

VIGIL PRAYERS



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Holy Scripture

PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
[burnt offerings wholly consumed,
then you will be offered young bulls] on your altar.

PSALM 130

De profundis

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

1 KINGS 19:4-8

*Strengthened by that food,
he walked to the mountain of God.*

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

AMOS 5:4, 14-15, 21-24

Seek good that you may live.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;

Then truly will the LORD, the God of hosts,
be with you as you claim!

Hate evil and love good,
and let justice prevail at the gate;

Then it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will have pity on the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I spurn your feasts, says the LORD,

I take no pleasure in your solemnities;

Your cereal offerings I will not accept,

nor consider your stall-fed peace offerings.

Away with your noisy songs!

I will not listen to the melodies of your harps.

But if you would offer me burnt offerings,

then let justice surge like water,

and goodness like an unfailing stream.

ISAIAH 52:13–53:12

He was pierced for our offenses.

See, my servant shall prosper,

he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.

Even as many were amazed at him—

so marred was his look beyond human semblance

and his appearance beyond that of the sons
of man—

so shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless;
for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard?
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up like a sapling before him,
like a shoot from the parched earth;
there was in him no stately bearing to make us
look at him,
nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by people,
a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
one of those from whom people hide their faces,
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,
our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken,
as one smitten by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses,
crushed for our sins;
upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each following his own way;
but the LORD laid upon him
the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted
and opened not his mouth;

like a lamb led to the slaughter
or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth.
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,
and who would have thought any more of
his destiny?
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
and smitten for the sin of his people,
a grave was assigned him among the wicked
and a burial place with evildoers,
though he had done no wrong
nor spoken any falsehood.
But the LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished
through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light
in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.
Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,
because he surrendered himself to death
and was counted among the wicked;
and he shall take away the sins of many,
and win pardon for their offenses.

JOEL 2:12-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.

Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the LORD, your God.
For gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
and relenting in punishment.
Perhaps he will again relent
and leave behind him a blessing,
Offerings and libations
for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion!
proclaim a fast,
call an assembly;
Gather the people,
notify the congregation;
Assemble the elders,
gather the children
and the infants at the breast;
Let the bridegroom quit his room
and the bride her chamber.
Between the porch and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep,
And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
with the nations ruling over them!
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land
and took pity on his people.

EZEKIEL 36:23-28

*I shall pour clean water upon you to
cleanse you from all your impurities.*

Thus says the LORD: I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your ancestors; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17–6:2

Be reconciled to God.

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was

reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

*He humbled himself. Because of this,
God greatly exalted him.*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

ROMANS 8:28-32

To be conformed to the image of his Son.

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

ROMANS 12:3-13

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.

Brothers and sisters: By the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.

JOHN 15:12-17

This I command you: love one another.

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

MARK 10:13-16

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them.

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them,

“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then he embraced the children and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

LUKE 9:11B-17

They all ate and were satisfied.

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, “Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” He said to them, “Give them some food yourselves.” They replied, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.” Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.” They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

LUKE 22:39-44

His sweat became like drops of blood, falling on the ground.

Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

LUKE 24:13-35

They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,

who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the

eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

JOHN 6:41-51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets:

They shall all be taught by God.

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51-58

My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

JOHN 19:31-37

One soldier thrust his lance into his side and immediately blood and water flowed out.

Since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified

with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

Not a bone of it will be broken.

And again another passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

JOHN 21:1-14

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them.

Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you

will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

LUKE 7:36-50

Her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love.

A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to

bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Prayers

TANTUM ERGO

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 Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

You have given them bread from heaven,
—Having all delight within it.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of your Passion: grant, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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IESU DULCISIME

Most sweet Jesus, whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before you, eager

to repair by a special act of homage the cruel indifference and injuries to which your loving Heart is everywhere subjected.

Mindful, alas that we ourselves have had a share in such great indignities, which we now deplore from the depths of our hearts, we humbly ask your pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation, not only for our own personal offenses, but also for the sins of those, who, straying far from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate infidelity to follow you, their Shepherd and Leader, or, renouncing the promises of their baptism, have cast off the sweet yoke of your law.

