

## *Prayer Against an Unprovided Death*

*My* soul, cease from sinning, think on thy sudden passage from life to eternity. While there is still time, be converted, cry out to the Lord saying, "My God, have pity on me." O most merciful Lord Jesus, by Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy death, deliver me. I pray thee from sudden and unprovided death.

*O* most gentle Lord Jesus, by Thy cruel and ignominious scourging and crowning with thorns, by Thy cross and bitter passion, and by Thine own great goodness, I humbly pray thee, let me not die unprepared and pass from this life without the holy sacraments.

*J*esus my Lord,, by thy travails, thy sorrows, thy precious blood, thy most holy wounds, and by Thy last words spoken by Thee upon the cross: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" "Into Thy Hands I commend My spirit." Most ardently I pray Thee, free me from a sudden death.

*O* God in whose sight every heart trembles and every conscience is awed! Show forth Thy mercy upon us Thy supplicants, that we who trust not in the excellence of our own merit, may never experience Thy judgements by an unprovided death, but may receive Thy pardon through Christ Our Lord.

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