angels cry out in one adoring voice, "Jesus Christ is Lord". Amen.*

*-Pedro de la Cruz*