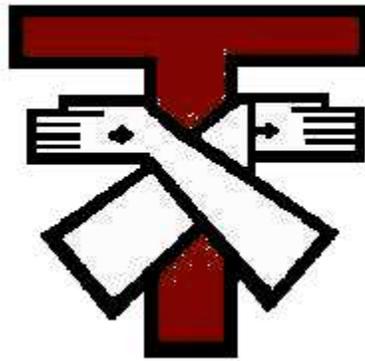
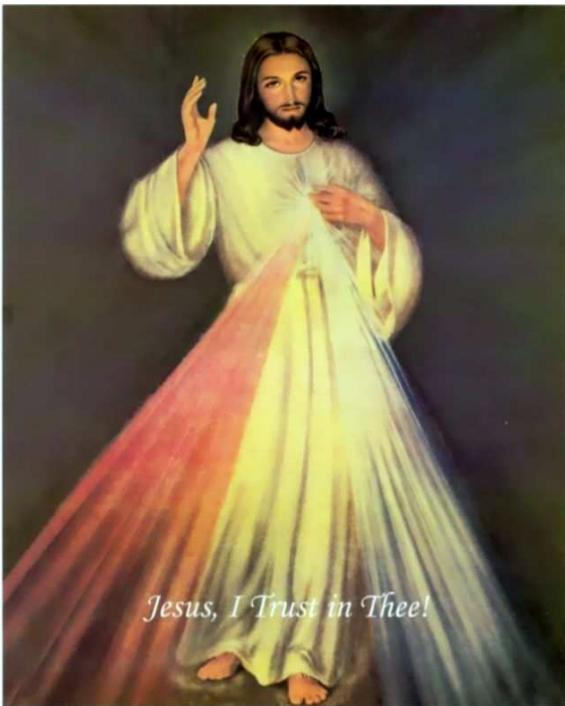


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Prayer to Our Lady of Lebanon

“Mary, Our Mother. Queen of the mountains and oceans, Queen of Lebanon your land and your symbol you brought glory to Lebanon for the Church compares this land with you, the most beautiful of creatures. The snow of Lebanon competes with your purity and the perfume of your holiness spreads as the perfume of her flowers. You hovered exalted as her Cedars. The lilies of her fields serve for your crown and the tops of her mountains as a pillow for your feet. O compassionate Mother, cast a glance of mercy towards your land and the universe and do not forget the devotion of your children. Stretch your hands and bless all; show us the way to life and salvation. Preserve the unity and peace in Lebanon and throughout the world. Keep in the hearts of our children the ardent faith of their forefathers, O you who have witnessed their sufferings and martyrdom, do not let their sacrifices be in vain. Protect us from error, hypocrisy and dissensions. Do not allow our beloved Lebanon to lose its true love for you, because you are the source of her strength and beauty. Protect your land and its faithful, spread throughout the world. At your feet, O most powerful Mother of God and our Queen, we beg you to shower on all Christians of the east and of the west, who are united in singing your praises, the grace to become one in faith and unity with our chief shepherd, the Pontiff of Rome. O Mother of Light, fill our hearts with the light and joy of the resurrection so that we may always worthily declare you ‘Blessed’ throughout the ages— O Queen of Lebanon, Queen of the East, Queen of the Universe, pray for us. Amen”

Prayer To the Servant of God Rafka, To Obtain Graces

Almighty Merciful Father, God of Infinite Love, You have disclosed to us the meaning and the value of suffering through the Passion and Death of Your Divine Son. Our Savior Jesus Christ has taut us to carry our cross daily and to follow Him. St. Paul, inspired by Your Holy Spirit, has asked us to suffer in our flesh What is lacking in the sufferings of Christ in His Body, the Church. Your Servant Rafka guided by Your Spirit and moved by Our

Crucified Lord embraced the cross and obtained from You the

grace to immolate and sanctify herself through severe tests of infirmities and sufferings. We beseech You now, O Loving Father, to grant us the grace to know

You better, to cherish You and to offer our sufferings with those of Your Only Begotten Son. Through the intercession of Your Servant Rafka we implore You to bestow upon us the grace we request from the treasury of Your mercyand we will give thanks to You, to Your Son and to Your Holy Spirit forever and ever. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.

For the Canonization of Blessed Rafka

O Blessed Rafka, faithful servant of the Lord, who not only accepted the trials and sufferings of this world, but in your love for Christ asked to be like our Master on the cross, look upon us in our needs, trials, difficulties, and pains. You, who know that God created us for joy, implore the Bridegroom who bore our sickness and infirmity to come with all His Mighty power and heal our wounds and restore to our hearts the peace, solitude, and joy of His Victorious Resurrection. Obtain for us from the treasury of His Mercy the grace we are now asking through your intercession... so that the day many come when after having suffered and died in Christ and for Him, the Chief Shepherd of the Church, Our Holy Father, the Pope, may proclaim you crowned by Lord with a crown of glory in the heavenly Kingdom. We pr and thank the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.

Prayer After the Rosary

o God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the reward of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before Liturgy of the Hours

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You: because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world. O holy banquet in which Christ is received; the memory of His passion is recalled; the soul is filled with grace; and the promise of future glory is given to us.

(Alleluia)

V. You have given them bread from heaven. (Alleluia)

R. Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia)

Let us pray. God, who in this wonderful sacrament left us a memorial of your passion, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood as always to be conscious of the effects of your redemption. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Before Leaving the Chapel

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God. We adore you O most Blessed Lord Jesus Christ and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us. Saint Jude Pray for us. Saint Joseph protect us. Saint Francis, grant us perseverance. Saint Anthony, pray for us. May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed

Sacrament be praised adored and loved with grateful affection in all of the tabernacles of the world even unto the end of time.

Annunciation of Mary

O Admirable Virgin! The most exalted yet the most humble among all creatures! We salute thee, in union with the respect and veneration of the angel Gabriel who was deputed from heaven to hail thee as full of grace, and as the chosen Mother of the Author of grace.

O Most happy Mother! Most pure Virgin! Most favored among all women, why can we not join with the generations yet unborn which will call thee blessed? Why cannot we share in the profound feelings of humiliation which filled thy soul, even in the moment of thy glorious exaltation? O Most humbled, but most privileged handmaid of the Lord! Since thou hast found grace before God obtain for us that we might persevere in grace to the end of our lives. Since thou hast never felt the anguish that springs from sin, and were never degraded by a single imperfection, thou hast no cause to fear those tremendous judgments which certainly await us if we continue to lead imperfect, tepid lives in the sanctuary of religion. O powerful Protestant of those who trust in thee!

O Refuge of sinners! whose misfortunes thou well knows how to compassionate! shield us from the anger of thy Divine Son; obtain for us that we may be like thee ever docile to holy inspirations and ever ready to say with thee: "Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum" "Be it done to me according to thy word;" and since it is by thee that Our Lord comes to us, may we, by thee, attain to the enjoy ment of His adorable presence in heaven. Amen.

Saint Gabriel, angel of the Annunciation, pray thou also for us in our present needs. Amen.

Daily Consecration To the Immaculata

O Immaculata, Mary, my Mother, live in me, act in me, speak in and through me. Think your thoughts in my mind, love through my heart. Give me your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide me to Jesus. Correct, enlighten and expand my thoughts and my behavior. Possess my soul; take over my entire personality and life. Replace me with yourself and incline me to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through me. Let me live in you and keep me in this union always. Amen.

