

CATHOLIC PRAYERS

Sign of the Cross

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated 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 Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Another Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for my sins. In choosing to sin, and failing to do good, I have sinned against You and Your Church. I firmly intend, with the help of Your Son, to make up for my sins and to love as I should. Amen.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Act of Love

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, O good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me while I call to mind what the prophet David said concerning Thee, O good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones."

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me; within Thy wounds, hide me; Permit me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me; in the hour of my death, call me; and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Morning Offering

O my Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy most Sacred Heart, in union with the holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the conversion of poor sinners, for all the needs of Holy Mother Church, for the relief of the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for our Holy Father's intentions. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give Thee thanks, for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, Who lives and reigns forever; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Salve Regina

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

A Prayer to Saint Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, and so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, do assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me from thy divine Son all spiritual blessings so that having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thy arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. O Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, To light, to guard, to rule, to guide. From sinful stain, O keep me free, and at death's hour my helper be. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola

Take O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess Thou hast given me; I surrender it all to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more.

Prayer of Saint Francis

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.

A Prayer for Priests

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord, Keep them for they are thine; Thy priests whose lives burn out before Thy consecrated shrine. Keep them, for they are in the world, though from the world apart; when earthly pleasures tempt allure, shelter them in Thy heart. Keep them and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, when all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain. Keep them and O remember Lord, they have no one but Thee, yet they have only human hearts, with human frailty. Keep them as spotless as the Host that daily they caress; their every thought and word and deed, deign dearest Lord, to bless. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O God, Creator and Lord of all things, grant to the souls of our departed loved ones, the remission of all their sins, that by means of our pious supplications, they may obtain the joys of heaven, which they have so earnestly desired. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy divine love. Send forth Thy spirit and our hearts shall be recreated, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us Pray

O God, you have instructed the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant that through the same Holy Spirit we may always be truly wise and rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Leader: Let us ask God to give worthy priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to His holy Church.

Others: O God, we humbly beseech Thee to bless our nation with many priests, deacons, brothers and sisters who will love Thee with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Thy Church and to make Thee known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families, bless our children.

Others: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the clergy!

Others: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more.