

## I: AT THE BEGINNING OF AN ILLNESS

### **Morning Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God, from my inner most heart I return Thee thanks for having preserved me this night. I commend myself once more to Thy paternal protection, resigning myself entirely to Thy divine will, whether I live or am soon to die. I offer Thee all the discomfort, all the sufferings and pains which I shall have to endure this day. For the love of Thee will I bear all sufferings and unite them with the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. As often this day as I shall sigh or breathe, or speak, or open and close my eyes, as often as I shall take food or drink or medicine, so often do I desire, O my God, to adore, to praise, and to love Thee. Accept, O Lord, the good will for the deed if, overpowered by the weight of my sufferings or weakness, I should neglect to offer Thee all. If Thou vouchsafest, O almighty God, to grant me another day, let Thy most holy name be praised. But shouldst Thou please to call me hence this day, let Thy most holy will be done.

O Mary, health of the sick, after God my only refuge, I implore thee, intercede for me with thy beloved Son, that through thy most powerful intercession I may obtain either health or the grace of a happy death. Protect me against the enemy of my salvation; obtain for me the grace that I, thy faithful child, may one day enjoy thy company in heaven. O most beloved Mother, to thee I entrust the care of my soul and body. With the help of thy protection, O most powerful Lady and tenderest Mother, I firmly hope to obtain my salvation.

O my holy angel guardian, I thank thee for having so carefully watched over me this night. I beseech thee and all the other holy angels to guard me during this day and until the end of my life. And you, O saints of God, especially my patron saints, help me with your intercession this day and do not abandon me in the hour on which all my eternity depends. Incline in my favor the divine Judge, that I may become an heir of everlasting bliss.

### **Night Prayer**

All love and praise be to the Most Holy Trinity, God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I render Thee, O Lord, infinite thanks for all the benefits and sufferings Thou hast bestowed upon me this day. I humbly crave Thy pardon if I have not borne my pains with due patience. I commend myself to Thy divine patronage this night. I am heartily sorry for all my sins, because thereby I have offended Thee, O supreme Good, Whom I love above all things. Would that I had not offended Thee. I firmly purpose to amend my life. In reparation of my sins, I offer Thee, O heavenly Father, the infinite merits of Thy divine Son, Jesus Christ. Do not let the merits of His most dear sufferings and death be lost for me. Jesus, for Thee I sleep; Jesus, for Thee I wake; Jesus, for Thee I live; Jesus, for Thee I die; Jesus, I am Thine in life and in death. Amen. Most holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, as suage my pains this night. Shield me in the hour of temptation, be my powerful intercessor with Jesus, thy divine Son. Holy angel guardian and all ye saints of God, protect me this night and preserve me from all evil. Merciful God, have pity on the souls in purgatory; give them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### **Act of Resignation to the Will of God**

My Father, if it be possible let this chalice pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt. (Matt. xxvi. 39). For what have I in heaven? and besides Thee, what do I desire upon earth? . . . Thou art the God of my heart, and the God that is my portion forever. (Ps. lxxii. 25, 26). As the Lord willeth, so be it. I will take the chalice of salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. (Ps. cxv. 13). My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready (Ps. cvii. 2). Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Illness, pains and death do I accept from Thy hand, O God, willing as I am to suffer for the love of Thee. Cut, burn, in this life, O Lord, only spare me in the next. (St. Augustine). If Thou wilt, O my God, that I should continue to

live longer, let me live only for Thee; if Thou wilt that I die, let me die in Thy peace. O Jesus, to Thee I resign myself; into Thy hands do I commend myself, as Thou did commend Thyself to Thy heavenly Father. I give myself up to Thee, and all that is mine; dispose of it as Thou pleasest. I am ready to suffer as much and as long as Thy divine wisdom has decreed. My only wish, O Jesus, is that Thy divine will be accomplished; I will live and die according to this will. Amen.

### **Prayer for Speedy Recovery**

O my God, Whom every creature obeys, at Whose command every kind of infirmity or illness is removed, hear my prayer; hold out to me the hand of Thy mercy and cure me of every disorder of body and soul. Send me Thy Holy Spirit, that He may at all times protect, enlighten, visit me, and preserve me from evil of body and soul. Place Thy holy angel at my side, that he may heal me as he healed Tobias of old. May God the Father, Who created me, bless and heal me; may God the Son, Who suffered for me, bless and heal me; may God the Holy Ghost, Who sanctified me in Baptism, bless and heal me. Let the cross of Christ bless me; the cross of Christ heal me; the cross of Christ preserve me, that I may obtain life everlasting. Amen.

### **Litany for the Sick**

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.*

Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who art near to all those who invoke Thee, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who through mercy helpst all who confide in Thee, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who did go to seek and cure the sick, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who did stay up the weak and suffering, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who dost refresh those who labor and are heavily burdened, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who did console the stricken hearts, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Who did raise the dead unto life, Jesus, Who did bear all our pains, *have mercy on us.*

Be merciful, O Jesus.

Be merciful, hear us, O Jesus.

From all evil, *deliver us, Jesus.*

From all sin, *deliver us, Jesus.*

From all diseases and infirmities, *deliver us, Jesus.*

From impatience and despondency, *deliver us, Jesus.*

From the snares of the devil, *deliver us, Jesus.*

From a sudden and unprovided death, *deliver us, Jesus.*

From eternal damnation, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy toils and hardships, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy affliction and tears, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thine agony and bloody sweat, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy holy wounds, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy precious blood, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy Passion and cross, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy bitter death, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy glorious resurrection, *deliver us, Jesus.*

Through Thy marvelous ascension, *deliver us, Jesus.*

In the Day of Judgment, *deliver us, Jesus.*  
We, poor sinners, beseech Thee, hear us.  
That Thou wouldst spare us, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst pardon us, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst bring us to true, penance, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst give us a contrite heart, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst strengthen us in our weakness, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst preserve us in patience, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst relieve our pains, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst restore us to health of body and soul, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst grant us perseverance in good, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst grant us a happy death, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst receive our spirit into Thy hands, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst preserve us from the fire of purgatory, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That Thou wouldst bring us to the joys of heaven, Son of God, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us, Christ graciously hear us.  
Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

*Our Father (secretly).* And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Save, O Lord, Thy servants. Who hope in Thy mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer. And let our cry come unto Thee. Let us Pray.  
Heavenly Father, have mercy on Thy servant, who is sick. Confirm them in faith, strengthen their hope, fill them with the fire of Thy love. Give them enduring patience, that they may victoriously go through the fight and suffer everything for Thy greater glory and the salvation of their soul. Lessen their pains, forgive their sins, and bring them to life everlasting. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

#### **Act of Contrition (Father von Cochem)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out all my iniquities. O God, forgive me my sins . O bountiful God, I am heartily sorry for having so often offended Thee. O merciful God, I am so sorry for my sins that my heart fails within me . Miserable man that I am, what have I done. O, that God may take pity on me . How many and what grievous sins have I committed. Ah, that I had not done so . Would that I had never offended my God. Forever will I be sorry for my sins. Forgive me, ah, forgive me, O my God, and think no longer of the outrage I have done Thee. I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart, And 'tis for me the greatest smart, That I offended Thee, the supreme Good Ah, wash me clean in Jesus' blood.

#### **Act of Confidence in God (St. Alphonsus)**

No one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded (Eccclus. ii. 11). Christ is the propitiation for our sins (1 John ii. 2), that is to say, He died to obtain forgiveness for our sins. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Into Thy hands I commend my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: I shall not be confounded forever. O good Jesus, hide me in Thy wounds. My Jesus, Thou wilt not deny me pardon, Who did not refuse to give Thy life and Thy blood for me . Passion of Jesus, merits of Jesus, wounds of Jesus, blood of Jesus, death of Jesus, behold my hope. Mary, my Mother, thou must save me: have pity upon me. Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a sinner. We fly to thy

protection, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin. St. Michael, archangel, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. O all ye holy angels and saints of God, pray for us.

**Act of the Love of God (Father von Cochem)**

O my God, Thou knowest how much my heart yearns to love Thee and to cling to Thee alone. O my sweet Love, grant that I may ever love Thee more and more and always think of Thee. O my God, how much do I love Thee I love Thee from the bottom of my heart, and with all the powers of my soul . O my dearest Father, I am unable to tell Thee how much I love Thee . I love Thee more than all the things of this world, nay, more than my very life. Willingly do I offer it to Thee, if thereby I can honor and please Thee. Would to God that this illness may tend to Thy greater glory and the salvation of my soul.

**Act of Resignation to the Will of God (Father von Cochem)**

O my God, I resign myself with all my heart to Thy divine will; dispose of me. As my beloved Redeemer in the Garden of Olives resigned Himself to Thy fatherly will, so in like manner do I resign myself. Graciously deign to receive my sufferings, and let my illness be for Thy glory. I unite all my pains with those of Thy divine Son, and my sickness with His bitter Passion. I accept everything from Thy divine hand and most willingly suffer it for Thy sake. As Thy Son accepted every suffering, so do I accept all my pain from Thy hand. I desire to suffer with the same patience as He endured His sacred Passion, and to offer to Thee my torments with the same love as Christ offered His.

**Short Indulged Prayers**

- My God and my All.
- My God, I believe in Thee, because Thou art the eternal Truth; I hope in Thee, because Thou art almighty, good and faithful; I love Thee, because Thou art the supreme Good.
- O omnipotence of the Father, sustain my weakness and save me from the abyss of my misery. O wisdom of the Son, direct all my thoughts, words, and works. O love of the Holy Ghost, be thou the beginning of all the operations of my soul, that they may always correspond to the good pleasure of God.
- Eternal Father, I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus Christ in satisfaction for my sins and the wants of holy Church.
- May the most just, most high, and most amiable will of God be in all things done, praised and magnified forever.
- My Jesus, mercy.
- Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things.
- My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Saviour.
- Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
- Saviour of the world, have mercy on us.
- Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make my heart like unto Thine.
- O sweetest Heart of Jesus . I implore That I may ever love Thee more and more.

