

# Prayers of the Saints and Angels

*These Common Catholic prayers are associated with favorite Saints and Angels.  
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## **Guardian Angel Prayer**

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
To light and guard, Rule and guide.  
Amen.

## **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, 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.

## **Breastplate of St. Patrick**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

### **Suscipe (Receive) Prayer of St. Ignatius**

Receive, O Lord, all my liberty.  
Take my memory, understanding, and entire will.  
Whatever I have or possess you have given me; I restore it all to you,  
and surrender it wholly to be governed by your will.  
Give me love for you alone along with your grace,  
and I am rich enough, and ask for nothing more.

### **Bookmark of St. Teresa**

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing; God only is changeless.  
Patience gains all things.  
Who has God wants nothing. God alone suffices.

### **Prayer to Saint Christopher**

Grant me, O Lord, a steady hand and watchful eye.  
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.  
You gave life, I pray no act of mine may take away or mar that gift of thine.  
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear my company, from the evils of fire and all calamity.  
Teach me, to use my car for others need;  
Nor miss through love of undue speed The beauty of the world;  
that thus I may with joy and courtesy go on my way.  
St. Christopher, holy patron of travelers,  
protect me and lead me safely to my destiny. Amen.

### **Holy Spirit Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank You, for  
even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not  
because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy,  
You have fed me with the Precious Body and Blood of Your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me  
condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation.  
May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will.  
May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions.  
May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience,  
and growth in the power to do good.  
May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible,  
and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual.  
May it unite me more closely to you, the One true God, and lead me  
safely through death to everlasting happiness with You.  
And I pray that You will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you,  
with Your Son and holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment,  
everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect  
happiness to your saints. grant this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

### **Prayer of St. Dominic**

May God the Father who made us bless us.  
May God the Son send his healing among us.  
May God the Holy Spirit move within us and  
    give us eyes to see with,  
    ears to hear with,  
    and hands that your work might be done.  
May we walk and preach the word of God to all.  
May the angel of peace watch over us and  
lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.  
Amen.

### **Prayer of St. Benedict**

Gracious and holy Father, grant us the intellect to understand you,  
reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,  
a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you.  
May our ears hear you, may our eyes behold you, and may our tongues proclaim you.  
Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you,  
that we may have the patience to wait for you and the perseverance to look for you.  
Grant us a perfect end--your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Canticle of the Sun**

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing.  
To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no man is worthy to mention Your name.  
Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun,  
    who brings the day; and you give light through him.  
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them  
    clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene,  
    and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night and he is beautiful  
    and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us and who produces  
    varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will  
    find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

### **Prayer to St. Joseph**

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us.

Amen

### **Tantum Ergo (Thomas Aquinas)**

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father, And the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honour, blessing, Might, and endless majesty.

Amen.

### **Benediction**

**P.** Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

**R.** Having within it all sweetness.

**P.** Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant, we implore Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of Thy Redemption. Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever.

**R.** Amen.