

# Prayers for April 2024

## **Pope Francis' Prayer for the Role of Women**

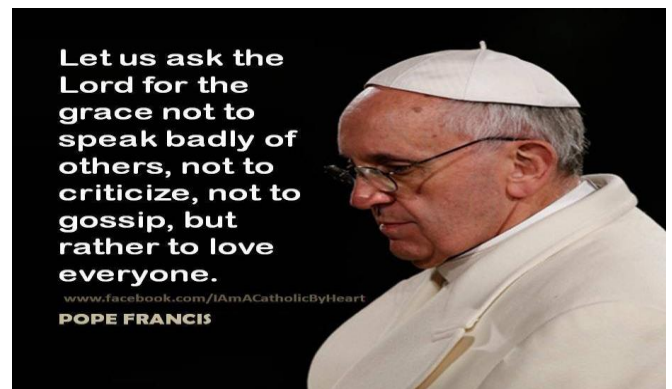
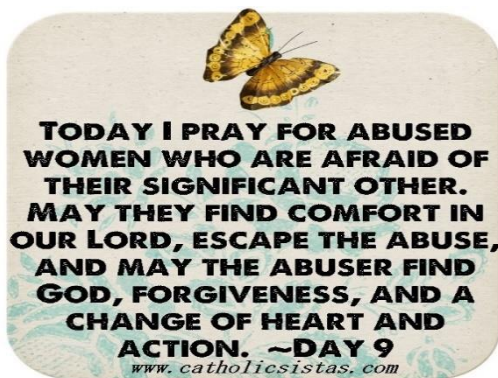
**We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.**

### **Prayer for Women**

Good and gracious God, please bless the women all over the world.

It is a beautiful gift to be a woman, but it doesn't come without challenges.

Please help all women persevere through these challenges so they can be the person God created them to be. May all women set this world ablaze with love for You. In Your Name, I pray. Amen.



### **The Annunciation of the Lord ( April 8<sup>th</sup> )**

As early as the middle of the 6th century in the East, and the 7th century in Rome, there is evidence of this Feast celebrated on 25 March. Since this feast is connected with the Lord Jesus and to His entry into history, the revised liturgical calendar gave this feast the title of the "Annunciation of the Lord", over the more popular Annunciation of Mary. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a Christmas feast even though it is not celebrated during the Christmas Season. Nine months before we celebrate the Lord's birth, we celebrate His incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### **Prayer on the Annunciation of the Lord**

O most holy Virgin Mary, to whom God sent the Angel Gabriel to announce that you should be the mother of His Only-Begotten Son, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Holy, lovely Mary, we give our all to you what is past and present, and the future, too.

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Amen.