**Prayer for an Invalid in a State of Unconsciousness**

Almighty and eternal God, heavenly Father, sovereign Master of life and death, mercifully look down on this sick man who is in such great need. Is he not Thy child and has he not honored and loved Thee? and if at times he has offended Thee by sin, has he not made expiation by his contrition and penance? Unable to console and exhort him, because Thou hast deprived him of speech and hearing, we humbly beseech Thee to give him so much more interior consolation and strength against every temptation of Satan. Bountiful Father, look mercifully down upon this sick man; do not abandon him who in this hour of utter helplessness is in such need of Thy assistance. Forgive him all the sins by which he has ever offended Thee, that they may not trouble him at his departure from this world and prevent him from

seeing Thy divine face. Do not let him fall into any grievous temptation but uphold him by Thy powerful grace that neither the pain of illness, nor the fear of death, a want of confidence on account of past sins, nor the wiles of Satan may induce him to v fall away from Thee. Make haste to deliver him from this most distressing state, and let his soul be commended into Thy hands. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

### **Blessing over a Sick Man**

May the Lord bless and guard thee [me]. May the Lord turn His face to thee and be gracious to thee. May the Lord give thee His peace. I bless thee [myself] in the name of the Lord. May the Lord, Who has made heaven and earth, bless thee from Sion. May God have mercy on thee and let the light of His countenance shine upon thee and be gracious to thee. May the angel of the Lord assist thee. May the Lord relieve thee on thy [my] bed of suffering. May the Lord be merciful unto thee, and not take into account thy sins, and heal thee from all thy weaknesses. May the Lord avert everlasting death from thee, and crown thee with mercy and abundance of grace. The Lord guard and preserve thy soul now and forever. Amen. The Lord Jesus Christ be with thee to defend thee, within thee to refresh thee, round about thee to guard thee, before thee to guide thee, behind thee to protect thee, above thee that He may in every way shelter and bless thee. May the Holy Ghost descend and dwell with thee. May the Blessed Trinity fill thy heart with every good forever and ever. Amen.

## **II: AN ILLNESS OF LONG DURATION**

### **Offering of the Illness**

O my beloved Jesus, I most willingly accept and offer to Thee this illness, which Thy divine Heart has sent me as a token of Thy love. I do so with a love similar to Thine and through thankfulness to Thee. Into Thy most sweet Heart I lay all my sufferings and pains, imploring Thee to unite them with Thy sacred Passion and to perfect them through its infinite virtue. Being unable to praise Thee as I ought, owing to my afflicted state, I beseech Thee to praise God the Father for my suffering with the same praise as Thou did extol Him in Thy bitterest pains while hanging on the cross. I pray Thee offer to Thy Father my interior and exterior distress in union with Thy sacred Passion and with the same love with which Thou did offer to Him all the torments and ignominies Thou hast endured. Amen.

### **Manner of following Mass at Home (Father von Cochem)**

*(For those who on account of sickness or old age cannot assist at Holy Mass)*

#### From the Beginning of the Mass to the Offertory:

In the name of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I wish to draw near Thy altars, O Jesus, and participate in all the holy Masses which are said this day and especially at this hour. It is by Thy will, O my Lord and God, that I should pay Thee homage, not at church, but in this my sickroom. So then I will consider in my heart. Blessed is the man whom God correcteth; refuse not therefore the chastising of the Lord. For He woundeth and cureth. He striketh, and His hands shall heal (Job v. 17, 18). Behold the eyes of the Lord are on them that fear Him: and on them that hope in His mercy. To deliver their souls from death: and feed them in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: for He is our helper and protector (Ps. xxxii. 1820).

#### Prayer to Obtain Assistance at the Hour of Death: (St. Mechtilde)

O my sovereign, holy Mary, Mother of God, as God the Father in the greatness of His omnipotence hath exalted thee and given thee power above all creatures, be with me, I beseech thee, in the hour of my death, and drive far from me all the snares and craft of my enemies. Amen. Hail Mary.

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O my sovereign, holy Mary, Mother of God, as God the Son in the excellence of His unsearchable wisdom hath endowed thee with such great knowledge, and filled thee with such great light that thou knowest the Most Holy Trinity more truly and intimately than all the saints, do thou so enlighten my soul in the hour of my death with the knowledge of the faith, that no error or ignorance may lead it astray. Amen. Hail Mary.

The Offertory:

O Most Holy Trinity, in union with the love with which Jesus Christ offered Himself on the cross, I offer to Thee this holy Mass, together with all the Masses which are said this day throughout the whole world\* With it I offer Thee my suffering body, my afflicted soul, my cares and solitudes, my business, which on account of my illness I am unable to attend to, my thoughts, words and deeds, all of which I deposit on Thy holy altar, and unite with this holy sacrifice, so that all the blessings and prayers of the priest may also descend on my offering. Possessing no better gift than my heart, I take it in both my hands and offer it to Thee on Thy holy altar. All my crosses, and especially the bitterness of my malady, do I place into the chalice of Thy precious blood, and offer it to Thee in union with the bitter chalice which Christ willed to drink for our salvation on Mount Olivet, beseeching Thee graciously to accept and bless with Thy fatherly hand this, my offering. Amen.

The Sanctus:

Lord Jesus Christ, Who, when hanging on the cross, did utter seven words for our consolation, I humbly render Thee thanks for them, entreating Thee through the love and sorrow with which Thou did pronounce these words, to let my soul, whether I be living or dying, reap the happy effects thereof. I beseech Thee through the love with which Thou did plead for Thine enemies, forgive me everything whereby I have ever offended Thee. I beseech Thee through the love with which Thou did promise paradise to the good thief, deign graciously after this life to receive me into paradise. I beseech Thee through the love with which Thou did commend Thy holy Mother to St. John, commend me also to this loving Mother. I beseech Thee through the sadness with which Thou did complain to Thy Father, do not abandon me in my last hour. I beseech Thee through the burning thirst which Thou did will to suffer on the cross to extinguish in my heart all sinful desires. I beseech Thee through the consummation of the redemption of mankind not to let it be lost on me. Finally, I beseech Thee through the concluding prayer with which Thou did commend Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father, to let my soul in its last hour be most earnestly commended to Thee.

Before the Consecration:

O most clement Jesus, how great is Thy love for us, because for our salvation Thou did will to come down from heaven to be made man and do and suffer so much in our behalf. Alas, how pitilessly, O most beloved Jesus, hast Thou been buffeted and outraged, how cruelly scourged, crowned and crucified. What is all my suffering when compared with Thine. And all this Thou did suffer while innocent, with exceeding love, only through pity for us, and did offer it to Thy Father for our sins. Nevertheless, Thy love is not yet satisfied, but in order to give us greater proofs of it, Thou dost come down again from heaven at each holy Mass, and do renew, Thy bitter Passion. Descend then, my dear Saviour, descend from Thy heavenly throne on our altars for me, and through Thy personal, bodily presence there in the church, bring salvation to my poor soul and my afflicted body. Come with Thy liberality also to my sickbed and enrich my poor heart with graces. Come with Thy love and enkindle our lukewarm hearts. Amen.

The Consecration:

I adore Thee, O Jesus, my Lord and my God, and I render Thee thanks for Thy bloody sacrifice on the cross. Have mercy on me, my God and my Redeemer. O Jesus, be gracious unto me. O Jesus, be merciful unto me. O Jesus, pardon me my sins. O precious blood of

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my Saviour, which was shed on the cross for my sins also, cleanse my soul from every stain of guilt and strengthen it for the life to come Amen. O Jesus, for Thee I live. O Jesus, for Thee I die. O Jesus, living or dead, I am Thine. I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart, And 'tis to me the greatest smart, That I offended Thee, O highest Good. Ah, wash me clean in Jesus' blood.

After the Consecration:

Most benevolent Jesus, I turn my eyes and my heart to Thee in the church, where Thou art now lying on the altar. Ah, do Thou also turn Thy eyes and Thy Heart to me in my house and to my sickbed. Behold my suffering, my illness, my exhaustion, my abandonment and my utter need . Take my interests in hand and be my faithful mediator and intercessor with the divine justice. In all the holy Masses which are now being said here and throughout the world, offer Thyself for me and obtain for me mercy and help in my present necessity. Show to Thy Father Thy thorn crowned head, Thy lacerated body, Thy five Holy Wounds and Thy crimson blood, in testimony of the bitter pains Thou did suffer for me, that He may also be to me a Father, and, delivering me from tribulation, restore to me health of body and soul. Ah, above all, implore Him that I may not be lost forever . Sprinkle me with Thy precious blood, let me have a share in Thy merits and I will honor, love and glorify Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion:

O most sweet Jesus, how willingly would I receive Thee in Thy temple, for I am sick in body and soul and exceedingly miserable and helpless. From the bottom of my heart must I exclaim with the centurion in the Gospel: O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but say only the word, and my soul shall be healed. But nevertheless, come to me, dear Lord, come spiritually to me. My heart longs for Thee, and the desires of my soul sigh for Thee. O kind, O beloved, O most sweet Jesus. Let me receive Thee in my heart and enjoy Thee, Feed me with Thy flesh. Heal me with Thy sacred wounds, strengthen me with Thy precious blood. O divine beverage, O heavenly medicine, heal my sick heart. O sweet blood, refresh me. O sacred blood, inflame me, that I may at all times burn with love for my most dear Jesus. May the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life eternal. Amen.

The Benediction:

May the Most Holy Trinity bless me abundantly, so that I may preserve the effects of that blessing throughout my life. May Thy omnipotence, O Lord, bless me, Thy wisdom instruct me, Thy sweetness and consolation replenish me in all my pains, sorrows and tribulations. May God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost bless me for life everlasting. Amen.

The End of Holy Mass:

O dear Saviour, I now place myself under Thy holy cross and will there abide as long as Thou wilt. For to me, to live is Christ: and to die is gain. O sweetest Jesus, let Thy riven side pour strength and grace upon me, that nothing, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord (Rom. viii. 39). From my innermost heart I say, Father, not my will, but Thine be done. If Thou wilt that I should continue to suffer, That I should not recover from this malady, Thy will be done. That I should live longer, Thy will be done. That I should soon die, Thy will be done. Yes, Thy holy will be done in life and in death and forever and ever. Amen.

