

# PRAYERS FOR THE INTERCESSION OF THE ANGELS AND SAINTS

## **Prayer to Your Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day (night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

## **Prayer to the Holy Angels**

O leaders of the heavenly armies, although we are always unworthy, we beseech you that with your prayers you may encircle us with the protection of the wings of your angelic glory. Watch over us as we bow low and earnestly cry out to you: Deliver us from trouble, O princes of the heavenly armies.

## **Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray.  
O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander  
through the world for ruin of souls. Amen.

## **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

O God, in Your wonderful providence You were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your most holy Mother. Grant, we beg You, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom we venerate on earth as our protector. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## **Prayer to Saint Ann**

O Glorious Saint Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you under your special protection (here make your request).

Please recommend it to your daughter the Blessed Virgin Mary and lay it before the Throne of Jesus so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Please continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face and with you and Mary and all the Saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity. Amen.

Good Saint Ann, Mother of Her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to Her for us and obtain our requests. (repeat three times)

### **Prayer to Saint Jude**

Saint Jude, glorious Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus: The name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the Patron of things despaired of. Pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and the succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*here make your request*), and that I may bless God with the Elect throughout eternity. Amen.

Saint Jude, Apostle, martyr and relative of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Mary and of Joseph, intercede for us.

### **Prayer to Saint Agatha**

O glorious Saint Agatha, through whose intercession in Christ I hope for the restored health of body and soul, hasten to lead me to the true Good, God alone. By your intercession, O blessed Agatha, may I ever enjoy your protection by faithfully witnessing to Christ. You invite all who come to you to enjoy the treasure of communion with the Holy Trinity. Moreover, if it be for God's greater glory and the good of my person, please intercede for me with the request of (*mention request here*).

Saint Agatha, you found favor with God by your chastity and by your courage in suffering death for the gospel. Teach me how to suffer with cheerfulness, uniting myself to Christ crucified with a simplicity and purity of heart. Amen.

### **Prayer to Saint Lucy**

Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket,  
but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see.  
We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did,  
but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives.  
Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work,  
our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen

### **Prayer of Saint Patrick**

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold  
And lead, His eye to watch, his might to stay,  
his ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach,  
his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God  
to give me speech, his heav'nly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort me and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in the hearts of all who love me,  
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger,

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer of Saint Francis Assisi**

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 to Saint Anthony of Padua**

Glorious Saint Anthony of Padua, you renounced every earthly ambition when yet very young. You gave yourself wholly and perpetually to God's service. Hence, I beg of you to secure for me the means to respond readily to God's purpose for me. Grant me the favor I now seek if it is God's will. Please do not forget the prayers and merits of our missionaries, and the many needs of their people.

### **Prayer for the Gifts of Saint Catherine of Siena**

God of Wisdom you made our sister Catherine burn with divine love in contemplating the Lord's passion and in serving your Church. With the help of her prayers may your people, united in the mystery of Christ, rejoice forever in the revelation of his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me; to you, O Lord, now I return it; all is yours, dispose of me wholly according to your Will. Give me only your love and your grace, for this is enough for me.

### **Prayer to Saint Philip Neri**

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!” (Phil. 4:4)

O holy Saint Philip Neri, patron saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts. We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Bear us, we pray, especially in this need (*make your request here*). Keep us safe through your loving intercession, and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, Saint Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace. Amen.

### **Prayer to Saint Teresa of Avila**

O God, who by your Holy Spirit moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her excellent teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness.

Almighty God, who, when the hearts of your people have grown cold, send your Holy Spirit to relight the flame of your love in their hearts, and raise up faithful ministers to recall your people to their former devotion and service. Mercifully grant that we, following the teaching and example of Teresa of Avila, may be filled with your Holy Spirit, may be aflame with zeal for your glory and love for your goodness and hunger for your love, and that our feet may be set upon the path that leads to true holiness. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux for Guidance**

Govern by all Thy Wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving Thee as Thou dost Will, and not as I may choose. Do not punish me, I beseech Thee, by granting that which I wish or ask if it offended Thy Love, which would always live in me. Let me die to myself, so that I may love Thee. Let me live to Thee, Who art in Thyself, the True Life.

Dear Saint Thérèse, guide me in your Little Way, so that I may ascend to the heights and happiness of Heaven.

### **Prayer of Saint Faustina**

O Jesus, Who filled Your handmaid Saint Faustina with profound veneration for Your boundless Mercy, deign, if it be Your holy will, to grant me, through her intercession, the grace for which I fervently pray (*here make your request*).

My sins render me unworthy of Your Mercy, but be mindful of Saint Faustina's spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, and reward her virtue by granting the petition which, with childlike confidence, I present to You through her intercession. Amen.