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For the Pope

## NOVEMBER

“We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit”



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## PRAYER INTENTION REFLECTION

Conversation with 24 Jesuits in Mozambique<sup>13</sup>

Francesco

5 October 2019

It is important that people pray for the Pope and for his intentions. I am tempted and very besieged: only the prayer of his people can free him, as stated in the Acts of the Apostles. When Peter was imprisoned the Church prayed incessantly for him. If the Church prays for the Pope, this is a grace. I truly feel continually the need to beg for prayer. The prayer of the people supports.

HOMILY

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES<sup>14</sup>

Francis

29 June 2020

[...] Today's first reading brings us to the source of this unity. It relates how the newly born Church was experiencing a moment of crisis: Herod was furious, a violent persecution had broken out, and the Apostle James had been killed. And now Peter had been arrested. The community seemed headless, everyone fearing for his life. Yet at that tragic moment no one ran away, no one thought about saving his own skin, no one abandoned the others, but all *joined in prayer*. From prayer they drew strength, from prayer came a unity more powerful than any threat. The text says that, “while Peter was kept in prison, the Church prayed fervently to God for him”

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<sup>13</sup> See full message:

<https://www.tellerreport.com/news/2019-09-26---pope-francis--%22i-am-a-besieged-and-tempted-pontiff--pray-for-me%22-.SyMyj8M9DS.html>

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<sup>14</sup> See full message:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200629\\_omelia-pallio.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200629_omelia-pallio.html)

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(Acts 12:5). Unity is the fruit of prayer, for prayer allows the Holy Spirit to intervene, opening our hearts to hope, shortening distances and holding us together at times of difficulty. [...]