**The Our Father (Paraphrased for the Sick)**

Our Father, Who art in heaven:

O God, my Father and Father of all men. How sweet and consoling it is for me to be allowed to call Thee Father, now that pain and sickness encompass me. This illness indeed is a chastisement, but Thou lovest me and intendest to promote my eternal salvation thereby, because Thou art my Father. Thou art in heaven, but art also on earth and with me. Thou seest and knowest all my sufferings; Thou dost not

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allow me to suffer without necessity nor to call for help in vain, for Thou art my Father. This must be my consolation and my encouragement.

Hallowed be Thy name:

name will I extol for all the graces Thou hast bestowed upon me; I will glorify it by my constancy in suffering, and by patiently offering my illness for Thy greater honor. Let Thy name be praised and extolled when I suffer; let Thy name be praised and extolled when I die and enter into eternity. The name of the Lord be praised now and forever.

Thy Kingdom come:

kingdom of Thy grace, come. Reign, O my God, in my heart through Thy love, and, the battle being ended, receive me into the kingdom of Thy glory, where Thou hast prepared un speakable bliss for those who love Thee. Lord, give me strength, that I may persevere unto the end and then come to Thee.

Thy will be done on earthy as it is in heaven:

It is Thy will, O my Father, that I am now ill and suffer; let it be done in me, for Thy will is at all times holy, just, wise and good, although we may not understand it. Thy will be done in me. I submit to it with perfect obedience, willingly accepting from Thy hand the bitter chalice of suffering. Father, whether I live, or suffer or die, let Thy will be done in me.

Give us this day our daily bread:

Until now, Thou hast given me, besides the daily sustenance, innumerable graces and benefits, for which I return Thee thanks and beg Thee to forgive me every misuse of Thy gifts. Give me also, O my God, for the rest of my life what is needful to me. But above all, give the necessary nourishment to my immortal soul: the teaching of Thy Word, the consolation of Thy holy religion, the food of the most holy body and blood of Jesus Christ, and the grace for obtaining life eternal.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive:

Alas, O my God, great and oppressive is the weight of my sins. Through the merits of Jesus Christ, through the blood He has shed for me, I beseech Thee, blot them out, and forgive me. With David the Prophet do I implore Thee, Remember Thou not the sins of my youth; from my hidden iniquities purify me, and from the sins of others preserve me. Forgive also, O Lord, my daily shortcomings, my want of patience, my despondency in this my illness and all my other faults. From the bottom of my heart do I pardon all those who have ever offended me; I pardon them as I wish that Thou shouldst pardon me.

And lead us not into temptation:

Lord, do not permit temptation to be too great for me. If Thou wilt try me still longer and chastise me by sickness and pain, preserve me also from murmuring and impatience, from pusillanimity and despair, give me the grace to come off victorious in the trial and to persevere. Let me not sink under the heavy burden of my sufferings and pains, but grant that, strengthened by Thee, I may bear them with patience and resignation. Above all, O my God, do not permit me to be overcome in my death agony, in the last decisive conflict.

But deliver us from evil:

O God, if it is Thy holy will and beneficial to me, deliver me from the pains of illness, that evil which has oppressed me so long. Yet, the greatest, the only true evil is sin and an ungodly death. Merciful God, preserve me from it. Both in life and in death maintain me in Thy grace and love. Amen.

### **The Hail Mary (Paraphrased for the Sick)**

#### Hail Mary:

O Mary, Star of the sea, all the needy and oppressed look up to thee. And so do I from my bed of sickness, lifting up my imploring eyes to thee and asking thee for help. O Mary, my Mistress and my Queen, let thy power and goodness be made manifest in me. O Mary, with all the faithful, all the holy angels and all the heavenly host I salute thee, saying Hail, Mary. God has raised thee to the Full of grace, greatest dignity, and wills that through thy hands abundant graces should flow down upon mankind. O Mary, Virgin full of grace, thou who art the comforter of the afflicted, the help of Christians, the health of the sick, obtain for me, poor creature, health of body and soul.

#### The Lord is with Thee:

The Lord has done great things in thee. The eternal Father has chosen thee to be His Daughter, the only begotten Son to be His Mother, and the Holy Ghost to be His Spouse. Thou art therefore all powerful with God, O Blessed Virgin; implore Him that His grace may never depart from me.

#### Blessed art thou among women:

Thou art most blessed among thy sex. Thou art free from the curse of original sin and as a virgin hast given birth to Jesus, the Saviour of the world. O Mary, the one chosen Mother of the Redeemer, all the nations of the earth call thee blessed. Never shall thy praise die on my lips; at all times will I extol and glorify thee, in order to make myself worthy of thy help and intercession.

#### Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus:

Praised and extolled be thy divine Son, from Whom all salvation and benediction floweth forth. Blessed and extolled be Jesus, through Whom we obtain assistance in life, consolation and strength in suffering, peace and rest in death. O Blessed Virgin, would that I were happy enough, with thee and all the saints, to praise for all eternity Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb. Help me to attain thereto.

#### Holy Mary, Mother of God:

Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of mercy and my Mother. Pray for us sinners. Look upon me, thy poor helpless child, calling out to thee from this valley of tears. Pray for me now, who am weak, sick and miserable; pray for me who in this vale of pilgrimage am surrounded by numerous foes striving to wrest from me the possession of the heavenly inheritance; obtain for me a lively faith, a firm hope, an ardent love, an invincible patience and the grace of final perseverance. But especially pray for me at the hour of death; commend me to Jesus, thy Son; present me to Him, that I may die happily and possess Him forever. Amen.

### **Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus**

Lord, have mercy on us,  
Christ, have mercy on us,  
Lord, have mercy on us,  
Jesus, hear us,  
Jesus, graciously hear us,  
God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, Son of the living God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, splendor of the Father, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, brightness of eternal light, Jesus, king of glory, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, sun of justice, *have mercy on us.*

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Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, Jesus amiable, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus admirable, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, the powerful God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, father of the world to come, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, angel of the great council, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most powerful, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most patient, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, most obedient, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, Jesus, lover of chastity, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, lover of us, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, God of peace, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, author of life, *have mercy on us.,*  
Jesus, model of all virtues, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, zealous for souls, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, our God, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, our refuge, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, father of the poor, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, treasure of the faithful, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, good shepherd, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, true light, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, eternal wisdom, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, infinite goodness, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, our way and our life, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, joy of angels, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, king of the patriarchs, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, master of the apostles, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, teacher of the Evangelists, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, strength of martyrs, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, light of confessors, *have mercy on us.,*  
Jesus, purity of virgins, *have mercy on us.*  
Jesus, crown of all saints, *have mercy on us.*  
Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus.  
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus.  
From all evil, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
From all sin, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
From Thy wrath, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
From the snares of the devil, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
From the spirit of fornication, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
From eternal death, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
From the neglect of Thy inspirations, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy nativity, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thine infancy, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy most divine life, Through Thy labors, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thine agony and Passion, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy cross and dereliction, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy languors, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy death and burial, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy resurrection, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thine ascension, *Jesus, deliver us.*

Through Thy joys, *Jesus, deliver us.*

Through Thy glory, *Jesus, deliver us.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Jesus,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Jesus,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus,

Jesus, hear us,

Jesus, graciously hear us,

Let us Pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast said: Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: give, we beseech Thee, to us who ask, the grace of Thy most divine love; that with all our hearts, words, and works we may love Thee, and never cease praising Thee. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name, for Thou never failest to govern those whom Thou dost solidly establish in Thy love. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Devotion to the Five Wounds**

#### Act of Contrition:

As I kneel before Thee on the cross, most loving Saviour of my soul, my conscience tells me it was I who nailed Thee to that cross with these hands of mine, as often as I have fallen into mortal sin, wearying Thee with my monstrous ingratitude. My God, my chief and most perfect Good, worthy of all my love, seeing Thou hast ever loaded me with blessings. I cannot now undo my misdeeds as I would most willingly, but I can and will loathe them, grieving greatly for having offended Thee Who art infinite goodness. And now kneeling at Thy feet, I will try at least to compassionate Thee, to give Thee thanks, to ask of Thee pardon and contrition.

#### Wound of the Left Foot:

Holy wound of the left foot of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou did suffer I thank thee for the love whereby thou was wearied in overtaking me on the way to ruin, and did bleed amid the thorns and brambles of my sins I offer to the eternal Father the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, in atonement for my sins, all which I detest with sincere and bitter contrition. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father. Holy Mother, pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.