We are now resolved to expiate each and every deplorable outrage committed against you; we are determined to make amends for the manifold offenses against Christian modesty in indecent dress and behavior, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violations of Sundays and holydays, and the shocking blasphemies uttered against you and your Saints. We wish also to make amends for the insults to which your Vicar on earth and your priests are subjected, for the profanation, by conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege, of the very Sacrament of your divine love, and lastly for the public crimes of nations who resist the rights and teaching authority of the Church which you have founded.

Would that we were able to wash away such abominations with our blood. We now offer, in reparation for these violations of your divine honor, the satisfaction you once made to your Eternal Father on the cross and which you continue to renew daily on our altars; we offer it in union with the acts of atonement of your Virgin Mother and all the Saints and of the pious faithful on earth; and we sincerely promise to make recompense, as far as we can with the help of your grace, for all neglect of your great love and for the sins we and others have committed in the past. Henceforth, we will live a life of unswerving faith, of purity of conduct, of perfect observance of the precepts of the Gospel and especially that of charity. We promise to the best of our power to prevent others from offending you and to bring as many as possible to follow you.

O loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mother, our model in reparation, deign to receive the voluntary offering we make of this act of expiation; and by the crowning gift of perseverance keep us faithful unto death in our duty and the allegiance we owe to you, that we may all one day come to that happy home, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O SACRUM CONVIVIUM

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil foe protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you,
to praise you with all your saints
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Roman Missal, Thanksgiving after Mass

EN EGO, O BONE ET DULCISSIME IESU

Here, O good and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you, and with all the fervor of my soul I pray that you engrave within my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and love, true repentance for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I see and I ponder your five wounds with great affection and sorrow in my soul, I have before my eyes those words of yours that David prophesied about you: "They have pierced my hands and feet; I can count all my bones" (Ps 22:17). Amen.

Roman Missal, Thanksgiving after Mass

SANCTI APOSTOLI PETRE ET PAULI

Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, intercede for us. Guard your people, who rely on the patronage of your apostles Peter and Paul, O Lord, and keep them under your continual protection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACTIONES NOSTRAS

Direct, we beseech you, O Lord, our actions by your holy inspiration, and carry them on by your gracious assistance, that our every prayer and work may begin always with you, and through you be happily ended. Amen.

A prayer for imploring divine assistance before any work:
Roman Missal, Thursday after Ash Wednesday, Collect;
Liturgy of the Hours, Monday of the 1st week, Morning Prayer

ADSUMUS

We have come, O Lord, Holy Spirit, we have come before you, hampered indeed by our many and grievous sins, but for a special purpose gathered together in your name. Come to us, be with us and enter our hearts. Teach us what we are to do and what ought to concern us; show us what we must accomplish, in order that, with your help, we may be able to please you in all things. May you alone be the author and the finisher of our judgments, who alone with God the Father and his Son possess a glorious name. Do not allow us to disturb the order of justice, you who love equity above all things. Let not ignorance draw us into devious paths. Let not partiality sway our minds or respect of riches or persons pervert our judgment.

But unite our hearts to you by the gift of your grace alone, that we may be one in you and never forsake the truth; as we are gathered together in your name, so may we in all things hold fast to justice tempered by mercy, that in this life our judgment may never be at variance with you and in the life to come we may attain to everlasting rewards for deeds well done. Amen.