Our Lady of Light and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Pray for us.

Renewal of Daily Consecration

Immaculata, Queen and Mother of the Church, I renew my self consecration to you for this day and for always, so that you might Use me for the Kingdom of Jesus in the whole world. To this end I offer you all my prayers, actions, and sacrifices of this day.

V. Nos cum prole pia. (May Mary maiden mild.)

R. Benedicat Virgo Maria.(Bless us with her holy child)

A Morning Prayer

Precious Lord, I open my eyes to a new day. May my thanks be ever present through each hour and remind me of Your constant

Blessings and union with You. Keep me from sin and let me grow in your likeness so that I may share in the ultimate reward in heaven with You and our Blessed Mother. If this be my last day on earth, I pray that my Guardian Angel be present to offer my soul in Your sight, Holy and Pure without sin. Help me dear Jesus to spend a big part of this new day to remind others of Your glory and love, so they may share Your blessings too. I ask also the power to live my Catholic faith and my religious life in true like ness of You and profess You to all men. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Most Glorious Prince of the Heavenly Armies, Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in our battle against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the

world of darkness, against the spirits

of wickedness in high places. Come to the assistance of men whom God has created to His likeness and whom He has redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil. Holy Church venerates thee as her guardian and protector; to thee, the Lord has

Entrusted the souls of the redeemed to be led into Heaven Pray therefore the God of Peace to crush Satan beneath our feet, that he may no longer retain men captive and do injury to the Church. Offer our prayers to the Most High, that without delay they may draw His mercy down upon us; take hold of the devil, bind him and cast him into the bottomless pit so that he may no longer seduce the nations. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Augustine

Watch, O Lord with those who wake or watch, or weep tonight; and give Your angels and Saints charge over those who sleep. Tend to Your sick ones, O Lord, Christ Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. All for Your loves sake. Amen

A Prayer To Be Kind

Keep us O God from pettiness and sarcasm. Let us be kind in thought, word and deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and abandon self seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment and may we always be generous. Let us take the time for everyone and all things. Lord make me calm, serene and gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses. straightforward and unafraid. Make us realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things in life we axe as one. May we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all; help us to realize it is not important how often we touch each other, but how often we reach each other. O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind. Amen

An Act of Faith

O my God! I firmly believe that Thou are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

An Act & Contrition

O my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I offend Thee my God who axe all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy Grace, to confess my sins to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

An Act of Love

O my God! I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon for all whom I have injured. Amen.

An Act of Hope

O my God! Relying upon Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Redeemer. Amen.

For Those in treatment

Our Father in heaven, I pray that I shall respect every man, regard less of creed, race, culture or addiction. He is my brother, You are his Father. His heaven is mine. Let me help him in your true glory, so that one day, either on this earth or in heaven, we may be true brothers. Let him enjoy the freedom, sobriety, peace and security which are also his rights, given by You, Father. Have pity on him as you do for me. Give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. And, on that last day, lead us righteously to Your reward in heaven. Amen.

A Brothers Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep Thy priests within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily

touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Thy holy love surround them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation. Amen.

Evensong To Our Lady

Night is falling dear Holy Mother of God and the long day is over and before you and I am kneeling once more. I thank you for keeping me safe all through the day and ask for your protection through the nights we entrust ourselves and the care & of our community to your most loving and Immaculate Heart. Many times I may have fallen today and neglected many graces. Please ask Jesus to pardon any sins I may have committed this day. I am going to take my rest now as my days work is over and done. God will judge me as He counted any falls and numbered any graces. When dawn comes dear Holy Virgin of the Annunciation, and my last breath would be a long sleep of death, please dear Mother, be near me, and announce with glad tidings my soul to awake in heaven's eternity, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Thoughts in Solitude

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following Your Holy Will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything a part from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Morning Culpa

Father, I come to You this morning, asking You in Jesus name, to take me just as I am. Please send Your Holy Spirit to guide me throughout this day. My God, help me be myself, striving to do better, and to look up forward in appreciation to You, Father, for all Your blessings around me. I ask your help in honesty, to You, myself and my brothers. In admitting my faults and transgressions against our Holy Rule and Constitutions, I ask Your forgiveness and Your mercy and accept Your great love. I ask You to help me read Your Word today in Scripture. And

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to go by Your promises and facts, not my own feelings.

Please help me today, Lord, to take the opportunities You give me to share the goodness You have given me in my Franciscan vocation with the poor. I thank You for this day, Lord God and for the time You have given me. Please help me to use it for Your honor and Your glory, in Jesus name. Amen.

The Angeles

V. The Angel of the Lord made the announcement to Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary)

V. Behold the handmaiden of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word. (Hail Mary)

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary)

V. Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Lord we beg You to pour Your grace into our hearts, for whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son, was made known through the message of the angel. May we be brought by His passion and cross to the glory of His Resurrection. We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Angel of God, in whose care God's providence placed me, inspire and guard me, direct and lead me. Amen.

queen of Heaven

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia! The Son whom it was your privilege to bear, Alleluia! has risen as He said, Alleluia! Pray to God for us, Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia!

Let us pray. God, You were pleased to give joy to the world through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Please grant through the mediation of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, that we come to possess the joys of everlasting life. We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Renewal of Daily Consecration

Immaculata, Queen and Mother of the Church, I renew my self consecration to you for this day and for always, so that you might use me for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus in the whole world. To this end I offer you all my prayers, actions, and sacrifices of the day.

Consecration of Our Community Saint Maximilian Kolbe

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Refuge of Sinners and our Most Loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire Franciscan order of mercy to you. We, _____, repentant sinners, cast ourselves at your feet, humbly imploring you to take our entire Community, with all that it is and has, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of our Community whatever pleases you. If it pleases you, use all that our Community is and has without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and, "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world." Let it be a fit in your immaculate and merciful bands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow us to praise you, O Sacred Virgin. R. Give us strength against your enemies.

Prayer Before the San Damiano Cross

Most High glorious God, bring light to the shadows of my heart.

Grant me a correct faith, a sure hope, and a perfect charity, as well as the insight and knowledge, Lord, to fulfill Your Holy and true Will. Amen.

Salute to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail, Lady, holy Queen, holy Mother of God, Mary, you are the Virgin-become-Church and chosen from heaven by our most holy Father. With His most holy beloved Son and Holy Spirit Paraclete He has consecrated you. In you there was and is all fullness of grace and every good. Hail, His palace! Hail, His tabernacle! Hail, His dwelling! Hail, His vesture! Hail, His handmaid! Hail, His mother! And I

salute all you holy virtues, who are poured into the hearts of believers by the grace and light of the Holy Spirit, to make faithful to God those who are unfaithful! Amen.

Before Common Meditation

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

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be redeemed.

R. And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God You have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Through the same Spirit, give us the ability to know what is right and through His comforting strength always to be joyful. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Common Meditation

V. Not to us, O Lord, not to us.

R. But to Your name give glory.

Let us pray. Most merciful God, through the prayers and merits of

Blessed Mary ever Virgin, of our father Saint Francis, and of all the Saints, accept this meditation, as part of our service. Kindly take note of what was worthwhile and overlook our human frailty. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Examination of Conscience

Brothers: Prepare your hearts for the Lord, by diligently examining your conscience, by recalling your sins and seeking forgiveness from the Lord with humble contrition, and by turning your spirit, disengaged from all worldly cares, to God with a pure intention. Through Christ our Lord

R Amen (Pause)

V. Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the Lord world. R. Spare us, O Lord!

V. Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the Lord world. R. Graciously hear us O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world. R. Have mercy on us.

Let us pray. Lord, graciously extend to us your ineffable mercy: so that you may both free us from all our sins and at the same time rescue us from all punishments which we have deserved for them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Suffrages for our Deceased

V. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice!

R. O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

V. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

R. But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

V. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

R. My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.

V. Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.

R. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

V. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

R. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Daily oration. O God, giver of pardon and lover of human salvation, kindly grant that those who have passed from this world, our brothers, sisters, families, and benefactors of our Order, attain to the fellowship of eternal happiness by the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin and all your saints. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

Anniversaries: O Lord, listen to our prayers. We humbly beg your mercy upon the soul of your servant, our confrere, N.N. who has departed from this world. Bring him to the place of light and peace to share in the happiness of your saints. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week-Day Prayers

Monday:

In Praise of Saint Francis

We greet you Holy Father, of your country you are the bright light, to the Minor the pattern, of virtue the mirror, to righteousness the path, of right living the true measure. From this exile of the flesh lead us to the kingdom of heaven.

V. Pray for us Blessed Father Saint Francis.

R. That we become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, when the world was growing cold, you renewed the sacred marks of your passion in the flesh of our blessed Father Francis to rekindle in our hearts the fires of love for you. Mercifully grant through His merits and prayers that we always carry the cross and bring forth worthy fruits of penance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday

In Praise of Saint Anthony

If you seek miracles
To conquer death and error,
Misfortune and hell itself
So the afflicted quickly heal....
The sea gives way and bonds are loosed
Crippled limbs return to health.
Possessions lost are found again
Both young and old receive his help
Danger and compelling need
Cede to his powered prayer;
Let Padua and all the world
Proclaim his intercession
Glory to the Father, to the Son
And to the Spirit, Three yet One
It was and is and ever will be
While endless ages run.

V. Pray for us Saint Anthony

R. That we become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. God may our loving remembrance of your confessor and doctor, St. Anthony, give joy to the Church. May She be spiritually strengthened and deserve everlasting happiness. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

Wednesday

In Praise of Saint Sharbel

O Merciful Father, through the Holy Spirit, you chose St. Sharbel as a voice crying in the wilderness. His monastic life is an example to Your Church. In the Scriptures he discovered Your Holiness as Word Made Flesh, and darkness gave way to light. In

the Eucharist he encountered Your Divinity as Bread of Life, and the poverty of this world gave way to the treasures of Your Kingdom. In prayer he experienced Your Silence as Mystery Present, and loneliness gave way to communion. Through the Virgin Mary he embraced Your Son as Lover of Mankind, and hostility gave way to hospitality. We now beseech You, through his intercession, to change our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh and to grant our special request...We give praise to You, to Your Only-Begotten

Son, and to Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thursday

For Vocations and Perseverance

Look down, Blessed Father Saint Francis, from the high court of heaven upon the vineyard your right hand has planted and pray for your people whom you have chosen. So may they always serve the Lord's sanctuary with you before them.

V. Pray for us, blessed Father Saint Francis.

R. That we become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Through the ministries of blessed Father Saint Francis in founding a new religious family, O God, you have enriched your Church. Lead us to devalue merely earthly affairs by imitating him and thus forever to enjoy a share in heavenly gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday

In Praise of Saint Joseph

Be mindful of us blessed Saint Joseph, and intercede with your foster Son for our Community. Let us see in our everyday work the opportunity to serve our Lord.

V. There are riches and glory in His household.

R. And His goodness remains forever.

Let us pray. God, in Your infinite wisdom and love you chose Saint Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the Mother of your Son. May we have the help of his prayers in heaven and enjoy his protection on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday

In Praise of The Blessed Mother

V. How fair you are O Mary!

R. How fair you are O Mary!

V. The original stain is not in you.

R. The original stain is not in you.

V. You are the boast of Jerusalem.

R. You are the joy of Israel.

V. You are the pride of our people.

R. You are the Advocate of sinners.

V. O Mary!

R. O Mary!

V. You are the wisest of virgins.

R. You are the kindest of mothers.

V. Pray for us.

R. Intercede for us with our Lord Jesus Christ

V. Holy Virgin you were spotless from the very moment of your
Conception.

R. Because you bore His Son, pray to the Father for us.

Let us pray. Through the spotless conception of the Virgin, O God, you made ready a dwelling place worthy of Your Son. In anticipation of Your Son's death you preserved her from every stain. Please purify us by her intercession, so we find our way to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Maximilian M. Kolbe

St. Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world by word and deed that "Love alone creates." Help me to become more like you. With the Church and Mary and you may I proclaim that "Love alone creates." To the hungry and oppressed, the naked and homeless, the scorned and hated, the lonely and despairing, may I proclaim the power of Christ's love, which endures forever and ever. Amen.

Before Main Meal (except on Fast days.)

V. Let us praise the Lord.

R. Let us praise the Lord.

V. The eyes of all look hopefully to you O Lord.

R. And you give them there food in due season. You open Your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. R. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

V. Our Father...

R. Who art in Heaven.. Amen.

V. Bless us O Lord and these generous gifts of Yours which we are about to receive from Your Bounty. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the King of eternal glory give us places at His Father's banquet table in heaven.

R. Amen. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in Him.

Before Lunch

(Before main meal on Fast days.)

V. Let us praise the Lord.

R. Let us praise the Lord.

V. The poor shall eat and shall be filled.

R. And they shall praise the Lord who seek Him. Their hearts shall live forevermore.

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit R. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

V. Our Father...

R. Who art in heaven....Amen.

V. Let us pray. Bless us O Lord, and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive from Your bounty. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Pray a blessing Brother.

R. May the King of eternal glory lead us to the banquet of eternal life.

R. Amen. God is love and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him. Amen.

Seasonal Table Prayers

Advent

V. The Angel of the Lord made the announcement to Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Christmas

V. The Word was made flesh, Alleluia.

R. And dwelt among us, Alleluia.

Epiphany

V. The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall offer presents

R. Bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, Alleluia.

Lent

V. God forbid that I should glory.

R. Save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world was crucified to me and I to the world.

Holy Week

V. Christ became obedient to us until death.

R. Even to death on a cross.

Easter

V. This is the day the Lord has made, Alleluia, Alleluia

R. Let us be glad and rejoice therein, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ascension

V. God mounts His throne amid shouts of joy, Alleluia.

R. Christ amid trumpet blasts ascending on high led captivity captive Alleluia.

Pentecost

V. The Spirit of the Lord fills the world, Alleluia.

— R. Is all embracing, and knows man's utterance, Alleluia.

Ordinary Time

V. Benedicamus Dominoes

R. Deo Gratias

The Crown of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Mother

1. The Joy of Our Lady at the Annunciation.
2. The Joy of Our Lady at the Visitation.
3. The Joy of Our Lady at the Nativity.
4. The Joy of Our Lady at the Adoration by the Magi.
5. The Joy of Our Lady at the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.
6. The Joy of Our Lady at the Meeting of Jesus after the Resurrection.
7. The Joy of Our Lady at the Assumption and Coronation.

