Welcome, Friends. I’m delighted to be able to offer a brief word of encouragement and update as we enter into the month of February.

As many of you know, we are in our fourth week of our **TWELVE WEEK PRAYER CHALLENGE** here at Little Flower. This effort grew out of a desire to strengthen connections with one another during this time of pandemic and physical distancing. I, for one, have missed seeing many of you and seeing the smiles of those who are here.

Times like these highlight the importance of our **remaining connected**. One of the powerful ways we do this is through our **prayers for one another**. As we intercede for another, **we lift them up and place them ever so gently in the heart of our God**. Sometimes we know the specific needs that others have, and sometimes we simply trust God to answer their needs in the way He knows is best.

It is **not too late** to join the **Twelve Week Prayer Challenge**. All that is needed is for you to **choose an individual or family or household each week and to commit to praying intentionally for them and their needs**.

- I find myself praying for them first thing in the morning as I ask God to bless their day.
- As I participate in Mass each day, I place their needs on the altar.
- I reserve a decade of my daily rosary for them.
- At the end of the day, I ask God to allow them to experience His peace and rest.

It has been a true joy for me to hear parishioners saying to others: “I’m praying for you this week” OR “You’re on my list”. **What a wonderful gift both for the one praying and the one being prayed for**. My prayer is that you know this joy in a deep and personal way. Have a blessed week!