

EVENING PRAYERS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen. Come, O Holy Spirit! fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love.

Great God, the Lord of heaven and earth! I prostrate myself before Thee. With all the Angels and Saints I adore thee, I acknowledge Thee to be my Creator and sovereign Lord, my first beginning and last end. I render to Thee the homage of my being and life. I submit myself to Thy holy Will, and I devote myself to Thy divine service this day and for ever.

Then say one Our Father, three Hail Mary's:

THE APOSTLES' 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 buried: He descended into Hell, the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, sitteth 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 life everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever a Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.

Response: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

Priest: Amen.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good, and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

PRAYER FOR 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 that pardon which they have always desired: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

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 embraces of Thy love. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING THE NIGHT

O Angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the divine Mercy, enlighten, defend and protect me this night from all sin and danger. Amen.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy Angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may Thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, bless us; Jesus Christ, defend and keep us; the virtue of the Holy Spirit enlighten and sanctify us this night and forever; and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, the repose I am going to take in order to renew my strength, that I may be better able to serve Thee. O all ye Saints and Angels! but chiefly thou, O Mother of God! intercede for me this night and during the rest of my life, but particularly at the hour of my death. May the divine assistance remain always with us. Amen.

DE PROFUNDIS

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall endure it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night let Israel hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him plentiful redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Response: and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Priest: May they rest in peace.

Response: Amen.

Let us pray.—O God, the Giver of pardon and Lover of man's salvation, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to grant that our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, who have passed out of this life may by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all Thy Saints, partake of everlasting bliss. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.