



Your Eminences, Your Excellencies, and Reverend Administrators:

For a prayerful and spiritual celebration of the 40th Anniversary of EDSA People Power, and in line with the spirit of our Pastoral Letter, *“Remember the Wonders the Lord Has Done,”* it is proposed that on February 22, 23, 24, a Triduum of Masses be offered in our parishes and dioceses. On the February 25 a Thanksgiving Mass be offered for the gift of *EDSA People Power*.

Here are the proposed prayer intentions on the days indicated below:

February 22 - *For Personal Conversion. We repent for the times we have encouraged, participated and have become complicit to dishonest and corrupt practices. We repent for the times we have peddled lies for personal gain.*

May we be given the courage and strength to effect real changes in our own personal way, in our own lives, homes and communities.

February 23 - *For the conversion of our institutions, communities, organizations, parishes, dioceses, congregations. We repent for the times when we only worked for the interests of our own groups, localities, institutions and communities ignoring the greater good of the bigger community. We repent for the times when we refused to work with others because we did not take away our prejudices and we were judgmental of others.*

May we be examples of transparency, accountability and good governance so that we may contribute to the transformation of the Church and Society. As we remember EDSA we thank God for the open hearts and arms that allowed us to embrace differences for the greater good of all.

February 24 - *For conversion of our nation. We repent for the times we have sown division and have fueled suspicion and hate –because others came from different regions, had a different political affiliation. We repent for the structural evils and abuse of power that aggravate the sad situation of our peoples, especially the poor.*


As we remember EDSA we thank God for the gift of unity and collective faith on that very difficult moment in our history.

February 25 - *Thanksgiving for the gift of EDSA People Power. We pray that we may always use power for service. We thank God for the grace of EDSA – the Power of the People made stronger by Divine Power.*

We beg the Lord for the grace of perseverance and constancy in fulfilling EDSA's promise, as we thank God for the gift of Freedom.

It is suggested this be disseminated to our parishes, religious houses and institutions with a Pastoral Letter entitled, *“Remember the wonders the Lord has done.”*

Thank you. God bless you.


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