Prayer before a session dealing with business matters

AGIMUS TIBI GRATIAS

We give You thanks, Almighty God, for all your blessings: who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

A prayer of thanksgiving

EXAUDI NOS

Hear us, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God; and graciously send your holy angel from heaven to watch over, to cherish, to protect, to abide with, and to defend all who dwell in this house. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Liturgy of the Hours, Pentecost Sunday

VISITA, QUAESUMUS, DOMINE

Visit, we beg You, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive from it all snares of the enemy: let your holy Angels dwell herein, to keep us in peace; and let your blessing be always upon us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Hours, Night Prayer for Solemnities

LITANY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God, the Son,

Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,

Son of the Eternal Father, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,

formed by the Holy Spirit in
the womb of the Virgin Mother, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, substantially

united to the Word of God, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,

of Infinite Majesty, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,

Sacred Temple of God, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
Tabernacle of the Most High, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
House of God and
Gate of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
burning furnace of charity, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
abode of justice and love, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
full of goodness and love, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
well-spring of all virtues, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
most worthy of all praise, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
king and center of all hearts, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
in whom are all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
in whom the Father was
well pleased, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
of whose fullness we have
all received, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
desire of the everlasting hills, *Have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus,
patient and most merciful, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
enriching all who invoke you, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
fountain of life and holiness, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
propitiation for our sins, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
loaded down with opprobrium, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
bruised for our offenses, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
obedient to death, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
pierced with a lance, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
source of all consolation, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
our life and resurrection, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
our peace and reconciliation, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
victim for our sins, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, salvation of
those who trust in you, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
hope of those who die in you, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus,
delight of all the Saints, *Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God,
who take away the
sins of the world.

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God,
who take away the
sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God,
who take away the
sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart.

Make our hearts like to yours.

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of your most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which he offers you in the name of sinners; and to those who implore your mercy, in your great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God, the Son,

Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the living God,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, splendor of the Father,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, king of glory,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, the sun of justice,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, son of the Virgin Mary,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, amiable,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, admirable,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, the powerful God,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, father of the world to come,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, angel of the great council,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, most powerful,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, most patient,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, most obedient,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, lover of chastity,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, lover of us,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, God of peace,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, author of life,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, model of all virtues,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, zealous for souls,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, our God,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, our refuge,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, father of the poor,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, treasure of the faithful	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, good shepherd,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, true light,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, eternal wisdom,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, infinite goodness,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, our way and our life,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, joy of angels,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, king of patriarchs,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>

Jesus, master of apostles, *Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists, *Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, strength of martyrs, *Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, light of confessors *Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, purity of virgins, *Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, crown of all saints, *Have mercy on us.*

Be merciful, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, *Graciously hear us, O Jesus.*
From all evil, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
From all sin, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
From Thy wrath, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
From the snares of the devil, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
From the spirit of fornication, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
From eternal death, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
From a neglect of Thy inspirations, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By the mystery of
Thy holy Incarnation, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy nativity, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy infancy, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy most divine life, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy labors, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy agony and passion, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy cross and dereliction, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy languors, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy death and burial, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy resurrection, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy ascension, *Spare us, O Jesus.*

By Thy institution of
the Most Holy Eucharist, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy joys, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
By Thy glory, *Spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God,
Who take away the
sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God,
Who take away the
sins of the world, *Hear us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God,
Who take away the
sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*

Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

O, Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you,” mercifully attend to our supplications and grant us the gift of your divine charity, that we may ever love you with our whole heart and never cease praising you.

Give us, O Lord, a perpetual respect and love of your holy name; for you never fail to help and to govern those whom you instruct in the steadfastness of your love. Who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

**LITANY OF THE
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Son,
 Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Blood of Christ, Only-begotten Son of
 the Eternal Father, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ,
 Incarnate Word of God, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ,
 of the New and Eternal Testament, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ,
 falling upon the earth in the Agony, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ,
 shed profusely in the Scourging, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the
 Crowning with Thorns, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ, without which there is
 no forgiveness. *Save us!*
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and
 refreshment of souls, *Save us!*
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, *Save us!*

Blood of Christ, victor over demons,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, help of those in peril,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory,	<i>Save us!</i>
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor,	<i>Save us!</i>

Lamb of God,
who take away the
sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord*

Lamb of God,
who take away the
sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God,
who take away the
sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

You have redeemed us, O Lord, in your Blood.
And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Almighty and eternal God, you have appointed your
only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and

willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOMILY FOR THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

Then the Bishop, while all are seated, gives the homily. Taking his theme from the biblical readings just proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word, he addresses the people and the elect on the priestly office. He may do so in these or similar words:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters: because these our sons whom you know as relatives and friends are now to be advanced to the Order of priests, consider carefully the ministry in the Church to which they are to about be raised.