#### Wound of the Right Foot:

Holy wound of the right foot of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou did suffer. I thank thee for the love which pierced thee with such torture and shedding of blood in order to punish my wanderings, and the guilty pleasures I have granted to my passions. I offer the eternal Father all the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, and I pray unto thee for grace to weep over my transgressions with burning tears, and to enable me to persevere in the good which I have begun without ever swerving again from my obedience to the commandments of my God. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

#### Wound of the Left Hand:

Holy wound of the left hand of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou did suffer. I thank thee for having, in thy love, spared me the scourges and eternal damnation which my sins have merited. I offer to the eternal Father the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, and I pray thee to teach me how to turn to good account my span of life, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and so disarm the angry justice of my God. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Wound of the Right Hand:

Holy wound of the right hand of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou did suffer. I thank thee for thy graces lavished on me with such love, in spite of all my miserable obstinacy. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, and I pray thee to change my heart and its affections and make me do all my actions in accordance with the will of God. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Wound of the Sacred Side:

Holy wound in the side of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for the cruel insult thou did suffer. I thank Thee, my Jesus, for the love which suffered Thy side and Heart to be pierced, that so the last drops of blood and water might issue forth, making my redemption to abound. I offer to the eternal Father this outrage, and the love of Thy most holy humanity, that my soul may enter once for all into that most loving Heart, eager and ready to receive the greatest sinners, and from it may never more depart Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

**Act of Confidence (Father von Cochem)**

To obtain pardon of our sins through the merits of Jesus Christ: O my God, when I think of my past life, I am filled with fear and trembling, for I have committed so many and such grievous sins and have thereby greatly insulted Thine infinite justice. I have incurred a debt which I shall never be able to pay, even though I were to practice the most severe penances. Nevertheless, I do not despair, having recourse to the superabundant satisfaction of my Redeemer. Remember, O most loving Father, the torments which Thy Son endured when hanging on the cross, and what martyrdom He underwent for me. Behold how His royal head is crowned with thorns, and His divine face disfigured with spittle. See His bruised shoulders, His lacerated back and breast, His mangled body, His wounded arms and knees, His pierced hands and feet, His whole frame covered with blood and wounds. Behold, I place this wounded body of my Redeemer between myself and Thee, between Thy justice and my misery, between Thy strict judgment and my grievous sins. I have sinned much, but Thy Son has made an atonement infinitely greater. I owe Thee much, but He has paid far more. Grievously have I offended Thee, but Thy Son has done yet more to satisfy Thee. Therefore, I rely on the merits of Thy dear Son and through Him I hope to obtain mercy. Let, then, His bitter agony be my salvation and let not His sufferings be lost for my soul. May His burning tears wash my soul, and His precious blood blot out all the stains of my sins. May His ignominious death preserve me from everlasting death. Accept, O my Lord, His bitter torments in satisfaction for my heavy sins. If a single drop of His precious blood would suffice to atone for more than all the sins of the world, what will be the worth of all the drops of His precious blood? But now, in order to satisfy for my sins, I offer Thee each and every drop of my Saviour's blood, together with all His merits. I do not doubt Thou wilt receive my offering, and in consideration of it graciously pardon me all my sins and release me from the punishment which yet remains for them. Amen.

**The Seven Words of Christ on the Cross**

Divine Jesus, incarnate Son of God, Who did vouchsafe for our salvation to be born in a stable, to lead a life of poverty, toil, and misery, and to die a painful death on the cross, I beseech Thee, at the hour of my death, say to Thy heavenly Father: Father, pardon him, to Thy Mother Behold thy son. And to my soul: This day shalt thou be with Me in paradise. O my God, my God, do not abandon me in that hour. I thirst; yea, my soul thirsts for Thee, my God, Who art the source of living water. My life vanishes like a shadow; yet a little while, and all will be consummated. Therefore, O my adorable Saviour, I commend my spirit into Thy hands; from this moment, and for all eternity, Lord Jesus, receive my soul. Amen.

### **The Way of the Cross**

(Beginning Each Station) We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Station - Jesus is condemned to death:

My Jesus, oft have I signed Thy death warrant by my sins: save me by Thy death from that eternal death I deserve. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Station - Jesus receives his cross:

My Jesus, Who by Thine own will did take on Thee the cross which I made for Thee by my sins: oh, make me know the weight of them, and sorrow for them ever while I live. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Station - Jesus falls the first time:

My Jesus, the heavy burden of my sins has made Thee fall down beneath the cross. My Jesus, I loathe them, I detest them, I beseech Thee to pardon them; aided by Thy grace, I will never commit them more. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus meets His Mother:

Jesus, most suffering. Mary, Mother most sorrowful. For the past by sin, I have caused you pain and sorrow yet by divine grace shall be no more, but I will love you faithfully until death. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Station - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross:

My Jesus, happy was that man of Cyrene, who aided Thee to bear the cross . Happy shall I be if I, too, aid Thee to bear the cross by suffering with patience and good will the crosses Thou shalt send me during life. My Jesus, give me grace to do so. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Station - Veronica wipes the Face of Jesus:

Jesus, most compassionate, Who did deign to print Thy sacred countenance upon the cloth with which Veronica wiped the sweat from Thy brows; print in my soul deep, I pray Thee, the lasting memory of Thy most bitter pains. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus falls a second time:

My Jesus, oft have I sinned, and by sin often made Thee fall beneath the cross. Help me to use such efficacious means of grace, that I may never fall again into sin. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem:

My Jesus, Who did comfort the pious women of Jerusalem who wept to see Thee so tormented: comfort my soul with Thy mercy, for in Thy mercy alone is my sole trust. Oh, may I never frustrate it Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

9<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus falls a third time:

My Jesus, by all the bitter woe Thou did endure, a third time Thou did fall beneath the heavy cross: oh, never let me fall away, but rather let me die than ever more tally sin again. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

10<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus is stripped of his garments:

My Jesus, Who was stripped of Thy clothes, and drenched with gall, strip me of love for things of earth, and make me loathe all that savors of the world and sin. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

11<sup>th</sup> Station – Jesus is nailed to the cross:

My Jesus, by those agonizing pains Thou did endure when the hard nails pierced Thy tender hands and feet and fixed them to the cross, oh, make me ever crucify my flesh with the spirit of true Christian penance. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

12<sup>th</sup> Station – Jesus dies on the cross:

My Jesus, three hours did Thou hang in agony upon the cross, and then did die for me: let me die before I sin again; and if I live, may I live to love Thee and to serve Thee faithfully. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

13<sup>th</sup> Station – Jesus is taken down from the cross:

Mary, Mother most sorrowful, the sword of grief went through thy soul when thou did see thy dear Son Jesus lying lifeless in thy bosom: ask for me hatred of sin, which was the cause of His death, and made thee suffer so much; and then obtain for me grace to live a true Christian life and save my soul. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

14<sup>th</sup> Station – Jesus is laid in the tomb:

My Jesus, beside Thee in the tomb I desire that I may ever remain as one dead; and if I live, I wish to live only to Thee; that so one day I may come with Thee to taste of the bliss of heaven, the fruit of Thy Passion and most painful death. Amen. Holy Mother, pierce me through: In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Let us Pray:

God, Who by the precious blood of Thy only begotten Son, did sanctify the standard of the cross; grant, we beseech Thee, that all those who rejoice in the glory of the same holy cross may at all times and places feel the gladness of Thy protection. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be for to the holy intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Alphonsus)**

Most holy, immaculate Virgin, and my Mother. Mary, to thee, who art the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I have recourse who am the most miserable of all. I worship thee, O great Queen, and I thank thee for all the graces which thou hast hitherto granted me; and especially I thank thee for having delivered me from hell, which I have so often deserved. I love thee, most amiable Lady; and for the love which I bear thee, I promise always to serve thee, and to do all that I can that thou mayest also be loved by others. I place all my hopes in thee, and I confide my salvation to thy care; accept me for thy servant, and receive me under thy mantle, O Mother of mercy And since thou art so powerful with God, do thou deliver me from all temptations, or rather

obtain for me strength to triumph over them until death. Of thee I ask the true love of Jesus Christ; through thee I hope to die a good death. My Mother, by the love which thou bearest to God, I beseech thee to help me always, but especially at the last moment of my life; leave me not until thou seest me safe in heaven, blessing thee, and singing thy mercies for all eternity. Amen

**Prayer to St. Joseph (Father von Cochem)**

In this my illness and need, I fly to thee, O most faithful foster father of Christ, St Joseph, and confidently invoke thy assistance. Thou art appointed by God to be the special patron of the dying, and as such thou art honored by every pious soul. Therefore, I also venerate thee as my advocate and recommend to thee my perilous passage out of this world. O dear St. Joseph, under thy care take my poor soul and my last hour. I beseech thee through thy great love for Jesus and Mary, and through all the joys and sorrows thou did share with them, let my great necessity move thy heart and fill it with compassion for me, thy poor client Protect me against the evil one and strengthen me in my grievous temptations. Cheer me in my despondency, strengthen me with consolation, that I may not despair. As Jesus and Mary did faithfully assist thee in thy death, sweetly consoling and encouraging thee, so mayest thou with Jesus and Mary faithfully assist, console and support my anguished soul. Into thy holy hands, into thy loving arms, on which thou did so frequently bear the dear little Jesus, do I recommend my sinful soul, imploring thee to receive it into thy holy hands and embrace it with thy loving arms. Amen.

**Prayer to St. Barbara**

O God, Who hast chosen St. Barbara to be the consolation of the living and of the dying, grant, we beseech Thee, through her intercession, that we may always live in Thy holy love, and place all our hopes in the merits of the most bitter Passion of Thy Son, so that we may never be surprised by the death of sin, but that, fortified by the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Extreme Unction, we may enter without fear upon the journey to eternal glory. This we ask most earnestly through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



### III: WHEN THE DANGER OF THE PATIENT INCREASES

#### **The Protestation for Death (St. Alphonsus)**

My God, prostrate in Thy presence, I adore Thee; and I intend to make the following protestation, as if I were on the point of passing from this life into eternity.

My Lord, because Thou art the infallible Truth, and hast revealed it to the holy Church, I believe in the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons, but only one God, Who for all eternity rewards the just in heaven, and punishes the wicked in hell. I believe that the Second Person, that is the Son of God, became man and died for the salvation of mankind; and I believe all that the holy Church believes.

I thank Thee for having made me a Christian, and I protest that I will live and die in this holy faith. My God, my hope, trusting in Thy promises I hope from Thy mercy, not through my own merits, but through the merits of Jesus Christ, for the pardon of my sins, perseverance, and after this miserable life, the glory of paradise. And should the devil at death tempt me to despair at the sight of my sins, I protest that I will always hope in Thee, O Lord, and that I desire to die in the loving arms of Thy goodness. O God, worthy of infinite love, I love Thee with my whole heart, more than I love myself; and I protest that I desire to die making an act of love, that I may thus continue to love Thee eternally in heaven, which for this end I desire and ask of Thee. And if hitherto, O Lord, instead of loving Thee, I have despised Thy infinite goodness, I repent of it with all my heart, and I protest that I wish to die always weeping over, and detesting, the offences I have committed against Thee. I purpose for the future rather to die than ever to sin again; and for the love of Thee, I pardon all who have offended me.

