



**Catholic  
Educational  
Association of the  
Philippines**

## **PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE FOR PRESIDENT CORY AND COUNTRY**

*And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9*

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having girded your waists with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Ephesians 6:13-16*

As one body of Catholic Educators we have prayed and sacrificed and stormed heaven with prayers for our beloved President Cory Aquino. We have seen and discerned the same suffering of our beloved country from the decadent socio-political cancer that now eats the core and fringes of our society. We have heeded the call to stand up and let our voices be heard on the streets and in heaven.

But our work is not yet done. We owe a debt of gratitude to both Ninoy Aquino and President Cory for their unselfish sacrifice. And in these times of darkness and doubt, we must gather our strength for the battle is yet to be done. Truth and righteousness are our arms and faith, prayer and sacrifice are our armor. And our resolve must not waver though the light may seem to fade. We will find our light in the legacy of President Cory and her unparalleled moral ascendancy. We will find our strength in the ultimate sacrifice that Ninoy gave for our democracy. As President Cory offers to share in the sufferings of Jesus Christ for the world, so too will we offer our sufferings for our aspiration for genuine democracy.

We pray:

*Lord, grant President Cory peace and grace that she may overcome her illness. We pray for strength for the people of our nation as we look up to the model of strong faith and persevering spirit of true stewardship, our dear President Cory. Bless our leaders and through the Divine Heart of Jesus and intercession of the Blessed Heart of the Virgin Mary, grant them discernment to banish their selfish interests and do what is truly good for the country. Amen.*

As we kneel in prayer for President Cory Aquino, as she knelt in prayer for our country, let us keep in passionate remembrance the persevering and unwavering light of hope embodied through her. **We ask all our member schools to offer daily prayers and masses, to sacrifice and to continue to storm heaven with prayers for perseverance for Cory and our country until the peace of the Lord and the light of truth reign over us again.**

**We call on all our member-schools to make our students understand and value the pivotal role of President Cory in the history of this country.** The true meaning of EDSA should not be lost on all of us as we prepare for a crucial transition in the life of our country – the elections in May 2010.

**We also ask all our member-schools to tie yellow ribbons, wear yellow bands and shirts and hang streamers expressing unequivocal support for President Cory and her family.**

**As it was in the 1986 snap elections, so it is today.  
President Cory, hindi ka nag-iisa!**

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