It is true that God has made his entire holy people a royal priesthood in Christ. But our great Priest himself, Jesus Christ, also chose some of his disciples to carry out publicly in the Church a priestly office in his name, on behalf of the human race. For Christ was sent by the Father, and he himself sent the Apostles into the world so that through them and their successors, the Bishops, he might continue to exercise his office of Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd. Indeed, priests are established as co-workers of the Order of Bishops, with whom they are joined in the priestly office and with whom they are called to the service of the people of God.

After mature deliberation, these, our brothers, are now to be ordained to the priesthood in the Order of the presbyterate so as to serve Christ the Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd, by whose ministry his body, that is, the Church, is built and grows into the people of God, a holy temple.

In being configured to Christ the eternal High Priest and joined to the priesthood of the Bishops, they will be consecrated as true priests of the New Testament, to preach the Gospel, to shepherd God's people, and to celebrate the sacred Liturgy, especially the Lord's sacrifice.

You, dearly beloved sons, are now to be raised to the Order of the priesthood. For your part you will exercise the sacred duty of teaching in the name of Christ the Teacher. Impart to everyone the word of God which you have received with joy. Meditating on the law of the Lord, see that you believe what you read, that you teach what you believe, and that you practice what you teach.

Therefore, let what you teach be nourishment for the people of God. Let the holiness of your lives be a delightful aroma to Christ's faithful, so that by word and example you may build up the house which is God's Church.

Likewise you will exercise in Christ the office of sanctifying. For by your ministry the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful will be made perfect, being united to the

sacrifice of Christ, which will be offered through your hands in an unbloody way on the altar, in union with the faithful, in the celebration of the mysteries. Understand, therefore, what you do and imitate what you celebrate. As celebrants of the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection, strive to put to death whatever in your members is sinful, and to walk in newness of life.

Remember, when you gather men and women into the people of God through Baptism, and when you forgive sins in the name of Christ and the Church in the sacrament of Penance; when you comfort the sick with holy oil and celebrate the sacred rites, offering prayers of praise and thanks to God throughout the hours of the day, not only for the people of God but for the whole world—remember then that you are taken from among men and appointed on behalf of men for those things that pertain to God. Therefore, carry out the ministry of Christ the Priest with constant joy and genuine love, attending not to your own concerns but to those of Jesus Christ.

Finally, dearly beloved sons, exercising for your part the office of Christ, Head and Shepherd while united with the Bishop and subject to him, strive to bring the faithful together into one family, so that you may lead them to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit. Keep always before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve, and who came to seek out and save what was lost.

PROMISES OF THE ELECT

from the Rite of Ordination of a Bishop

The ancient rule of the holy Fathers ordains that a Bishop-elect is to be questioned in the presence of the people on his resolve to uphold the faith and to discharge his duty.

Therefore, dear brother, do you resolve by the grace of the Holy Spirit to discharge until death the office entrusted to us by the Apostles, which we are about to pass on to you by the laying on of our hands?

I do.

Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?

I do.

Do you resolve to guard the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt, as handed down by the Apostles and preserved by the Church everywhere and at all times?

I do.

Do you resolve to build up the body of Christ, his Church, and to remain in the unity of that body together with the Order of Bishops under the authority of the successor of Saint Peter the Apostle?

I do.

Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

I do.

Do you resolve to guide the holy people of God in the way of salvation as a devoted father and to sustain them with the help of your fellow ministers, the priests and deacons?

I do.

Do you resolve, for the sake of the Lord's name, to be welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers, and to all who are in need?

I do.

Do you resolve as a good shepherd to seek out the sheep who stray and gather them into the Lord's fold?

I do.

Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of high priest without reproach?

I do.

May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

