

Dear Parishioners,

Peace be with you!

I received the news about our beloved priest Fr. Tighe on my way to Lourdes yesterday. I share your feelings and your commitment to pray for Fr. Tighe's recovery. As I told him yesterday, I will offer Mass, three rosaries and the Eucharistic procession for him at the Grotto today (in Lourdes). I also assured him of our constant prayers as a parish, and that he is still very close to our hearts and present in our thoughts. As I continue my pilgrimage, Fr. Magee will be sending you the plans for the chain of prayers via email and Flocknote.

Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama has requested in a special way to seek the intercessions of Servant of God Father Thomas Frederick Price. For this we will use the following approved prayer from the cause of Father Price:

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example, we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve.

If it be according to Your Will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession, Your healing strength especially to Father Phil Tighe and all of our priests who are ill or infirm. I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

May Fr. Price's intercession be a source of strength and peace, especially for Father Phil Tighe as he begins treatment this week.

Fr. Tighe trusts in all our prayers and he would like to keep us informed as much as he will be able. Fr. Tighe has created a special link to receive words of encouragement, prayers and support, and to post updates:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/public/fr.tighe>

Let us pray that through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Bernadette, and Father Thomas Price, that the Lord may grant Fr. Tighe, and all who are infirm, a full recovery.

In Christ,

Fr. Bill John Acosta
Pastor