

VARIOUS PRAYERS

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

DOXOLOGY TO THE BLESSED TRINITY (GLORY BE)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, where he sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

JESUS, I TRUST IN THEE!

Merciful Jesus, we believe in Thee and we trust in Thee. Come to the aid of our weakness and our incapacity. Grant that we may be able to make Thee known and loved by all men, and that, confident in the immensity of Thy love we may be able to combat the evil which is in us and in the world, for Thy Glory and our Salvation. Amen.

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee as universal King. All that has been made, has been created for Thee. Exercise over me all Thy rights. I renew my baptismal promises; I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; and I promise to live a good Christian life. In particular I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Thy Church.

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

O God, I love you! I love you, not simply to be saved, and not because those who fail in love to you will be punished with eternal fire. You, you, my Jesus, have all-embraced me on the cross. You have borne the nails, the lance, much ignominy, numberless griefs, sweatings and anguish, and death, and these on account of me and for me, a sinner. Why, therefore, should I not love you, O most loving Jesus? Not that in Heaven you shall save me, nor lest for eternity you shall condemn me; not with the hope of any reward, but as you have loved me, so also will I love you - only because you are my King, and only because you are my God. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (PRAYER FOR PEACE)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive -
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right counsels, and all just works proceed, grant unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy Commandments, and also that we, being delivered from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time under Thy protection, in rest and quietness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST PAUL

O glorious St Paul, who from a persecutor of the Christian name became an apostle of burning zeal, and who, in order that Jesus Christ might be known to the furthestmost bounds of the earth, joyfully suffered imprisonment, scourging, stoning, shipwreck, and every kind of persecution, and who finally shed your blood to the last drop: obtain for us the grace of accepting as divine favours the infirmities, torments, and calamities of this life, so that we may not be drawn from the service of God by the vicissitudes of this our exile, but on the contrary may prove ourselves more and more faithful and fervent. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST PIUS X

O God, Who for the defence of the Catholic Faith and the restoration of all things in Christ, didst fill the holy Pope Pius with heavenly wisdom and Apostolic courage, mercifully grant that we, following his instruction and example, may attain his eternal reward. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Give me, O Lord God, a watchful heart which no vain thoughts can distract from you. Give me a generous heart which no unworthy affection can draw downward. Give me an upright heart which no dishonourable intention can lead away from you. Give me a firm heart which no hardship can crush. Give me a free heart which no unruly emotion can claim for its own.

PRAYERS TO SPECIAL PATRONS

Mary Immaculate, Queen of the Apostles, pray for us.
St Michael the Archangel, pray for us.
St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us.
St Peter, Prince of the Apostles, pray for us.
St Paul, Apostle of the Gentiles, pray for us.
St Patrick, pray for us.
St Boniface, pray for us.
St Francis Xavier, pray for us.
St Teresa, pray for us.
St Teresa, Little Flower of Jesus, pray for us.

O blessed servants of God, obtain for us the virtues necessary for our daily life, fidelity to our resolutions, and perseverance through labours and sufferings unto death. Amen.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

O my God, Thou who art the God of wisdom and of counsel, Thou who readest in my heart the sincere will to please Thee alone, and to govern myself with regard to my choice of a state of life, entirely in conformity with Thy most holy desire; grant me, by the intercession of the most blessed Virgin, my Mother, and of my holy patrons, especially of St Joseph and St Aloysius, the grace to know what state I ought to choose, and when to embrace it, so that in it I may be able to pursue and increase Thy glory, work out my salvation, and merit that heavenly reward which Thou hast promised to those who do Thy holy Will. Amen.

SHORT RENEWAL OF ONE'S BAPTISMAL VOWS

O my God, I renew my Baptismal vows; I renounce the devil with all his works, the world with all its pomps, the flesh with its inordinate desires. Never suffer me to be separated from Thee.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

Amen.

A PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE PROPER DISPOSITION FOR DEATH

I believe in one God. I believe that God rewards the good, and punishes the wicked.

I believe that in God there are three Divine Persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

I believe that God the Son became man, without ceasing to be God. I believe that He is my Lord and my Saviour, the Redeemer of the human race, that He died on the cross for the salvation of all men, that He died also for me.

I believe, on God's authority, everything that He has taught and revealed.

O my God, give me strong faith. O my God, help me to believe with lively faith.

O my God, all-good and all-merciful, I sincerely hope to be saved. Help me to do all that is necessary for my salvation. I have committed many sins in my life, but now I turn away from them, and hate them. I am sorry, truly sorry for all of them, because I have offended you, my God, who are all-good, all-perfect, all-holy, all-merciful and kind, and who died on the cross for me. I love you, O my God, with all my heart. Please forgive me for having offended you.

I promise, O God, that with your help I will never offend you again.

My God, have mercy on me!

EFFICACIOUS PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS

(Revealed by the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Venerable Fr Cyril of the Mother of God, OCD at Prague.)

O, Child Jesus, I have recourse to Thee. Through Thy holy Mother, I implore Thee to assist me in this, my necessity; for I firmly believe that Thou canst aid me. I confidently hope to obtain Thy holy grace. I love Thee with my whole heart and my whole soul. I am heartily sorry for my sins and I entreat Thee, O good Jesus, to give me strength to overcome them. I am firmly resolved never to offend Thee again, and to suffer everything rather than displease Thee. Henceforth, I wish to serve Thee faithfully. For love of Thee, O Divine Child, I will love my neighbour as myself. O Jesus, omnipotent Child, I entreat Thee again to come to my assistance in this necessity (indicate your intention).

Grant that I may possess Thee eternally, with Mary and Joseph, and adore Thee with Thy holy angels and saints in heaven. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONERS

O Divine Wayfarer, whose first shelter was a stable, whose first journey was a flight for life, and who travelling oft hadst not where to lay Thy head; be to those who carry Thy message a sure guide and unfailing rest. Clothe them in the garment of charity which is strange to no man, and teach them the language of sympathy which is understood by all, that whilst strangers in every land, they may yet be welcomed as citizens of the soul of man and as brothers of the human heart, for Thy kingdom's sake. Amen.

EJACULATORY PRAYERS / INDULGENCED ASPIRATIONS

Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

Heart of Jesus burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my love.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

May the Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge but my Saviour.

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

My Lord and my God!

My God and my All!

All praise, honour, and glory to the Divine Heart of Jesus.

From sudden and unprovided death, O Lord, deliver us.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us now and at the hour of our death.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, to you I commend my soul.

My God, unite all minds in the truth and all hearts in charity.

O Holy Ghost, Spirit of Truth, come into our hearts; shed the brightness of Thy light on all nations, so that they may be one in faith and pleasing to Thee.

O Blessed Servants of God, obtain for us the virtues necessary for our daily life, fidelity to our resolutions, and perseverance through labours and sufferings unto death. Amen.

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!

May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

O Heart of Love, I put my trust in Thee, for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from Thy goodness. (St Margaret Mary Alacoque.)

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" (Acts 9:6)

Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, set free the holy souls in purgatory.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee; because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Mother of mercy, pray for us.

Mary, our hope, have pity on us.

Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

O God, Thou art all-powerful; make me holy.

Through the sign of the Cross deliver us from our enemies, our God.