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Let us - *Kneel before the Lord!*

Bishop's Reflection- October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our present time, as missionary disciples, we are called to be a people of prayer. Throughout our Diocese of Stockton, I ask that all families, prayer groups, adorers of the Blessed Sacrament, those participating in the Divine Mercy devotion, Rosary groups, etc. to join me in an intercessory prayer outreach as we- *Kneel before the Lord*.

As we come before Him, let us pray for the following:

Our country; a greater appreciation for the respect and sanctity of life; an end to the lawlessness and violence in our society; for all who are suffering due to natural disasters; an end to the wildfires; an end to the unrelenting and life-threatening effects of the pandemic; for abundant rain and snow and an end to the drought.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during this month of the Rosary, let us *kneel before the Lord* and offer all the present suffering in the world in reparation for sin and its repercussions. We pray for mercy, *divine* mercy, during these challenging and uncertain times. As a diocese, let us be united in prayer as we entrust these special intentions to God, Our Father.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Cotta

Lord Jesus, have mercy.
Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.