Charter of Faults

V. Brother, we confess to God and to you our faults against the Holy Rule especially by having recited the Divine Office badly and negligently, by not having observed silence properly, and by having given scandal to the friars and the lay people. Of these and all our transgressions by which we have in any way offended God or our neighbor, and violated our Rule and Constitutions, we confess our guilt and humbly beg that for the love of Jesus Christ you will deign to impose upon us a penance.

(At this time the friars may publicly accuse themselves of a transgression against the Holy Rule etc. and receive a penance.)

R. For your penance....

V. By the grace of God I will try to overcome this fault. R. Thanks be to God.

Optional Practice of the Discipline

On Wednesday's and Friday's the professed friars may perform this exercise

privately. All of the friars may take the common discipline. Our customary practice today is to take the discipline in our cells immediately after Culpa. The Superior gives the signal and recites the prayers. After these are completed he gives the signal ending the exercise.

Antiphon: Remember not, O Lord our offenses, nor those of our fathers, and take not vengeance on our sins.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight That you may be justified in your sentence, vindicated when you condemn.

Indeed in guilt was I born and in sin my mother conceived me.

Behold you are pleased with sincerity of heart, and in my inmost being you teach me wisdom.

Cleanse me of sin with hyssop, that I may be purified; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear the sounds of joy and sadness; the bones you have crushed shall rejoice.

Turn away your face from my sins, and blot out all my guilt.

A clean heart creates for me O God and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the Joy of your salvation and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

Free me from blood guilt O God, my saving God, then my tongue shall revel in your justice.

O Lord open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

For you are not pleased with sacrifices, should I offer a holocaust you would not accept it.

My sacrifice O God is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled O God, you will not spurn.

Be bountiful O Lord to Sion in your kindness by rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem;

Then you shall be pleased with due sacrifices, burnt offerings and holocausts;

then shall they offer up bullocks on your altar.

Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Ant. Remember not O lord our offenses, nor those of our fathers, and take not vengeance on our sins.

Let us pray. O God, whose nature is ever to show mercy and forbearance, receive our prayer that we and all Your servants who are bound by the chains of sin may be set free by Your loving kindness. Hear we pray You, O Lord, the prayers of your suppliants and pardon the sins of those who confess to you: that in Your goodness You may grant us both forgiveness and peace. O Lord, graciously extend to us Your ineffable mercy: so that You may both free us from all our sins and at the same time rescue us from all punishments which we have deserved for them. O God, who are offended by sin and appeased by penitence, look favorably upon the prayers of Your suppliant people, and turn away the scourge of Your wrath which we deserve for our sins. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

All. I confess to Almighty God

V. May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us joy with peace, amendment of life, a time of true penance, the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works. And May the fullest blessing of God descend upon us all, and may the

you would not accept it.

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Amen.

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Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless us.

R. Amen.

Prayer For Chapter

We are present here, O Lord Holy Spirit, although handicapped by the burden of our sins; we are present and gathered together especially in Your Name. Come to us and stand by us; deign to enter into our hearts. Teach us what we ought to do, how to proceed; and indicate what we ought to accomplish in order that with Your assistance, we may be able to please You in all things. May our judgments be inspired and formed solely by You, who alone with the Father and His Son, possess a glorious name. You who supremely love equity, allow us not to disturb the order of justice. May ignorance not lead us astray, may favoritism not deflect us, may the quest of an office or human respect not corrupt us. Rather may the gift of Your efficacious grace so draw us to You, that we may be one in You and in no way deviate from the truth. In as much as we are gathered together in Your Name, may we with devout moderation so adhere to justice that our present judgment may conform to Your will and our good deeds in the future merit eternal reward. Amen.

Guardian: Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, who in Your mercy has especially gathered us together safely in this place, we beseech that the Paraclete, who proceeds from You, may bring light into our minds, and guide us to all truth, as Your Son promised and may He strengthen all of us in Your faith and love, so that when we rise from this earthly council, we may gain an increase of eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sweet Jesus, behold before You, the followers of the Seraphic Patriarch, St. Francis, in order to renew the dedication and consecration of themselves entirely to Your most Sacred Heart, wounded with love and sorrow for the salvation of all men. We worship, adore, praise and love Your most Sacred Heart, substantially united to the Word of God and most worthy of all praise. We bless and thank

Your most loving Heart, of whose fullness we have all received. For us and for all men we implore pardon, because we have repaid the ineffable love and numberless benefits of Your Heart full of kindness and love, alas! with tepidity, ingratitude and sins.

In our name and that of all our Brothers we promise that we, with greater diligence and fervor, shall endeavor to make our hearts like to Your most Sacred Heart, which is the abyss of all virtues, by contempt of the world, by the practice of mortification, by patience and tribulations, by profound piety, by the faithful observance of our Seraphic Rule and by the fulfillment of the duties of our state of life.

In our name and that of all our Brothers we promise that we shall labor zealously, so that by prayer, by good example and by apostolic effort we may lead the souls of all men to the Catholic Church, to Your Vicar on earth, to Your most sweet Heart, which is King and center of all hearts.

In our name and that of all our Brothers we promise that henceforward, with all our strength by praise and blessing, by thanksgiving, by mortification and penance, by the devout offering of Holy Communion and Holy Mass, by holiness of life, we shall redeem the sins, with which ungrateful men, especially by manifold profanations of the most Holy Eucharist, render Your Heart filled with reproaches and as if pierced anew by the lance.

O Heart of the Son of the Eternal Father, O Heart of Jesus, wherein abides the fullness of the Godhead, O Heart most worthy of infinite adoration and love, O Heart bruised for our sins, behold! to You we surrender ourselves, we dedicate ourselves, and together with ourselves we place in You our Seraphic Association, all our Brothers, the whole family of our Seraphic Father, of which You have made us members.

Purify our community with Thy Precious Blood, inflame it more and more with Thy Divine Love and Mercy, sanctify it with Your heavenly grace, so that at all times and in all places and in all things, it may prove itself worthy of its holy vocation, worthy of its Father glorified by the Sacred Stigmata, worthy of Your wounded Heart, to which we and all Sons of our Seraphic Father are consecrated anew.

We earnestly beg this of You, through the merits of the pierced heart of Your Immaculate Virgin Mother Mary, our Queen, through the merits of Your foster father Saint Joseph, our Protector, as also through the intercession of all Saints of our Seraphic Order, and of all other Saints, who on earth with great devotion worshiped Your adorable Heart, which is our life and our resurrection and the delight of all Saints. Amen.

Daily Prayer to St. Francis of Assisi

I greet and venerate you holy father St. Francis, who lived in the greatest poverty

and mortified your innocent body with every rigor. With kind violence tear me away from the world and its deceits, and turn all my affections to God, my Savior. Intercede for me, that I may overcome my evil inclinations and henceforward lead a pure and holy life.

St. Francis, whom our crucified Savior so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of you. I greet and venerate you, holy Father St. Francis, upon whose body our Divine Savior impressed the marks of His most sacred wounds. Obtain for me an ardent devotion to His holy sufferings and death, that I may cheerfully carry my cross and produce worthy fruits of penance.

