

PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

PRAYER FOR A HOUSEHOLD

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven to visit and protect, to comfort and defend all who live in this house.
Amen

IN TIME OF SICKNESS

O Jesus, you suffered and died for us; you understand suffering. Teach me to understand my suffering as you do; to bear it in union with you; to offer it with you to atone for my sins and to bring your grace to those in need.

Calm my fears; increase my trust. May I gladly accept your holy will and become more like you in trial. If it be your will, restore me to health so that I may work for your honor and glory and the salvation of others. Amen.

Mary, help of the sick, pray for us.

FOR THE SICK

Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your holy will and know that whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O glorious Saint Joseph, I choose you today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervor in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins and be truly sorry for them, so that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen

IN TIME OF SUFFERING

Behold me, my beloved Jesus, weighed down under the burden of my trials and sufferings. I cast myself at your feet, that you may renew my strength and my courage. Permit me to lay down my cross in your Sacred Heart, for only your infinite goodness can sustain me; only your love can help me bear this cross. O Divine King, Jesus, whose heart is so compassionate to the afflicted, I wish to live in you; suffer and die in you. During my life, be my model and support; at the hour of death, be my hope and refuge.

FOR ANY NEED

God, our Father, our strength in adversity, our health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to your people. As you have given us the punishment we deserve, give us also new hope as we rest in your kindness.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness is infinite. From your hand, we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings with others in gratitude. We come to you with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to concern for others, so that we may share your gifts in loving service to them.

FOR ONE'S FAMILY

O Jesus, I humbly implore you to grant your special graces to our family. May our home be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor, and faith. I beg you, Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which he granted to you, to watch over our home at the bed of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

FOR SANCTIFICATION OF ONE'S WORK

Lord God, by the labor of men and women, you govern and guide to perfection the work of creation. Hear our prayers and give all people work that enhances their human dignity and draws them closer to each other in the services of their brothers and sisters.

PARENT'S PRAYER

Most loving Father, the example of parenthood, you have entrusted our children to us to bring them up for you and prepare them for everlasting life. Assist us with your grace, that we may fulfill this sacred duty with competency and love. Teach us what to give and what to withhold. Show us when to reprove and when to praise and when to be silent. Make us gentle and considerate, yet firm and watchful. Keep us from the weakness of indulgences and the excess of severity. Give us the courage to be disliked sometimes by our children, when we must do necessary things which are displeasing in their eyes. Give us the imagination to enter their world in order to understand and guide them. Grant us all the virtues we need to lead them by word and example in the ways of wisdom and piety. One day, with them, may we enter into the joys of our true and lasting home with you in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant missions; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests, for the souls of your priests who have died.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; those who absolved me from my sins; those at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; those who taught and instructed me; all those to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.