

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR DYING



St. Joseph, Westphalia
and
St. Anthony, Folk

MARIAN PRAYERS

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.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℞. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

The Memorare

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

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O
Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do 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.

WHAT DO I DO

WHEN A LOVED ONE IS DYING?

As soon as there is danger of death, someone
should call for a priest to administer the last
rites. It is better not to put this off. The rectory
telephone number for St. Joseph is (573) 455-
2725.

Once the last rites have been received, it is
important for family and friends to continue to
pray with the person who is dying. There are
many ways of doing this. The prayers in this
booklet provide some examples. They should be
prayed out loud, even if the dying person seems
unresponsive.

It is also helpful to create an environment that
is conducive to remembering God's presence.
For example, if possible, family may bring a
crucifix, rosary, holy water, and other images of
Jesus or the saints.

It is good to encourage someone who is dying
to trust in the mercy of God, to ask for God's
forgiveness for any past sins, and to call on the
name of Jesus. Other recommended prayers
include the Rosary and the Divine Mercy
Chaplet.

SHORT PRAYERS OF COMFORT

What can separate us from the love of Christ?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.

I desire that where I am, they also may be.

In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.

Everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.

Though I walk in the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Into Your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

O Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit.

Jesus, I trust in you.

PRAYERS AFTER DEATH

Almighty and eternal God, hear our prayers for your son/daughter N. whom you have called from this life to yourself. Grant him/her light, happiness, and peace. Let him/her pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with all your saints in the light you promised to Abraham and to all his descendants in faith. Guard him/her from all harm and on that great day of resurrection and reward raise him/her up with all your saints. Pardon his/her sins and give him/her eternal life in your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of Entrusting

Loving and merciful God, we entrust our brother/sister to your mercy. You loved him/her greatly in this life: now that he/she is freed from all its cares, give him/her happiness and peace forever. The old order has passed away: welcome him/her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS NEAR THE TIME OF DEATH

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.

Final Commendation

I commend you, my dear brother/sister, to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock. May you see the Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God for ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, defend me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of my death.

Saint Joseph, obtain for me grace and mercy!

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no
evil;

For you are at my side with your rod and your
staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for
years to come.

Raise **N.** on the last day, for he/she has eaten
the Bread of Life,

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let **N.** share in your glory,

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the Living God,

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us.

℟. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

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Saint Catherine,
Saint Teresa,

Other saints may be included.

All holy men and women, saints of God.
℟. pray for him/her.

Lord, be merciful,
℟. Lord, save your people.

From all evil,
From every sin,
From Satan's power,
At the moment of death,
From everlasting death,
On the day of judgment,
By your coming as man,
By your suffering and cross,
By your death and rising to new life,
By your return in glory to the Father,
By your gift of the Holy Spirit,
By your coming again in glory,

Be merciful to us sinners,
℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring N. to eternal life, first promised to
him/her in baptism,
℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

PSALM 63

O God, you are my God, for you I long,
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:

Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

The Lord is your guardian;
the Lord is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.

The Lord will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.

The Lord will guard
your coming and your going,
both now and forever.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy. *℟.* Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. *℟.* Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. *℟.* Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
℟. pray for him/her.

Holy angels of God,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph,
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,
Saint Andrew,
Saint John,
Saint Mary Magdalene,
Saint Stephen,
Saint Ignatius,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,
Saint Agnes,
Saint Gregory,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Athanasius,
Saint Basil,
Saint Martin,
Saint Benedict,
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,
Saint Francis Xavier,
Saint John Vianney,