

Fortnight *for* Freedom

Reflect. Ponder. Act.

Almighty God, Father of all nations, For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal. 5:1). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our Patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, June 21

There are many who want you to fear. Be not afraid! "The Lord is my shepherd, whom shall I fear?" Ps. 23: 1

Friday, June 22

Many voices foster discouragement about the church's role in the world. Live today in hope! "In hope we were saved." Rom. 8:24

Saturday, June 23

Love an enemy today. "For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?" Mt. 5:43-48

Sunday, June 24

Pray for those around the world without liberties. ". . . where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Cor. 3:17

Monday, June 25

Give thanks to God today for the freedom we have. ". . . cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God." 2 Cor. 4:15

Tuesday, June 26

Perform a corporal work of mercy today. ". . . whatever you did for one of these least . . ." Mt. 25:31-46

Wednesday, June 27

Invite someone to mass with you this Sunday. "Go out . . . and invite to the feast whomever you find." Mt. 22:9

Thursday, June 28

Take 5 minutes to read and reflect: Luke 6:37-42

Friday, June 29

Bring Christ to work with you today "so that all the people among whom you live may see the work of the LORD." Ex. 34:10

Saturday, June 30

Use the beatitudes as an examination of conscience today. "Blessed are . . ." Mt. 5:1-12

Sunday, July 1

Do your co-workers know you are Catholic? "For we are God's co-workers . . ." 1 Cor. 3:9

Monday, July 2

Wherever you eat today, say grace. "Blessed is the one who will dine in the kingdom of God." Luke 14:15

Tuesday, July 3

Pray while commuting today. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:16-17

Wednesday, July 4

Attend mass. ". . . unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jn. 6:53

The 10 commandments "are the first necessary step on the journey towards freedom, its starting-point."
John Paul II, *Veritatis splendor* #13