St. Francis, whom our crucified Savior so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of you. Lord, with those saving wounds of Yours, Your servant Francis You did sign. O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come unto you.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who when the world was growing cold, in order to inflame our hearts with the fire of Your Love, renewed the sacred marks of Your passion in the flesh of our most Blessed Father Francis; mercifully grant that by his merits and prayers we may always carry the cross and bring forth worthy fruits of penance. Who live and reign world without end. Amen. Saint Francis whom our crucified Savior so much loved and honored, grant me my request. Amen.

Daily Prayer For Novena To St. Anthony of Padua

I salute you, great St. Anthony, and rejoice at the favors which our Lord has so liberally bestowed on you. I remind you especially of that blessed moment when the Divine Infant Jesus condescended to embrace and fondly caress you. Oh, what great happiness and joy must have filled your heart on that occasion. By this special prerogative and by the joy of your beatific vision, by which you now behold Him face to face, I beg, entreat and conjure you, O dear St. Anthony, to help me in my afflictions, troubles and anxieties, particularly concerning (here mention your troubles and desires). Oh, let your heart be moved to intercede for me, to hear and answer me. Tell Our Lord of the wants and necessities of your devoted client. One word, one sigh from your heart which Jesus loved so much, will crown my success and fill me with joy and gratitude. Amen.

St. Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of you.

St. Anthony, powerful in word and work, grant me what I ask of you.

St. Anthony, always ready to help those who invoke you, grant me my request. Amen.

V. Pray for us St. Anthony.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God who has deigned to choose St. Anthony as a model of all

virtues for the blessing of mankind and has converted many souls through his sermons and good example, grant by his merits and intercession that I may truly be converted, renounce all sin and sinful desires, and become more and more pleasing to You by the practice of true virtue. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. O Lingua benedicta;

R. Ora pro nobis. Amen.

Benedizione Di S. Francesco

Il Signore ti benedica e ti custodisca

Ti mostri la Sua Faccia

ed abbia misericordia di te

Volga a te il Suo sguardo et ti dia pace

Il Signore ti benedica.

Preghiera Di S. Francesco

O Signore, fa di me uno strumento della tua pace:

Dove e odio, ch'lo porti l' Amore.

Dove e offesa, ch'lo porti il Perdono.

Dove e discordia, ch'lo porti l' Unione.

Dove e dubbio, ch'lo porti la Fede.

Dove e errore, ch'lo porti la Verita.

Dove e disperazione, ch'lo porti la Speranza.

Dove e tristezza, ch'lo porti la Gioia.

Dove sono le tenebre, ch'lo porti la Luce.

o Maestro, fa che io non cerchi tanto:

Di essere consolato ma di consolare,

Di essere compreso quanto di comprendere,

Di essere amato, quanto di amare;

Poiche: dando si riceve,

Perdonando si e perdonati,

Morendo Si nsuscita a Vita Eterna.

Amen.

Daily Intentions for a Brother

Sunday. Mass Communion, Office, Rosary, etc., offered in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, for the Pope, the Patriarch, our Bishop, clergy, the propagation of the faith, in thanksgiving for my parents, for my creation, redemption, and vocation, to beg grace to unite my heart perfectly to God by dying to myself and to the world so that I may use my talents and my whole being in the service of my heavenly Lord

Monday. In honor of my patron Saint; for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, particularly our parents and grandparents, for priests who have died and for all members of the Franciscan Order, and for myself, the grace of final perseverance and a happy death.

Tuesday. In honor of the holy Angels and Archangels, for the conversion of negligent Catholics, especially for the poor souls who have no one to pray for them; for myself, a right knowledge, and the perfect spirit of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Wednesday. In honor of St. Joseph, for parents, friends and benefactors both living and deceased, for all those for whom I have promised to pray; for the temporal needs of our Community, for the Superiors, for myself, modesty, meekness and humility; the graces necessary to gain heaven.

Thursday. In honor of the Blessed Sacrament, in reparation for all sacrilegious communions, and all indignities offered to this Sacrament of Love, for all Religious, for priests, for those addicted, for myself the virtues of charity, patience, and confidence in God.

Friday. In honor of the sacred Passion and death of my Savior, Jesus Christ, that union and charity may reign in our Community, that its members may increase, and that all may be filled with zeal for the conversion of sinners; for myself, a simple and pure intention in all my actions. For the same intentions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday. In honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary, and Her Immaculate Heart, to beg for graces to confess my sins, briefly, distinctly, and contritely, and to draw fruit from my confessions and communions.

A Prayer for Perseverance

Brothers, I therefore beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called. No man putting his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

V. Pray for us, O Blessed Father Saint Francis.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, who, through the merits of our Blessed Father Francis enriches Your Church by bringing forth a new offspring:

grant that by imitating him we may despise earthly things and ever rejoice in sharing heavenly things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Brothers' Vocations

O, God, Who wills not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, give to your Church an increase of Religious Brothers, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls. O Mary, my heavenly Mother and Mediatrix of all graces ask Your Divine Son to send us generous and devoted Brothers, intimately united to the Heart of Jesus, in order that through their work in the Church, many souls may be launched on

- the road to salvation and sanctification. St. Francis of Assisi, humble and zealous Brother who was poor in earthly things, yet rich in heavenly virtue, pray for men so that if God wants them, they will enter our Community and live their lives as a Franciscan, and as your follower, do God's Will and persevere. Amen.

A Prayer for Students to St. Joseph Cupertino

O humble St. Joseph Cupertino, singularly favored by God in the Difficulties of study and the worries of examinations, implore the Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind and aid my memory in the search

For His truth and wisdom. Help me especially in the decisive moments of examinations, protecting me from that fleeting forgetfulness and disturbing anxiety which so often accompany examinations, so that I may harvest the just fruits of my study. Obtain for me the grace to fulfill my obligations as a student, so that I may grow in the knowledge, love and service of God from whom flows that wisdom which leads to eternal life. Amen.

A Students Prayer to St. Anthony

O glorious St. Anthony, divinely filled with the science of the saints, I place my studies under your powerful protection. After your example, I wish my knowledge to be grounded in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. With the aid of your prayers, I wish to perform my studies as a matter of duty in the spirit of penance and with a pure intention. Implore the Father of Light to grant me a quick understanding, a safe judgment and a faithful memory. Obtain for me the grace to work with patience, method and constancy, to develop the gifts I have received from God

and to employ them always for His greater glory. Pray God to bless my efforts, granting me success in my tasks and keeping me humble in the midst of my success. Amen

The Blessing! Of St. Francis

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His Face to you and have mercy on you. May He turn His Countenance to you and give you peace. May the Lord bless you.

Our Seraphic Father's Paraphrase of the Our Father. Our Father, most holy, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter.

Who art in heaven, in the angels and in the saints, illuminating them unto knowledge, Thou, O Lord, art Light; inflaming them unto love, for Thou O Lord, art Love; dwelling in them and filling them with blessedness, for Thou, O Lord, art the highest Good, the eternal Good, from whom is all good and without whom is no good.

Hallowed be Thy name: may Thy knowledge shine in us that we may know the breadth of Thy benefits, the length of Thy promises, the height of Thy majesty, and the depth of Thy judgments.

