

Common Catholic Prayers

The Sign of The Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and leave us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee, blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be To The Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, in baptism you called us by name and made us members of your people, the Church. We praise you for your goodness, we thank you for your gifts. Father, bless your Church with love. Raise up dedicated and generous leaders from our

families and from our friends who will serve as sisters, priests and brothers. Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen those you are calling to serve your people, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer this prayer. Amen.

8 Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Angel of God

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here. Ever this day be at my side; to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. R. That

we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your PEACE. Where there is despair, let me bring HOPE;

Where there is darkness, only LIGHT; And where there is sadness, ever JOY."

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A Blessing For Mothers

We bless you and we praise you
God of our mothers!

You are the God of Eve, mother of all the living.

You are the God of Sarah,
who laughed at childbearing in old age.

You are the God of Rebekah,
who favored her second-born, Jacob.

You are the God of Leah, mother of tribes,
and of Rachel, who mourned and
wrestled and won.

You are the God of Hannah,
Who strongly sang your praise for Samuel,
and of Naomi, who faithfully walked with Ruth.

You are the God of Elizabeth, who bore the Baptist
and of An, the grandmother of Jesus.

You are the God of Mary,
Spirit's spouse and mother of our Saviour,
given by Christ on the cross to be
the mother of us all.

We thank you, God, for the gift of our mothers,
for grandmothers and godmothers
and mothers-in-law, too.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our mothers,
at whose breasts we were fed,
by whose hands we were cleaned and clothed,
at times corrected,

in whose laps we learned to sing and speak
and play and pray,

at whose side we hear your word
and celebrate your mysteries.

Heal their pains and disappointments.

Forgive all that needs to be forgiven.

Give to them the good that they have given others.