O God, I accept of death, and of all the suffering which will accompany it, I unite it with the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, and offer it in acknowledgment of Thy supreme dominion, and in satisfaction for my sins. Do Thou, O Lord, accept of this sacrifice, which I make of my life, for the love of that great sacrifice which Thy divine Son made of Himself upon the altar of the cross. I resign myself entirely to Thy divine will as though I were now on my death-bed and protest that I wish to die, Thy will be done.

Most holy Virgin, my advocate and my Mother, Mary, thou art and wilt always be, after God, my hope and my consolation at the hour of death. From this moment I have recourse to thee and beg of thee to assist me in that passage. O my dear Queen, do not abandon me in that last moment; come then to take my soul and present it to thy Son. Henceforward I shall expect thee; and I hope to die under thy mantle and clinging to thy feet.

My protector St Joseph, St Michael archangel, my angel guardian, my holy patrons, do you all assist me in that last combat with hell. And Thou, my crucified Love, Thou, my Jesus, Who were pleased to choose for Thyself so bitter a death to obtain for me a good death, remember at that hour, that I am one of those dear sheep Thou didst purchase with Thy blood. Thou Who, when all the world shall have forsaken me, and not one shall be able to assist me, canst alone console me and save me. Do Thou make me worthy then to receive Thee in the Viaticum and suffer me not to lose Thee forever and to be banished forever to a distance from Thee. No my beloved Saviour, receive me then into Thy sacred wounds, for I now embrace Thee.

At my last breath I intend to breathe forth my soul into the loving wound in Thy side, saying now for that moment, Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul! O happy suffering, to suffer for God. Happy death, to die in the Lord ! I embrace Thee now, my good Redeemer, that I may die in Thy embraces. If, O my soul, Mary assists thee at thy departure, and Jesus receives thy last breath, it will not be death, but a sweet repose.

**Willing Acceptance of Death (St. Alphonsus)**

O my Jesus, I offer Thee my life and am ready to die when it pleases Thee. Thy will be done."  
Lord, if it pleases Thee to leave me still for a time on this earth, may Thy name be praised. Yet I would not wish to live longer if my life were not wholly to be employed in loving and glorifying Thee. If it be Thy will that I die of this or of some other illness, may Thy holy name be equally praised. I receive death in order to fulfil Thy will; all I ask of Thee is to assist me in my last hour. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

If it is Thy will that I should leave this earth, I protest that I will die, because so it is Thy will. I will also die in order that, by the anguish and bitterness of my death, I may offer satisfaction to the divine justice for the many sins by which I have offended it and have thereby deserved hell I will also die that I may no longer be able to offend Thee or cause Thee any displeasure. I will die to show Thee my gratitude for the numerous benefits and favors which, in spite of my unworthiness, I have received at Thy hands. I will die to show that I love Thy will more than my life. I wish, if it so pleases Thee, to die now while I hope to be in Thy grace, in order to be sure of praising and extolling Thee forever.

But above all, I will die in order to love Thee with all my strength and forever in heaven, where through Thy precious blood, O my Saviour, I hope to arrive someday, and where I shall be certain to love Thee unceasingly. My Jesus, through love of me Thou didst will to suffer death on the cross; behold, I also through love of Thee accept death with all the sufferings which await me in my last hour, saying with St. Francis: Let me die, O Lord, through love of Thee, Who didst die through love of me.

O my Redeemer, my Love, my only Good, I beseech Thee through Thy sacred wounds and painful death, let me die in Thy grace and love.

O Jesus, my Saviour, I beseech Thee most particularly through the pains Thou didst endure when Thy most holy soul was separated from Thy adorable body, graciously receive my soul on leaving my body.

O Mother of God, most blessed Virgin Mary, intercede with Jesus for me at the hour of my death, when in a most special manner I shall be in need of thy assistance.

O Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, shield us from the enemy and receive us in the hour of death. To thy protection we fly, O holy Mother of God! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.

O holy Joseph, my loving Father, assist me in that decisive moment.

St. Michael, the archangel, deliver me from the evil spirits who lay snares for my soul.

My holy patron, and all ye saints of heaven, pray to God for me. Amen.

**Litany for a Happy Death**

O Lord Jesus, God of goodness and Father of mercies, I approach Thee with a contrite and humble heart; to Thee I recommend my last hour, and that which then awaits me. When my feet, now motionless, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to an end. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my hands, cold and trembling, shall no longer be able to hold Thy crucified image, and shall let it fall from their feeble grasp upon my bed of pain. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

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When my eyes, dim and troubled at the horror of approaching death, shall fix on Thee their languid and expiring looks. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my lips, cold and trembling, shall pronounce for the last time Thy adorable name. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my cheeks, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; and my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my ears, soon to be forever shut to the discourse of men, Shall open to hear Thy voice pronounce the irrevocable decree which shall decide my lot for eternity. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my imagination, agitated by horrid and terrifying phantoms, shall be sunk in mortal anguish, when my soul, affrighted at the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of Thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal Thy mercies from my eyes, and plunge me into despair. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my poor heart, oppressed with the pains of sickness and exhausted by its struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall be seized with the pangs of death. When the last tears, forerunners of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive them as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins, that I may die the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my friends and relatives, encircling my bed, shall be moved with compassion for me and invoke Thy clemency in my behalf. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When I shall have lost the use of my senses and the world shall vanish from my sight, when I shall groan with anguish in my last agony and in the sorrows of death. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my last sighs shall summon my soul to go forth from my body, receive them as the effects of a holy impatience to fly to Thee, and in that moment. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage, which I willingly pay to Thy divine majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When at length my soul, admitted to Thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of Thy majesty, reject me not, but receive me into Thy bosom, where I may forever sing Thy praises, and in that moment when eternity shall begin for me. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

Let us Pray. O God, Who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death; grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embrace of Thy holy love; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Desire of Heaven (St. Alphonsus)**

Those souls who had but a faint desire of heaven will have a special pain to endure in purgatory; that is the so-called pain of desire or yearning. This life is a prison, a place of punishment, where we cannot see God. Therefore, David prayed, Conduct my soul out of prison. And St. Augustine exclaims, Let me die, O Lord, that I may see Thee. Say therefore, I desire heaven, in order to love Thee, O my God, forever and with all my strength. When shall I be able to say: My God, now I can no longer lose Thee? When, O my God, shall I behold Thy infinite beauty and love Thee face to face? In heaven I shall always love Thee and Thou wilt always love me; we shall then forever love each other, O my God, my Love and my All My Jesus, when shall I kiss the wounds Thou hast received for me?

O Mary, my Mother, thou who hast lavished so much love and help upon me, when shall I come to see thee and prostrate myself at thy feet? Turn then, my gracious advocate, thy merciful eyes towards me, and after this exile show unto me Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb.



#### IV: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENTS

##### **Prayers For Receiving the Holy Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**

###### Preparatory Prayers:

O God, the Father of light! Thou Who enlightens all men that come into this world, send into my poor soul a bright and burning ray of holy charity, that I may know, abhor, and confess the sins which I have committed against Thee. I desire to see my sins in all their enormity, and just as they are in Thy sight: I wish to detest them for the love of Thee, and to confess them with the same sincerity as I should wish to do at the moment of my death. Jesus, my God and Saviour, I offer to Thee the examination which I am going to make, and I look to Thee with confidence for the grace to do it well. And do thou, O Mother of God, assist me. Thou who art so full of compassion for sinners that sincerely desire to repent of their sins. Help me, my holy guardian angel ! help me to know all the offences which I have committed against my God. Oh ! all ye saints of heaven, pray for me, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance. Amen

###### Examination of Conscience:

- **First Commandment** - Have you doubted any article of faith or denied your religion? Have you exposed your faith to danger by going to Protestant churches or reading Protestant books? Have you gone on in your sins, trusting to confess them on your deathbed? Have you neglected your prayers, said them carelessly, or behaved disrespectfully before the Blessed Sacrament? Have you made a bad confession or communion? Have you given faith to dreams or consulted fortune-tellers?
- **Second Commandment** - Have you taken a false oath? A rash oath or an oath to do something wicked or unlawful? Have you broken your lawful oaths? How often? Have you sworn rashly or inconsiderately by the name of God, by your soul or by way of imprecation upon yourself? Have you cursed yourself or others? Was it from your heart? How often? Have you spoken disrespectfully of God, of His saints, or of sacred things?
- **Third Commandment** - Have you missed Holy Mass through your own fault on Sundays or holy days, arrived late or kept others from going? Have you behaved badly during Mass? Have you done any servile work without necessity on those days? Have you eaten meat on Fridays, or Fasting Days?
- **Fourth Commandment**  
(for Children) - Have you been disobedient, sulky or stubborn? Have you behaved disrespectfully to your parents? Called them names, or cursed or struck them? Have you kept your wages from them or neglected to help them?

(For Parents) – Have you neglected to have your children baptized soon after their birth? To teach them their prayers? To send them to school? Catechism? Mass? Have you sent them to Protestant schools? Have you given them bad example by cursing or quarrelling in their presence? Have you neglected to keep your children out of bad company? Have you let them stay out late at night or exposed them in any other way to the danger of sinning? Have you left your family in want, wasting your wages in drink, etc.? Have you fulfilled your duty to each other as husband and wife?

- **Fifth Commandment** - Have you been guilty of anger, quarrelling, or fighting? Have you borne malice to anyone, or desired to revenge yourself? Have you been intoxicated yourself, or made others so?
- **Sixth and Ninth Commandments** - Have you given way to immodest thoughts, looks, or actions with yourself or others? Have you read or lent bad books? Have you been guilty of bad talking? Have you sung bad or immodest songs, and in presence of how many? Have you exposed yourself to danger of sin? Have you kept bad company or kept company at improper times and in dangerous places?
- **Seventh and Tenth Commandments** - Have you stolen from your parents or others? Used false weights or measures, passed false money, or cheated in any way in buying or selling? Have you encouraged others to steal or shared in stolen goods, pawned or sold them? Have you wasted your master's time or goods, or let others rob him? Have you delayed making restitution, or neglected to pay your debts?
- **Eighth Commandment** - Have you told lies of your neighbor, or made known his secret faults, and to how many, and what is the amount of the injury you have done? Have you carried stories backwards and forwards, or in any way made mischief among your neighbors or at home? Have you told lies in self-excuse, or given way to rash judgments or jealous suspicions?