Thy kingdom come, that Thou mayest reign in us by grace and mayest make us come to Thy kingdom, where there is clear vision of Thee, the perfect love of Thee, the blessed company of Thee.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: that we may love Thee with the whole heart by thinking of Thee, with the whole mind by directing our intentions to Thee and seeking Thy honor in all things with all our strength, by spending all powers of body and soul in the service of Thy love and not in anything else; and that we may love our neighbors even as ourselves, drawing to the best of our power all to Thy love; rejoicing in the good of others as in

Our own, and compassionating with them in troubles and giving offense to no one.

Give us this day, through memory and understanding and reverence for the love which He had for us and for those things which He said, did and suffered for us— Our daily bread, Thy beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And forgive us our trespasses, by Thy ineffable mercy in virtue of the passion of Thy beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the merits and intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary and of all Thy elect.

As we forgive those who trespass against us, and what we do not fully forgive, do Thou O Lord, make us fully forgive, that for Thy sake we may truly love our enemies and devoutly intercede for them with Thee, that we may render no evil for evil, but in Thee may strive to do good to all.

And lead us not into temptation, hidden or visible sudden or Continuous.
But deliver us from evil, past, present and to come. Amen

Prayer While Dressing

Cloth me, my Lord with the robe of innocence; invest me, O most loving Jesus, true Spouse of my soul, with the wedding- garment of charity. Permit not that I appear stripped of good works before Thy face. Let me ever be loyal to Thee, and faithful to my promises. Clothe and adorn my heart O Jesus with humility, obedience, purity, charity, and an exact fidelity to our holy rule and constitutions. Amen.

We rise immediately at the very first sound of the bell believing that God is calling us. On awaking and rising we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross and say:

Praised be Jesus Christ in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary.

Angel of God my Guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

May the most Just, most High, most Adorable will of God be in all things done, praised and forever magnified. Amen.

O my God, I offer this first act of obedience and mortification in union with that which Jesus Christ offered Thee in the first moment of His Incarnation, desiring with all my heart to rise to a new life and to serve Thee with great zeal and to belong entirely to Thee, my God and my All.

Kiss the floor three times saying: Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on me.

Bless yourself with holy water and pray: Create a clean heart in me, O God. O Jesus wash and cleanse me in Thy Holy and Precious Blood.

Upon removing the night habit: O my God I give Thee thanks, that you have drawn me away from the vanity of the world; strip me now, O my Jesus,, of the old man, put on me Thy virtues, enrich me with Thy grace and give me the lovely and radiant wedding garment of Thy Love.

Kiss the holy habit saying: "I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, for He has clothed me with the robe of innocence and the garment of salvation." O my Jesus, give the grace to become a good religious according to Thy Heart, although I am most unworthy to wear this holy habit.

While fastening the cincture: O my Jesus, bind me so closely to Thee, that I may never be separated from Thee. Gird me, O Lord with the cincture of purity and extinguish in my heart the fire of concupiscence, so that I may serve Thee better with the virtue of continence and chastity always abiding in my heart.

While kissing the Crucifix of the Crown and making the sign of the Cross say: Sweet Jesus I kiss with great humility Thy five most holy wounds and I wish to

hide myself in them, this day and all the days of my life. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, my Holy Guardian Angel, give me Thy blessing.

Kissing the Capuche pray: Place on my head the helmet of salvation O Lord, so that I may resist the attacks of the devil. Imprint O Jesus on my memory the constant remembrance of Thy bitter Passion. Amen. Close my eyes, O Lord, to all earthly things in order that I may see, know, and love Thee only. Close my mouth to all sinful and useless words.

Give me O God purity of body and soul and the grace to remain in this Holy House; I renew with all

my heart the vows I made in my Holy Profession, grant me the grace to keep them faithfully unto death. Amen.

Approaching the Chapel say:

I come into Thy house and I adore Thee in Thy holy temple and I confess Thy Name. Grant me the grace to live in Thy house O Lord for the rest of my days. Amen.

Suscipe of St. Ignatius

Take O Lord and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. Thou has given me all that I am and all that I possess; I surrender it all to Thee, that Thou mayest dispose of it according to Thy Will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will have no more to desire. Amen

Another Prayer for dressing in the Habit

O Good Jesus, Divine Spouse of my soul, I thank Thee for this cherished token of my allegiance to Thee; and I beseech Thee, that, with Thy grace I may preserve unsullied the wedding-garment with which Thou didst invest my soul on the blessed day of my consecration to Thee.

Sandals: "Lead me in Thy justice, because of my enemies, make Thy way straight before me."

Habit: "I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation." (Kiss Habit)

Cord: "Gird me, O Lord with the cincture of purity and extinguish in my heart the fire of concupiscence, so that I may serve Thee better with the virtue of continence and chastity always abiding in my heart."

Capuche: "Place on my head the helmet of salvation O Lord, so that I may resist the attacks of the devil."

Prayer of St .Margaret Mary Alacoque

I believe that my Redeemer lives, and that I shall rise again on the last day. Grant O my God that my resurrection be a glorious one. This hope rests in my heart. Replenish it, O God, so copiously with Thyself, that space be no longer found therein for creatures, for myself or for earthly things. Permit me not, O Jesus, to fall from bodily into spiritual sleep, but awaken my heart, my spirit, and my will unto Thy love, in which I desire to persevere, like the angels, without interruption. O my divine Spouse, unite me so

— Intimately with Thee that nothing shall be able to sever me from Thee. Thou art my life, my treasure, and my sole consolation. Let external occupations withdraw me not a moment from Thy holy presence, but let them rather be the means of a closer union with Thee. O Sacred Heart of Jesus! O Heart of love! Wilt Thou have my poor heart? Take it, and plunge it into Thy Heart, that burning furnace of divine love, that it may be inflamed with charity. O Most amiable Heart! I love Thee because Thou art all goodness It self. I offer Thee my heart and my whole being, in order to honor and glorify Thee now and forever. Let me never displease Thee; help me ever to do what is most pleasing to Thee. Amen.

Prayer For the Brother Superior

We beseech Thee almighty and eternal God, grant to Thy servant, N.N., who through Thy mercy, has undertaken the government of this Community, the light of the Holy Spirit, and an increase of all virtues, that he may perform the works that are pleasing to Thee, and, being rendered acceptable in Thy sight, may come at length to Thee, Who art the way, the truth, and the life. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.

Renewal of Vows

I wish dear Jesus, to follow closely in Thy footsteps this day, carrying my cross—the cross of religious life—after Thee. I desire to fasten myself to the cross by renewing my holy vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, so that I may resemble Thee more closely, my crucified Savior, Who art the sweet Spouse of my soul. May all my actions, performed in union with Thee, be pleasing to the heavenly Father, as springing from the tree of the cross, to which I

Nailed myself on the happy day on which I made these vows. Sweet cross! Thou art my joy and my salvation.

