Prayer to Our Lord Jesus Crucified



Behold, O good and loving Jesus, that I cast myself on my knees before you and, with the greatest fervor of spirit, I pray and beseech you to instill into my heart ardent sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm purpose of amendment.

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Lord Jesus, our most loving Redeemer and a priest forever, look down with mercy upon us, whom you have chosen to call Your friends, and to make partakers of Your priesthood. We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be forever. Therefore to Your Most Sacred Heart, which You have shown to toiling humanity as its only refuge and salvation, we dedicate and surrender ourselves today. You who have promised to priests who are devoted to Your Sacred Heart copious fruits in their divine ministry, make us, we ask You, fit laborers in Your vineyard, truly meek and humble, filled with a spirit of devotion and patience, so aflame with love of You that we may not cease to enkindle and keep burning this same fire of love in the hearts of the faithful.

Especially as we celebrate each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, renew our hearts in the fire of Your Heart, so that always we may strive for nothing other than to advance Your glory

and to win to You the souls whom You have redeemed by Your Precious Blood. O Good Shepherd, have mercy most of all upon Your priests, our brothers, if such there be, who, walking in the vanity of their own minds, have saddened You and Your Beloved Spouse, the Church, by their lamentable defections. Grant us grace to lead them back to Your embrace, or at least to expiate their sins, to repair the damage they have done, and, by the consolation of our love, to lessen the sorrow with which they have afflicted You.

And lastly let each of us pray to You in these words of Augustine: O sweet Jesus, live in me, and let the living coal of your love glow within my spirit and blaze up into a perfect fire: let it burn forever upon the altar of my heart; let it give warmth to my inmost parts; let it flame up in the secret places of my soul. In the day of my consummation let me be found consumed by You, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns God, world without end. Amen.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of tenderness and mercy. I, a miserable and unworthy sinner, fly to you with all the affection of my heart and I beseech your motherly love, that, as you stood by your most dear Son, while he hung on the Cross, so, in your kindness, you may be pleased to stand by me, a poor sinner, and all Priests who today are offering the Sacrifice here and throughout the entire holy Church, so that with your gracious help we may offer a worthy and acceptable oblation in the sight of the most high and undivided Trinity. Amen.



Formula of Intent

My intention is to celebrate Mass and to consecrate the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Rite of Holy Roman Church, to the praise of almighty God and all the *Church triumphant*, for my good and that of all the *Church militant*, for all who have commended themselves to my prayers in general and in particular, especially members of the *Church suffering*, and for the welfare of the entire Holy Roman Church. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us joy with peace, amendment of life, room for true repentance, the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit and perseverance in good works. Amen.



THANKSGIVING PRAYERS AFTER MASS

Most Divine Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I thank You for the august privilege of standing with You in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the very real representation of Your life-giving Passion and Death! Infinitely sublime is the experience of this communion between us, as was initiated at the moment of my sacred ordination when the Holy Spirit ontologically transformed my very being into the Image of Your own Heart, Love, Priesthood and Care for Your people, as Good Shepherd.

Dear Lord Jesus, I ask you now to pierce the very marrow of my soul with the delightful, health-giving dart of Your love. Make it truly tranquil, holy and filled with apostolic charity, and give it an ever present yearning and desire for complete union with You alone. May my heart and my soul "long and pine for your



courts." May my whole being ever hunger for You, Who are the bread of angels, the comforting nourishment of all holy souls, our daily and most sweet and delectable supersubstantial bread! May I thirst for You who are the source of life, the fount of wisdom and knowledge, the brightness of everlasting light, the flood of all true happiness, the riches of the house of God. May I at all times think of God; may I ever seek You and ever find You; may I always follow You and reach You; may Your holy Name be in my heart and on my lips; and to Your praise and glory may every work of mine be done.

In you, O Lord, may my mind and heart remain fixed and firm, and rooted immovably for evermore. Amen.

- Prayer attributed to St. Bonaventure



All hail to Thee, 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!

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Mary Immaculate, my Mother and Consolation, with confidence I take refuge in your most loving heart. You shall always be the dearest object of my love and veneration, after that of the Heart of Jesus, your Son! You are the dispenser of the treasures of heaven and I need your help!

As a priest of your Son, Jesus, I ask a special place of protection and intercession with you. At the Cross, Jesus gave you to St. John—one of his first priests—and told him to



"take you into his home." I invite you, O Blessed Mother into the home of my heart, as cluttered and even venially sinful as it might get; and may grave sin never keep you from the depths of my soul.

May every thought, word and deed of my priestly ministry originate with your loving glance and affirmation, and be carried through by the working

of the Holy Spirit with graces that flow through your hands. It was from your heart, that Jesus learned the chief characteristics of his own human heart: gentleness, patience, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, truth, yet always loving charity which involves self-giving and sacrifice. You also taught him humility, obedience and you imparted to him

You also taught him *humility, obedience* and you imparted to him the great *joy* that comes from doing God's will. May my poor priestly heart increase in these characteristics and virtues as I take my place in the Church today as "the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" which is what a priest is! What an awesome vocation! *O Immaculate Heart of Mary—pray for me! Amen.*

- Fr. William Dinga Jr.,