Act of Contrition:

O God of infinite majesty, behold at Thy feet the traitor who has again offended Thee, but who now in all humility asks Thy pardon. O Lord, reject me not. Thou canst not despise a humbled heart I thank Thee for having waited for me up to the present moment, and for not having allowed me to die when I was in sin, and be sent to hell, as I had deserved. The patience Thou hast shown towards me, O my God, makes me hope that through the merits of Jesus Christ Thou wilt pardon me in this confession all my offences against Thee. I repent of them and am grieved because I have thereby deserved hell, and lost heaven; but I am especially sorry for them from the bottom of my heart, not so much because I have deserved hell, but because I have displeased Thee, Who art infinite goodness.

Yes, I love Thee, O sovereign Good, and because I love Thee, I repent of all my offences against Thee. I have turned my back upon Thee; I have been wanting in respect towards Thee; I have despised Thy grace, Thy friendship; in a word, O Lord, I have willfully lost Thee. Ah! for the love of Jesus Christ forgive me all my sins: I repent of them with my whole heart; I hate, I detest them; I abhor them more than all evils, and I repent not only of my mortal, but also of my venial sins, which likewise displease Thee. I purpose for the future, with the help of Thy grace, nevermore willfully to offend Thee. Yes, my God, I will rather die than sin again.

After Confession:

My dear Jesus, how much do I not owe Thee! By the merits of Thy blood, I trust that I have this day been pardoned. I thank Thee exceedingly, and I hope to praise Thy mercies forever in heaven. My God, if hitherto I have so often lost Thee, I will lose Thee no more for the time to come I am really resolved to change my life. Thou deserves all my love; I wish to love Thee in good earnest. My will is never again to be separated from Thee. I have already promised Thee, and I promise Thee again at this moment, to consent rather to die than to offend Thee again. I promise to fly the occasion of sin, and to use this means (here mention it) for not falling again. But Thou, my Jesus, knows my weakness, give me the grace to be faithful to Thee until death, and to have recourse to Thee in my temptations. Most holy Virgin Mary, assist me. Thou art the Mother of perseverance. I place all my hope in thee.

### **Prayers For Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Viaticum**

#### Preparatory Prayers:

Through Thy unspeakable goodness, O my dearest Jesus, Thou hast, as I hope, forgiven me my sins in the Sacrament of Penance. But not satisfied with this, Thou wilt now give me Thy adorable body and blood as a pledge of Thy mercy, and as I am not able to appear at the foot of Thy altar, Thou deigns to come to my sick-bed. Ah, how infinitely great is Thy love for me ! But before entering my heart, cleanse it yet more, inflame it with Thy love, augment my faith and my hope, and then be for me the celestial nourishment, which will help me to triumph over the enemies of my soul. Divine Jesus, in Thee alone do I put my trust; Thou alone canst be my helper and consoler. Awaken within my heart those feelings which can make it pleasing to Thine; come into my heart, most bountiful Jesus (as my Viaticum); protect and make me strong against the pursuit of the wicked enemy and give my soul everlasting bliss. Amen.

#### When the Priest Enters the House with the Most Holy Sacrament:

Behold my Creator, my Redeemer comes to me, His poor unworthy creature! I adore Thee with deepest reverence, O my God! With the greatest impatience do I desire Thee, my loving Master! Come, come, O my God! Come, to strengthen my weakness, to heal my wounds, to alleviate my suffering, to enrich me with the fulness of Thy graces and to inflame me with Thy love! Come, loving Jesus, stay within me, as I wish in life and in death to be united with Thee forever.

On a table covered with a clean white cloth put a crucifix between two lighted candles, a glass of pure drinking-water, and a vessel with holy water.

On entering the sick-room, the priest says:

P: Pax huic domui.

R: Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

Soon after the priest and people pray alternately:

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R: Qui fecit coelum et terram.

P. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. Pray the Confiteor.

#### Thanksgiving:

I have now the great happiness to possess Thee in my heart, O good Jesus! I adore Thy infinite majesty, and cannot say aught else but: Who art Thou, O Lord, and who am I, whom Thou hast deigned to visit? At this thought I humble myself in Thy presence as much as I am able. How infinitely great is Thy goodness! How admirable Thy love! My God, my Redeemer, my Jesus, has united Himself to me! Now I can say with the prophet, Although I walk in the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for Thou, O God, art with me. I thank Thee, O God of my soul, and would that I were able to thank Thee.

I pray my angel guardian, my holy patrons, and the most Blessed Virgin to praise, bless and thank Thee in my stead. I wish and pray now for nothing else, but that all the sighs and inward motions of my heart until my last breath may be acts of sincere repentance and of burning love. From this bed of pain, I offer myself wholly to Thee and with the most perfect resignation to Thy divine will. I thank Thee for all Thy

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benefits, and deeply regret ever having misused them by offending Thee. Henceforth I will love Thee with all my heart and above all things. I am now united with Thee and will never more separate myself from Thee. O Jesus, Jesus, Thou art my sovereign Good, the Beloved of my heart, Thou art my All!

Forsake me not. If Thou wilt that I should suffer, suffer much, I am ready with Thy grace to suffer through love of Thee. Ah, most dear, most bountiful Jesus, this I implore, through Thy suffering, Thy precious blood, Thy cross and Thy death, let me forever be the object of Thy mercy, that I may praise Thee in heaven and enjoy the delights of paradise. Amen

Other Prayers Before Holy Communion:

O my Jesus! I firmly believe all that Thou teaches through Thy holy Church; especially do I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament; I believe all this because it has been taught by Thee, Who art eternal Truth.

O my Jesus! I hope that in Thy infinite goodness and mercy Thou wilt pardon me all my sins and give me the grace to persevere and save my soul.

O my Jesus! I love Thee with my whole heart and above all things, because Thou art the supreme, most perfect and amiable Good. Out of love for Thee I repent of all my sins; I will rather die than offend Thy infinite majesty again.

O my Jesus! I adore Thee in this Most Holy Sacrament because Thou art my Lord and God, my Creator and Redeemer.

O my Jesus! I am not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof, yet speak but the word, and my soul shall be healed. (Repeat Three times)

O my Jesus! My God and my All! My heart desires to receive Thee, come and unite my soul to Thee.

After Holy Communion:

O my Jesus! my Lord and God, I adore Thee from the bottom of my heart, and I will adore Thee for all eternity.

O Jesus! Thou art the eternal Truth; I believe in Thee.

O Jesus! Thou art the eternal Goodness; I hope in Thee.

O Jesus! my love ! I love Thee above all things.

O my Jesus! whence comes this grace that Thou, my Lord and God, dost visit me, a wretched sinner, and dost nourish me with Thy own flesh and blood?

O my Jesus ! may praise and thanks be given to Thee for all eternity, because Thou hast deigned to visit me, a poor sinner.

O my Jesus ! I offer Thee my body and my soul, and all that I am and all that I have. Do with me what Thou pleases, now and for all eternity.

### **Prayers For Receiving the Sacrament of Extreme Unction**

#### Before Extreme Unction:

Divine Saviour, let me now be strengthened by the holy Sacrament of Extreme Unction, which Thy boundless mercy has so lovingly instituted for Thy faithful sick. I firmly believe that this sacrament will restore to me the health of the body, if it be good for my salvation; I likewise believe that it will relieve me in my illness, strengthen me against temptations, and remit those of my sins for which, without my knowledge, I may still be indebted to Thy justice; for such is the teaching of Thy holy apostle: Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him. (Jas. v. 14, 15).

I thank Thee, O my God, for having instituted this means of grace also for me, who ardently desire to receive it, that I may be completely cleansed from all the sins which I have ever committed through my inward and outward senses. Fill my heart evermore with horror and hatred of the least transgression of Thy law, with perfect resignation to Thy holy will, that I may worthily receive Extreme Unction, for the salvation of my body and soul. Amen.

My God, grant me, I beseech Thee, the grace to receive Extreme Unction and all the operations of grace combined with this holy sacrament, so that the wounds of my soul may be healed. Alas, how often, O my God, have I made use of my senses to offend Thee ! Instead of consecrating to Thee all the members of my body, I have misused them, making them instruments of injustice and of sin. Through holy Baptism my body had become Thy temple, and I have often profaned it. I ask Thee, O Lord, for mercy, compassion and forgiveness. I repent and am deeply sorry for all my sins, because I have thereby offended Thee, my supreme Good, Who deserves to be loved infinitely and above all things. I will nevermore offend Thee. Pardon me, console me, and make me happy, O Lord, through the infinite merits of the precious blood and death of Thy Son, my divine Redeemer.

On a table covered with a clean white cloth, place a crucifix with two lighted candles. At the left side of the table there must be a vessel containing holy water; at the right side, one with drinking-water, and in the center a plate with seven little balls of cotton, some salt or breadcrumbs.

On entering the sick-room, the priest says:

P: Pax huic domui.

R: Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

Soon after the priest says:

P: Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R: Qui fecit coelum et terrain.

P: Dominus vobiscum.

R: Et cum spiritu tuo.

R: Pray the Confiteor.

P: Kyrie eleison.

R: Christe eleison

P: Kyrie eleison.

P: Salvum (am) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam),

R: Deus meus, sperantem in te.

P: Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto,  
R: Et de Sion tuere eum (earn).

P: Esto ei, Domine, turris fortitudinis,  
R: A facie inimici.

P: Nihil proficiat inimicus in eo (ea).  
R: Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.

P: Domine exaudi orationem meam,  
R: Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P: Dominus vobiscum,  
R: Et cum spiritu tuo.