Morning Offering to the Blessed Sacrament

O Sweetest Jesus, divine Friend, Thou hast been watching and waiting patiently and lovingly in Thy lonely tabernacle all through the dark night for this moment, which finds me once more at Thy blessed feet, that I may be consoled and strengthened by Thy presence. And now my dearest Lord, I have come in humble adoration before Thee, with heart full of thanks for abiding with us always, for having protected and preserved me during the past night, and for having given me another day to labor for Thy greater honor and glory, and for the salvation of my soul. In reparation for all of the sufferings that Thy Sacred Heart endures in the Blessed Sacrament, I offer Thee the adoration and praise of all the just on earth, of all the angels and saints in heaven, and especially of Thy Blessed Mother. I offer Thee my heart, my soul, my body and all that I have. My whole being shall be consecrated to Thy service. Deign to make me obedient, modest, humble, patient, kind and simple as a little child; draw me to Thee in ever closer union with Thy loving Sacred Heart; make me resigned to Thy holy Will, and grant that I may be found worthy one day of that reward which Thou hast promised to those who love and serve Thee faithfully on earth. Give me Thy grace, that I may become a saint. Oh, stay with us dear Jesus, till the evening of life. Pardon me all my past transgressions; for I love Thee truly with my whole heart; and when death comes, say to me: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Amen.

An Act of Consecration for Religious Bl. Claude Colombiere

O My amiable Redeemer, I give and consecrate myself to Thy Sacred Heart without reserve. I have in a manner nailed myself to Thy cross by the vows of my profession; I renew them in this divine Heart in the presence of heaven and earth; and I return Thee thanks for having inspired me to make them. I own that the yoke of Thy holy service is neither hard nor heavy; I do not find

Myself embarrassed with my chains; on the contrary, I would wish to multiply them, or rivet them yet closer upon me. I embrace then the dear cross of my vocation, even to my death; it shall be all my pleasure, all my glory and all my delight. God forbid that I should glory, that I should ever rejoice, save in the cross of Jesus Christ. God forbid that I should ever have any other treasure than His poverty, any other delight than His sufferings, any other love than Himself. No, my amiable Lord, never will I separate myself from Thee; and I will attach myself to none but Thee; the narrowest paths of the life of perfection to which I am called give me no alarm, because Thou art my light and my strength. I hope then O Lord that Thou wilt render me steadfast under all temptations, victorious against the efforts of my enemies, and that Thou wilt stretch out over me that beneficent hand, which has bestowed upon me so many favors and make me evermore and more loving toward Thee. I entreat this of Thee, O my adorable Jesus, by Thy blood, by all Thy wounds, and by Thy Sacred Heart. Grant that by the consecration which I make to Thee of all that I am, I may become this day entirely renewed in Thy love. Amen

Night Offering to the Blessed Sacrament

O Divine Jesus! Lonely tonight in so many tabernacles, without visitor or worshiper, I offer Thee my poor but loving heart. May every pulsation be a prayer of love to Thee. Thou art ever watching under the sacramental veils; in Thy love Thou never sleepest, and Thou art never weary of Thy Vigil for sinners. O good Jesus, I love Thee. Thou art infinitely good, and I have displeased Thee by many sins. Forgive me—I am truly sorry for having for having offended Thee O sweet Jesus O lonely Jesus! may my heart be a lamp, the Light of which shall burn henceforward for Thee alone. Bless me Jesus. Come and refresh me spiritually by Thy presence, before I take my repose. Let me nevermore be separated from Thee by sin. Adorable Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of divine love! Within Thy sacred wound take Thou my soul, in order that my heart may be inflamed with the love of Thee O Prisoner of love! Divine Jesus! Chain my poor heart to the foot of Thy altar. Dearest Jesus, Thou hast made my heart for thyself alone, and it will not find rest, except in Thee; hide it within Thy divine Heart in the tabernacle. When shall I see Thee face to face and rest forever in Thy bosom? Good Lord, my heart is weary; suffer me to enter and repose in Thy Sacred Heart. O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, All praise and all Thanksgiving be ever moment Thine! Amen.

Formula for Vows

L N.N., of full realization of the obligation I am assuming and with complete trust in the infinite mercy of God and in the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to our Blessed Father Francis, Saint Maron and Saint Sharbel, to all the saints, and to you Reverend Brother, do freely bind myself to Almighty God, to Our Lady, to the poor, and to the lawful Superiors of _____
To Observe For (the Period or three years/for life) the Rule of Saint _____, according to our Constitutions, by living in Obedience without property, and in chastity. Amen.

Superior: And I, on the part of God, if you observe these things, promise you life everlasting. In the Name of the Father the Son And Holy Spirit

Postulant Investiture

Superior: What do you ask?

Postulant: Most Reverend Brother, I humbly beg to admitted to

The postulancy with The _____ and thereby prepare for my

novitiate. By the grace of God I hope to persevere and serve Him my whole life as a Brother.

Superior. By the authority vested in me, I admit you formally to the postulancy of our Brotherhood and the care of the Novice Master, _____, and at the end of this probation period if you have been found suitable for religious life, and if you wish to persevere in your holy vocation, you will be clothed in the Holy habit.

Superior: places the Crucifix around the neck.

Superior: May God grant you peace and perseverance.

Postulant: Thank you Brother, pray for me.

Superior reads prayer of Saint Francis. All offer Pax.

Closing Hymn

Investiture As A Novice

Superior: What do you ask dear Brother?

Moved by Divine Inspiration I wish to share your life in the brotherhood of

‘ I earnestly ask to be clothed with the habit of probation Test me that I may learn how to take on my shoulders the Yoke of the Lord in Love and Joy for the perfect following of Christ according to the example of St. Francis the Poor, humble lover of the Cross.

Superior Thanks be to God. We congratulate you our brotherhood so that with us you may become one soul.

All: Amen.

Candidate: Drawn by God’s mercy, I have come here to learn your way of life. I ask you to teach me when clothed with the habit of probation, to follow Christ, according to the example of Saint _____

Superior O God, author and giver of a holy vocation, look with kindness upon this, Your prayerful servant who wish to enter upon our way of life. Through the prayers and merits of the Immaculate

Virgin Mary, and the intercession of our Seraphic Father Saint Francis, grant that he may learn how to praise you simply and frequently, to live uprightly, obey humbly, preserve purity of heart and body, be zealous for most holy poverty and strive for the peak of all perfection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebration of The Word and Intercessions

Superior: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His Face to you and have mercy on you. May He turn to you His countenance and give you His Peace. May the Lord bless you. The

Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Novice Master sprinkles the habits with holy water.

Superior: I entrust to you, my Brother Novice Master, the total care of this novice.

Director: May the Lord grant him perseverance. My Brother receive the of probation of the Habit of _____ It resembles the Cross and is a sign of your greater commitment to the service of Christ.

The novice, Director and Superior leave the chapel for the tonsuring and clothing. An appointed monk begins the Holy Rosary.

Superior: In the world you were known as. ..in religion you will be called...

Superior: May God grant you Perseverance Brother. Pax tecum.

Novice: Thank you Brother, Pray for me.

Continue with Ramsho

Closing Hymn.

Holy Mysteries & Final Profession

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

The minister prepares the bread, saying:

Like a lamb led to the slaughter
Or a sheep before the shearers,
Christ was silent and did not open his mouth.

Then he pours wine and water into the cup and says:

I mix wine and water in this cup, symbols of the blood and water which flowed from the side of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

He then covers the offerings: first, with the small veils; then with the large veil, saying:

His splendor has hidden the heavens, and his glory has filled the earth. **PROCESSIONAL**

The priest, monk's, subdeacons and servers enter in procession led by a Cross bearer. The candidate for profession carries an unlighted candle. Everyone takes their places and the Candidate places his candle in the sanctuary.

