

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

HAIL, Holy Queen Mother of Mercy, hail 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 towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus O clement, O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

THE MEMORATE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored the help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Lord Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

BEHOLD, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of Faith, Hope and Charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within my-self and mentally contemplate thy five most precious wounds; having before my eyes that which David spoke in prophecy of Thee, O good Jesus: They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LORD, make me an instrument of Thy 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; and 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, 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.