After Extreme Unction:

I thank Thee, O my divine Redeemer, with all my heart, for having strengthened and sanctified my soul by the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. I hope that now all my sins are effaced, and that what may have been deficient in my penance and confession has been made up for through the grace of this holy sacrament. Therefore I will dismiss every kind of uneasiness about it, and confidently give myself up into the hands of Thy mercy; I also hope that Thou wilt restore me to health, if it would be profitable for me to live longer; and if not, I rejoice, O my sweet Saviour, to be permitted to enter soon with a pure heart in to everlasting rest; for one day with Thee in heaven is better than a thousand years here on earth. Let me nevermore lose the grace of Thy holy sacraments.

When the priest gives the general absolution:

P: Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.  
R: Qui fecit coelum et terram.

P. Kyrie eleison.  
R. Christe eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.  
P: Pater noster...  
R: Sed libera nos a malo.

P: Salvum (am) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam).  
R: Deus meus, sperantem in te.

P: Domine exaudi orationem meam.  
R: Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P: Dominus vobiscum.  
R: Et cum spiritu tuo.  
R: Pray the Confiteor.

**Prayers when the Sick Person has no opportunity to receive the Last Sacraments**

Almighty, eternal and merciful God, Who didst say: Invoke Me in the hour of need, and didst utter this consoling promise: As I live, I will not the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live. Behold, I am a poor, miserable sinner, stricken with illness and oppressed with the heavy load of innumerable misdeeds, come to Thee in this my utmost need, reminding Thee, O bountiful Father, of Thy promise, which is the only consolation left to my afflicted soul, and imploring Thy grace and mercy.

See, O Lord, my heart is sorely afflicted, and my strength has left me. But Thou, all wise God, Who searches the reins and the heart, Thou knows the desire of my oppressed soul and how gladly and willingly I would make use of the salutary means of reconciliation, which Thou has left us in the sacraments. But being now deprived of the opportunity of receiving them, I beseech Thy infinite goodness and mercy graciously to accept my good will and heartfelt desire, to confess my sins, as also to receive the holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction.

Alas, most merciful Lord, cast me not from before Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. I confess to Thee, almighty God, all the sins of my life, and I repent with all my heart for ever having offended Thee, my supreme Good, Who art worthy of all love. I am firmly resolved, provided that Thou should grant me some time more to live, to amend my sinful life and at the first opportunity to confess my sins and to do penance for them. O benevolent Father, fulfil this my desire.

**V: PRAYERS FOR THE DYING**

**Aspirations at the Approach of Death**

I believe in Thee, my God, Who are the very Truth itself. I hope in Thy boundless mercy. I love Thy infinite goodness. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped. I shall not be confounded forever.

May I die, O Lord, for the love of Thee Who was pleased to die for the love of me. Suffer me not, O my God, to be separated from Thee. Thee only do I desire. O infinite Goodness, I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee. My Jesus, Thou art about to judge me. Spare and pardon, before Thou judgest me. I love Thee, and because I love Thee, I am sorry that I have offended Thee.

My sweetest Jesus, suffer me not to be separated from Thee. Blood of Jesus, wash me. Passion of Jesus save me. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. I desire to die, O Lord, in order to see Thee. Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for me. Turn thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Mary, now is the time to help thy servant My Mother, forsake me not. O paradise, O beautiful country, O country of love, when shall I see thee? My God, when shall I behold Thee face to face? When, O my Jesus, shall I be secure of never losing Thee again? My God, and my All. I willingly give up all in order to gain Thee, my God. O happy suffering, to suffer for God! happy death, to die in the Lord. O my God, for the love of Jesus have mercy on me. Send me, O Lord, to purgatory for as long as Thou pleases, but do not send me to hell, where I cannot love Thee.

O eternal God, I hope and desire to love Thee forever in heaven. My Love is crucified. Jesus, my Love, died for me. O eternal Father, for the love of Jesus Christ, give me Thy grace. I love Thee, I am sorry for having offended Thee. How can I thank Thee, O my God, for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon me? I hope to thank Thee for all eternity in heaven. Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, pray for me. Into Thy hands,

O Lord, I commend my spirit. My Jesus, I commend to Thee my soul, which Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood. Lord Jesus, receive my soul. My God, help me, allow me to come and love Thee for all eternity in heaven. Jesus, my love, I love Thee, I am sorry for having offended Thee.

O Mary, my hope, help me, pray to Jesus for me. By Thy Passion, O Jesus, save me. My Mother Mary, help me in this hour. St. Joseph, assist me. St. Michael the archangel defend me. My angel guardian, protect me. My patron saint, N. N., commend me to Jesus Christ. All ye saints of God, intercede for me. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul.

#### **On Presenting the Crucifix**

Dear brother in Jesus Christ, behold the image of thy crucified Saviour, Who through infinite love of thee died the most ignominious and painful death on the cross. Behold, His head is crowned with thorns because He wishes to crown thee forever with glory. He bows His holy head in death to offer thee the kiss of peace. His brow is moist with drops of blood, to wash away thy sins. His arms are stretched out lovingly to embrace thee. His holy side is opened that thou may find a secure refuge in His Divine Heart.

Therefore place all thy confidence in this thy loving and bountiful Redeemer and say: Jesus, be propitious unto me ! Jesus, be merciful to me ! Jesus, forgive me my sins ! Jesus, into Thy hands I commend my spirit. Jesus, in Thee have I hoped, let me not be confounded forever! Amen.

#### **On Presenting the Blessed Candle**

May Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, of Whom this light is a figure, enlighten the eyes of thy spirit, that thou mayest not fall asleep in death eternal. Go forth, O Christian soul, out of this miserable life, to meet thy beloved redeemer, Jesus Christ; go bearing in thy hand a burning light. May He Who has called thee from darkness unto His wonderful light, not permit thy soul to pass into the uttermost darkness but bring it out of the shadow of death into perpetual light.

May the light of holy faith, the fire of everlasting charity, shine in thy heart at this moment of thy departure; hence, may the Holy Spirit keep it burning within thee for life eternal. O ye holy angels of light, drive hence all the spirits of darkness, that the light of faith, hope and charity may not through their craft and power be quenched in the heart of our sick brother. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the Church for a Departing Soul (The Roman Breviary)**

Peace be to this house. And to all who dwell therein. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed ; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy on [patient].  
Christ have mercy on [patient].  
Lord, have mercy on [patient].

Holy Mary, pray for [patient].

All ye holy angels and archangels, *pray for [patient]*.  
Holy Abel, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye choirs of the just, *pray for [patient]*.  
Holy Abraham, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. John the Baptist, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Joseph, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets, *pray for [patient]*.

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St Peter, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Paul, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Andrew, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. John, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy apostles and evangelists, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy disciples of the Lord, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy innocents, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Stephen, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Lawrence, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy martyrs, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Sylvester, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Gregory, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Augustine, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy bishops and confessors, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Benedict, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Francis, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Camillus, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. John of God, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy monks and hermits, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Mary Magdalen, *pray for [patient]*.  
St. Lucy, *pray for [patient]*.  
All ye holy virgins and widows, *pray for [patient]*.

All ye men and women, saints of God, intercede for [patient].

Be merciful, Spare them O Lord.  
Be merciful, Spare them O Lord.

From Thy wrath, *deliver them O Lord*.  
From the danger of eternal death, *deliver them O Lord*.  
From an evil death, *deliver them O Lord*.  
From the pains of hell, *deliver them O Lord*.  
From all evil, *deliver them O Lord*.  
From the power of the devil, *deliver them O Lord*.  
Through Thy nativity, *deliver them O Lord*.  
Through Thy cross and Passion, *deliver them O Lord*.  
Through Thy death and burial, *deliver them O Lord*.  
Through Thy glorious resurrection, *deliver them O Lord*.  
Through Thy wonderful ascension, *deliver them O Lord*.  
Through the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, *deliver them O Lord*.

In the Day of Judgment, *deliver them O Lord*.

We sinners, beseech Thee hear us.  
That Thou spare them we beseech Thee hear us.  
Lord, have mercy on [patient]  
Christ, have mercy on [patient]  
Lord, have mercy on [patient]  
Amen.

**Prayer in the Death Agony**

Come to their assistance, ye saints of God! Come to meet them ye angels of the Lord ! Receive their soul and bring it into the presence of the Most High! May Jesus Christ, Who has called thee, receive thee, and may the angels bear thee into Abraham's bosom.

V: Lord, have mercy.

R: Christ have mercy.

V: Lord, have mercy.

V: Our Father...

V: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V: From the gates of hell,

R: Deliver their, O Lord.

V: May he [she] rest in peace.

R: Amen.

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come unto Thee.

To Thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of Thy servant, [patient] that being dead to this world, they may live to Thee, and whatever sins they have committed in this life through human frailty, do Thou, in Thy most merciful goodness, forgive. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers by those in Attendance (St Gertrude)**

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech Thee through Thine agony and prayer on Mount Olivet, when Thy sweat was as blood flowing to the earth: offer up this bloody sweat which Thou didst shed with so much profusion, show it to Thy heavenly Father as a propitiatory sacrifice for this Thy servant [patient] and free them now, at the hour of their death, from all the punishments and torments which they fear of having incurred on account of his their transgressions. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst vouchsafe to die on the cross for us, I beseech Thee to offer and present to Thy Father for the soul of this Thy servant [patient] all the bitterness of Thy sufferings endured for us poor sincere on the cross, especially in that hour when Thy most holy soul was severed from Thy body. Deliver them now in the hour of death from all the punishments and torments which he [she] is in fear of having incurred by his [her] transgressions. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say through the mouth of the Prophet: With everlasting love have I loved thee, therefore I have drawn thee to Me and had mercy on thee. I beseech Thee to offer and present to Thy Father for the soul of this Thy servant [patient] that love which drew Thee down from heaven to earth, in order to undergo all the bitterness of Thy sufferings. Deliver them from all the punishments and torments they fear of having incurred for their sins and save their soul in this hour of death. Open for them the gates of heaven and let them rejoice with Thy saints in everlasting glory.

