

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].*

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

Three Beautiful Prayers for the Dying:

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary, God and Man, Thou Who in fear sweated blood for us on the Mount of Olives in order to bring peace, and to offer Thy Most Holy Death to God Thy Heavenly Father for the salvation of this dying person ... If it be, however, that by his sins he merits eternal damnation, then may it be deflected from him. This, O Eternal Father through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Dear Son, Who liveth and reigneth in union with the Holy Spirit now and forever.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who meekly died on the trunk of the cross for us, submitting Thy Will completely to Thy Heavenly Father in order to bring peace and to offer Thy most Holy Death to Thy Heavenly Father in order to free... (this person)... and to hide from him what he has earned with his sins; grant this O Eternal Father! Through Our Lord Jesus Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in union with the Holy Spirit now and forever.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who remained silent to speak through the mouths of the Prophets: I have drawn Thee to me through Eternal Love, which Love drew Thee from Heaven into the body of the Virgin, which Love drew Thee from the body of the Virgin into the valley of this needful world, which Love kept Thee 33 years in this world, and as a sign of Great Love.

Thou hast given Thy Holy Body as True Food and Thy Holy Blood as True Drink, as a sign of Great Love, Thou has consented to be a Prisoner and to be led from one judge to another and as a sign of Great Love Thou hast consented to be condemned to death, and hast consented to die and to be buried and truly risen, and appeared to Thy Holy Mother and all the Holy Apostles, and as a sign of Great Love.

Thou hast ascended, under Thy own Strength and Power, and sitteth at the Right Hand of God Thy Heavenly Father, and Thou has sent Thy Holy Spirit into the hearts of Thy Apostles and the hearts of all who hope and believe in Thee.

Through Thy Sign of Eternal Love, open Heaven today and take this dying person ... and all his sins into the Realm of Thy Heavenly Father, that he may reign with Thee now and forever.

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