

PRAYERS TO SPECIAL SAINTS

PRAYER TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

MOST Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, Mother of the Church, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. We promise to be faithful to our Christian vocation and to work for the greater glory of God and the salvation of our souls, and of those entrusted to us.

With faith in your intercession we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for youth especially those most in need and for all men.

You were St. John Bosco's teacher. Show us how to imitate his virtues: especially his union with God, his chastity, humility and poverty, his love for work and for temperance, his goodness and total giving of self to others, his loyalty to the Holy Father and to the Church.

Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians the graces of which we stand in need. (Here mention your intentions). May we serve God with fidelity and generosity until death. Help us and our dear ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. THERESE

O little Therese of the Child Jesus who during your short life became a mirror of angelic purity, love of God whole hearted abandonment to His will, now that you possess the Lord you so deeply loved, plead my case before His Holy Throne.

Make my troubles your own. You promised to spend your Heaven doing good upon earth. Intercede for me in my hour of need (here mention the grace desired) if it is for the greater Glory of God and the good of my soul.

Dear little Flower, obtain for me the blessing that I may have strength in the trials of life and be defended at the hour of my death. Lead me to a happy eternity. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU, blessed Joseph, we come with confidence in this our hour of need, trusting in your powerful protection. Your loving service to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and your fatherly affection for the Child Jesus, Inspire us with Faith in the power of your intercession before the throne of God.

We pray, first of all, for the Church: that it may be free from error and corruption, and be a shining light of universal love and justice.

We ask your intercession for our loved ones in their trials and adversities that they may be inspired by the love, obedience and affection of the Holy Family and be to each other a mutual source of consolation and Christian fidelity.

We ask your intercession also for our special need (here mention the grace desired)

Keep us one and all under your protection so that strengthened by your example and assistance, we may lead a holy life, die a happy death, and come to the possession of everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

SAINT Jude glorious Apostle and faithful servant of the Son of God, the Church honours and invokes you universally as patron of hopeless cases, I place before you my problems, sure that you will not turn a deaf ear to my request.

Come to my assistance in this great moment of need that I may receive strength and perseverance and that I may ultimately accept God's Holy will. *(Here mention the grace desired)*

I promise you O Blessed Apostle, to be ever mindful of this grant favour and never cease to honour you as my special patron. May the Holy will of God be in all things done forever. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O GOOD and gentle St. Anthony, your love of God and concern for His creatures made you worthy, whole on earth to obtain many miracles from God. Come to my help in this moment the grace of trouble and anxiety. *(Here mention the grace desired)*

Your ardent love of God made you worthy to hold the Holy Infant in your arms Whisper to Him my humble request if it be for the greater glory of God and the salvation of my soul, Amen.