Most loving Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast redeemed us with Thy most precious blood, have mercy on the soul of this Thy servant and introduce them into the ever verdant and most blissful regions of paradise, that they may cling to Thee with undivided love, and nevermore be separated from Thee and Thine elect Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen

## VI: WHEN THE SOUL IS DEPARTING

### **Three Blessings for the Dying** *(+ Make the Sign of the Cross)*

#### First Blessing:

May God the + Father, Who has created all things and given thee thy body and soul, bless thee.

May God the +Son, thy Lord and Saviour, Who died on the cross for thee and Who has redeemed thee with His precious blood and bitter death, bless thee.

May God the +Holy Ghost, Who through His grace has sanctified thee in holy Baptism, bless thee, and preserve thee in His grace to the end of thy life.

The peace of + Our Lord Jesus be with thee. May His five sacred wounds with the blood that flowed therefrom be to thee an invincible wall against all temptations now and at the last moment of thy life. In the name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Second Blessing:

Go forth Christian soul, in the name of the + Father, Who created thee after His own image and likeness; in the name of the + Son, Who redeemed thee with His precious blood; in the name of the + Holy Ghost Who sanctified thee.

Behold, the divine Saviour comes; go forth to meet Him. Go now Christian soul, in the name of the + Most Holy Trinity; the + Father, Whose omnipotence will protect thee, the + Son, Whose mercy will accompany thee; the + Holy Ghost, Whose sanctifying grace will not forsake thee.

May the cross of + Christ be thy shield against all the assaults of the wicked enemy. Go forth, in the name of Jesus, before Whom every knee must bow in heaven, on earth; in the name of Jesus, before Whom hell is trembling; in the name of Jesus, in Whom all find their salvation. May the wounds of Jesus be thy strength in the passage to eternity; the cross of Christ thy staff; the merits of Christ thy riches; the body of the Lord thy Viaticum; thy holy angel guardian the companion of thy journey, and Mary thy helper and mediator.

May the power of the + Father strengthen thee; the wisdom of the + Son govern thee; the comfort of the + Holy Ghost refresh thee. Depart then, Christian soul, in the name of the + Most Holy Trinity, the + Father, the + Son, and the + Most Holy Ghost. The blessing of the + Most Holy Trinity be with thee and remain with thee forever. Amen

Third Blessing:

Go forth in peace, Christian soul. May the blessing + of Our Lord Jesus Christ replenish + the power of His bitter suffering and death strengthen thee; the victorious sign of the holy cross shield thee; + the protection of thee; the Immaculate Virgin cover thee; + the choir of the angels screen thee; St. Michael, the archangel, fight for thee.

The intercession of all the elect and saints assist thee. May the protection and blessing of God the Father, + Who created thee out of nothing, accompany thee; the power of Jesus Christ + Who shed all His blood for thee, preserve thee; may the Holy Ghost, Who made thee His sanctuary, replenish and + bless thee.

Go forth, Christian soul, to thy God and Father, Who, through love of thee, vouchsafed to send His Son down upon the earth. May Jesus be with thee and favor thee with His merits. May the Holy Ghost be with thee and enrich thee with His love. May God have mercy on thee and bless + thee. May the God of Israel send thee help from His holy dwelling- place.

May the Lord be gracious unto thee, pardon thee thy sins and heal thy wounds. Let Him bless thy going out of this world 4\* and thy entrance into eternity + May the almighty, merciful God, the Father + and the Son + and the Holy Ghost + vouchsafe to grant thee this grace. Amen.

**Recommendation of a Departing Soul**

Go forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty, Who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, Who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, Who was poured out upon thee; 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 thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

O God most merciful, O God most loving kind, O God Who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, blot out the sins of the penitent, and graciously remit the guilt of their past offences; look favorably upon this Thy servant, [sick person] and in Thy mercy hear him begging, with the whole confession of his heart, for the remission of all his sins. Renew in him, O most loving Father, whatsoever hath been corrupted through human frailty, or violated through the deceit of the devil; and associate him, as a member of redemption, to the unity of the body of the Church. Have pity Lord, on his sighs; have pity on his tears; and admit him, whose only hope is in Thy mercy, to the sacrament of Thy reconciliation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

I commend thee to almighty God, dearest brother, and commit thee to Him Whose creature thou art: that, when thou shalt have paid the debt of humanity by death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, Who formed thee of the dust of the earth. As thy soul go forth from the body, may the bright company of angels meet thee; may the judicial senate of apostles greet thee; may the triumphant army of white-robed martyrs come out to welcome thee; may the band of glowing confessors crowned with lilies, encircle thee; may the choir of virgins, singing jubilees, receive thee; and the embrace of a blessed repose fold thee in the bosom of the patriarchs: mild and festive may the aspect of Jesus Christ appear to thee, and may He award thee a place among them that stand before Him forever.

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Mayest thou never know whatever is terrifying in darkness, dismal in the roaring of flames, or excruciating in torments. May foulest Satan, with his crew, give way before thee; may he tremble at thy coming among angels that attend thee, and flee away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before His face. Like as the smoke vanish, so let them fall away; and like as wax melt before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God; but let the just revel and exult before Him.

May, then, all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and the ministers of Satan never dare to stop thy way. May Christ, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments. May Christ, Who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death.

May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the ever-verdant gardens of His paradise, and may He, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee among His sheep. May He absolve thee from all thy sins and place thee at His right hand in the lot of His elect. May thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and, standing always in His presence, gaze with blessed eyes on the open vision of truth. And set thus among the troops of the blessed, may thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation forever. Amen.

Receive, O Lord, Thy servant into the place of salvation which he hath no hope but in thy mercy. Amen. Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all the dangers of hell, from the snares of torment and all tribulations. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Noah from the flood. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Job from all his sufferings. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Isaac from being sacrificed by the hand of his father Abraham. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Lot from Sodom and the flame of fire. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, King of the Egyptians. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Daniel from the den of lions. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver the three children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hands of the wicked king. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Susanna from false accusation. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver David from the hand of King Saul and from the hand of Goliath. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou did deliver Peter and Paul out of prison. Amen.

And like as Thou did deliver Thy most blessed virgin and martyr, Thecla, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this Thy servant and make it to rejoice with Thee in the delights of heaven. Amen.

We commend to Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, [sick person] and we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that Thou wouldst not refuse to receive into the bosom of Thy patriarchs, a soul for whose sake Thou did mercifully come down upon earth.

Acknowledge, O Lord, Thy creature, not made by strange gods but by Thee, the only living and true God: for there is no other God beside Thee, and none that doeth according to Thy works. Rejoice his soul, O Lord, with Thy presence, and remember not the iniquities and excesses which, through the violence of anger, or the heat of evil passion, he hath at any time committed. For although he hath sinned, he hath

not denied the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God, and hath faithfully adored the Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of his youth, and his ignorance but, according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of him in the brightness of Thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to him, let the angels rejoice with him. Receive Thy servant, O Lord, into Thy kingdom.

Let St. Michael, the archangel of God, prince of the armies of heaven, receive him.

Let the holy angels of God come forth to meet him, and conduct him to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Let the blessed Peter, the Apostle, to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive him.

Let St. Paul, the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a vessel of election, assist him.

Let St. John, chosen apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for him.

Let all the holy apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for him.

Let all the saints and elect of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for him, that, loosed from the bonds of the flesh, he may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen

#### VII: AFTER THE SOUL HAS DEPARTED

##### **Litany for the Faithful Departed**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed. God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

Holy Mary, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Holy Mother of God, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Holy Virgin of virgins, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Michael, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye angels and archangels, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye orders of blessed spirits, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. John Baptist, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Joseph, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St Peter, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St Paul, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. John, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye holy apostles and -evangelists, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St Stephen, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Lawrence, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye holy martyrs, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Gregory, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Ambrose, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Augustine, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

St. Jerome, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye holy bishops and confessors, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

All ye holy doctors, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

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All ye holy priests and Levites, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
All ye holy monks and hermits, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
St. Mary Magdalen, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
St. Catharine, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
St. Barbara, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
All ye holy virgins and widows, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
All ye saints of God, *pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*  
Be merciful, spare them, O Lord. Be merciful, graciously hear us O Lord.  
From all evil, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
From Thy wrath, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
From the rigor of Thy justice, From long-enduring sorrow, From cruel flames, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
From intolerable cold, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
From horrible darkness, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
From weeping and wailing, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thine admirable conception, Through Thy most holy nativity, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy most sweet name, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting, Through Thy most profound humiliation, Through Thy prompt obedience, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thine infinite love, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy sorrow and anguish, Through Thy bloody sweat,  
Through Thy bonds, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy scourging, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy crowning with thorns, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy carrying of the cross, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy most cruel death, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy five most holy wounds, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy most bitter cross and Passion, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thy holy resurrection, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through Thine admirable ascension, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
In the Day of Judgment, *O Lord, deliver them.*  
We sinners, beseech Thee, hear us.  
Thou Who forgave Magdalen and didst hearken to the prayer of the thief, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
Thou Who savest freely Thine elect, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
Thou Who hast the keys of death and hell, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
That Thou would be pleased to deliver the souls of our parents, relations, friends, and benefactors from the pains of hell, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
That Thou would be pleased to have mercy on those whom no special remembrance is made on earth, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
That Thou would be pleased to grant them all the pardon and remission of their sins, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
That Thou would be pleased to fulfil all their desires, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
That Thou would be pleased to receive them into the company of the blessed, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
King of awful majesty, Son of God, *we beseech Thee hear us.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant unto them rest.  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant unto them rest.  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant unto them rest everlasting.  
Christ, hear us, Christ graciously hear us.  
From the gate of hell, Deliver their souls, O Lord.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; through pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O eternal God, Who, besides the general precept of charity, hast commanded a particular respect to parents, kindred, and benefactors grant, we beseech Thee, that, as they were the instruments by which Thy providence bestowed on us our birth, education, and innumerable other blessings, so our prayers may be the means to obtain for them a speedy release from their excessive sufferings, and free admittance to Thine infinite joys, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**For all the Faithful Departed**

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

