

# Dear Padre,

## Is it wrong to hope for a miracle? My son has been diagnosed with cancer, and I am praying for one!

**W**hen my mother was a teenage girl, she suffered from internal problems. Her mother took her across Detroit to a famous healer, Fr. Solanus Casey. He talked to her, prayed over her, and sent her back home. After that visit, my mother's internal problems disappeared!

As Christians, we believe in miracles. It is the legacy handed to us by the Lord Jesus. Remember that once Jesus had trained his disciples, he sent them out in pairs to cure the sick and drive out demons (Luke 9:1-6). They, like the Lord, became miracle workers. Jesus worked his miracles out of compassion (Luke 7:13). He wanted to show us that our God was a personal God, genuinely kind and loving.

The first step to asking for a miracle is to believe deeply in the power of Jesus. Jesus always demanded that an initial faith be present before he performed a miracle (Matthew 21:22). The miracle would then deepen, strengthen, and stabilize this faith. The second step is to be tireless in your asking. Saint Luke's section on prayer (Luke 11:1-13) promises success for those who keep knocking on God's door. The final step is to accept whatever the Lord gives. Perhaps the Lord has greater plans for your son than you might know or fathom.

The Lord's greatest miracle for us is the Eucharist. Here would be the proper place to lay your request before the Lord!

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## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Ez 24:15-24

Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard,

Abbot and Doctor  
of the Church

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X,

Pope

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

AUGUST 23

Twenty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.*

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