



Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, the everlasting salvation of them that believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant, N.N., for whom we implore the aid of Thy pitying mercy, that, with his/her bodily health restored, s/he may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for a Sick Person Near Death

Almighty and Everlasting God, preserver of souls, who dost love, and who for their amendment dost tenderly chastise those whom Thou dost receive, we call upon Thee, O Lord, to bestow Thy healing, that the soul of Thy servant, at the hour of its departure from the body, may by the hands of Thy holy angels be presented without spot unto Thee. Amen.



Prayers for the Dying

O my God, I offer Thee all the holy Masses which will be said this day throughout the whole world for poor sinners who are now in their death agony and who will die this day. May the Precious Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ obtain for them mercy. Amen.

(Pre-1968 indulgence of three hundred days ~ Pope Pius X, December 18, 1907)

O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I pray Thee by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, wash in Thy Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony, and are to die this day. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the dying.

(Pre-1968 indulgence of three hundred days, each time)

TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & THE DYING



Prayer to Saint Joseph for the Dying

Everlasting Father, for the sake of the love which Thou didst bear to Saint Joseph, whom Thou didst choose above all to occupy Thy place on earth, have mercy on us and those who are dying.

Pater Noster . . . Ave Maria . . . Gloria Patri . . .

Everlasting Son of God, for the sake of Thy love toward Saint Joseph, who didst protect Thee so faithfully on earth, have mercy on us and those who are dying.

Pater Noster . . . Ave Maria . . . Gloria Patri . . .

Everlasting Divine Spirit, for the sake of Thy love toward Saint Joseph, who so carefully protected Mary, Thy most holy and beloved Spouse, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

Pater Noster . . . Ave Maria . . . Gloria Patri . . .

(Pre-1968 indulgence of five hundred days, once a day)



The Proficiscere Prayer (Go Forth, Christian Soul)

While the soul is in agony of its departure, the priest (or any person) recites the following prayer:

Go Forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who suffered for you; in the name of the Holy Ghost, who was poured forth upon you; in the name of the angels and archangels; in the name of the thrones and dominations; in the name of the principalities and powers; in the name of the cherubim and seraphim; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets; in the name of the holy apostles and evangelists; in the name of the holy martyrs and confessors; in the name of the holy monks and hermits; in the name of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God: May your place be this day in peace, and your abode in holy Zion. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany for the Dying

(Private use only)

It is suggested that the dying be given a crucifix to hold or that a crucifix be placed where it is easily seen.

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for him/her.*

All ye holy angels and archangels, *pray for him/her.*

Holy Abel, *etc.*

All ye choirs of the just,

Holy Abraham,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

All ye patriarchs and prophets,

Saint Peter,

Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint John,

All ye holy apostles and evangelists,

All ye holy disciples of our Lord,

All ye holy innocents,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Lawrence,

All ye holy martyrs,

Saint Sylvester,

Saint Gregory,

Saint Augustine,

All ye holy bishops and confessors,

Saint Benedict,

Saint Francis,

Saint Camillus,

Saint John of God,

All ye holy monks and hermits,

Saint Mary Magdalen,

Saint Lucy,

All ye holy virgins and widows,

All ye holy saints of God, *make intercession for him/her.*

Be merciful, *spare him/her, O Lord!*

Be merciful, *deliver him/her, O Lord!*

Be merciful, *etc.*

From Thy anger,

From the danger of death,

From an ill end,

From the pains of hell,

From all evil,

From the power of the devil,

Through Thy nativity,

Through Thy cross and passion,

Through Thy death and burial,

Through Thy glorious resurrection,

Through Thy admirable ascension,

Through the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

In the day of judgment,

We sinners, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*

That Thou spare him/her, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *have mercy on us.*

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Amen.