HYMN OF LIGHT

Praise the Lord all ye people praise Him, all nations, alleluia.

Jesus fountain of divine illumination may Your light shine forth to aid our

adoration; sun of justice pour Your light on the path to heaven's height.

Mary holiest and purest in creation, God has chosen you to be his habitation; in your body undefiled, He became a little Child.

DOXOLOGY

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Christ, the high Priest Who gave the Priesthood to mankind forever, make us worthy to approach the treasury of Your mercy and to worship in Your presence. We petition You for an increase of ministers to Your vineyard. Grant them to share in the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that they may bless, forgive, nourish and grant life to Your people. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 118

Cel: Open to me the gates of justice: I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. This gate is the Lord's; the just shall enter it. I will give thanks to You, for You have answered me and have been my Savior.

Cong: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Cel: O Lord Grant salvation! O Lord, grant prosperity! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and He has given us light. Join in the procession with leafy boughs up to the horns of the altar.

Cong: You are my God, and I give thanks to You; O my God, I extol You. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His kindness endures forever.

IIOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to render praise and worship to the good Shepherd Who tends His Church and makes it a treasury of blessings for mankind the divine Architect Who fashioned a Church on earth in the likeness of the heavenly gathering of saints; the careful Provider Who sees to the needs of His people and never

lets them stray from the watchful eye of His loving care. To Him are due glory and praise at this time and at all times, moments, hours and days of our lives, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Christ our Lord, You observed the Pasch and. by
it perfected the law. You instituted Your meal as a living memorial of Your
sacrifice on the cross. Before the meal You washed the feet of Your apostles,
and by this washing, You manifested Your love for us. This was a call to service
for those who lead and
a sign that every function is an accomplishment of the command to
love our brothers and sisters. On that glorious Pasch, You made
Yourself the new Paschal Lamb. You granted us the bread which
overcomes death and gives life. You wanted this bread to be renewed forever
when You said, "Do this in memory of Me until I come again." Your meal has
become the new banquet to which You invite all men, so that they may come and
satisfy their hunger.

This is a promise of the banquet in heaven that Your Father will host for You and
for Your Church. You offered the sacrifice of

Yourself as the firstborn of creation. You made Your apostles and
their successors priests of the new covenant, and through their
hands, Your pure sacrifice is offered to the Father. From the farthest east to the
farthest west, Your name is honored among the nations, and in every place a
pure sacrifice is offered to Your divinity. Now, through the intercession of Mary,
Mother of the apostles, we humbly ask You to provide Your Church holy priests
to distribute Your Mysteries, to spread Your teachings, to feed those who walk
toward You, to console the sorrowful and to guide those who have gone astray,
that the name of Your Father may be praised, His kingdom come and His will be
done on earth as in heaven, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Entro

Cel: O Lord, accept this incense which we offer for an increase of vocations to
Your Church. Grant her priests to serve Your holy altar and her religious to walk
in the footsteps of Your disciples, for the harvest of the faithful is rich but the
laborers of the ministry are few. And we will praise You, Your Father and Your
Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

The Congregation STANDS

TRISAGION

Cel: Qadeeshat aloho; Qadeeshat hyeltono; Qadeeshat lomoyouto.

Cong: Itraham alein.

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Cong: Itraham alein.

Canton: Lets us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

All Sit

Cong: God ordained faithful servants for the service of His

Altar, priests whose lives praise the Bridegroom at the Mystery which never ends.

Cel: The industrious servant, toiling in the master's vineyard, will be brought by the Bridegroom to the joy which never ends in the kingdom.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by the righteous men before us, now accept Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

After the last reading

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: My only glory is the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Matthew.

***The celebrant incenses the Book of Gospels three times.
Meanwhile, the deacon proclaims:***

Deacon: Remain silent, O listeners,
for the holy gospel is about to be announced to you. Listen and give glory and thanks to the living Word of God.

***The celebrant begins the gospel using the appropriate
introductory words. At the conclusion of the gospel, he***

sings or says:

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Cong: Praise and blessings to Jesus Christ for his living word to us.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: The Lord chose twelve apostles to fill the earth with His good news. And they have gathered all nations to the true faith of His gospel. Glory be to Him!

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

After the Gospel the celebrant and people sit, but the Candidate for Profession stands. Then the Superior calls the candidate by name.

Superior: Calls Candidate by name.

Candidate: Present.

Superior: He has experienced our life and has known our apostolate, traditions and regulations. We bless God with him for His grace. We ask the holy Church to bless his endeavor and accept his vows, theologically, his consecration to God and his spreading God’s Kingdom. My dear Brother, what do you ask of the Lord and of His holy Church?

Candidate: Since by God’s loving kindness I have come to know the life of dedication to God in your brotherhood, I, N.N.

Humbly ask of you,

_____brothers

to be admitted to final vows for the glory of God and the service of the Church. I ask that by professing the rule and life in the Order of _____

I may be able to follow the teaching of our Lord and with His holy operation follow the Teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and with His Holy Operation follow in footstep all the days of my life days of our Lives

Cong: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

EXAMINATION

Nov. Dir.: My dear Brother, although you have already been consecrated to the Lord and have died to sin through Baptism, are you now resolved to consecrate yourself more closely to God by the bond of final profession with us,

Candidate: I am.

Nov. Dir.: Are you resolved, with the help of God's grace to embrace the same life of perfect chastity, obedience and poverty which our holy Father Saint Francis and our holy Patron Saint Moron following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and His Blessed

Mother and Saint Joseph chose for themselves and their brothers and to persevere in it forever?

Candidate: I am.

Nov. Dir.: Are you resolved to strive constantly and steadfastly for the perfection of love for God and neighbor by fulfilling perfectly the precepts and counsels of the Gospel and of our Holy Rule and Constitutions?

Candidate: I am.

Nov. Dir.: Are you resolved with the help of the gift of the Holy Spirit to spend your whole life generously in the love of your brothers and in service of the people of God for the sake of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve?

Candidate: I am.

Nov. Dir.: Are you resolved to serve the Lord in poverty and humility as a stranger and pilgrim in this world and to be subject to His Church as was our holy monastic Father, Saint Francis, and our holy monastic patrons Saint Maron and Saint Charbel , Saint Ninian were submissive and enjoined the same upon their followers?

Candidate: I am.

Nov. Dir.: Are you resolved, with the help of God to embrace and love that poverty which our Seraphic Father Francis loved most dearly and enjoined upon his followers?

Candidate: I am.

Cel: May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment before the day of Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant to this our Brother to do for Your sake what he knows to be Your will and ever to will what is pleasing to You, so that purified and enlightened interiorly and enkindled by the fire of the Holy Spirit, that he may be able to follow till death in the footsteps of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Your grace alone come to You, Most High, who live and reign in perfect Trinity and simple Unity and dwell in glory, Almighty God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

PROFESSION

All rise. *The celebrant, superior and a professed monk assemble at the chair of*

the celebrant. The Candidate comes to the chair, kneels and placing his hands in the hands of the superior and reads the formula of profession which he himself has written out beforehand.

Cel: And now my Brother, promise God, in the presence of the one holy Church and the present assembly by consecrating your self to Him.

Candidate: Since for the glory of God, the Lord has given me this grace, of living more perfectly and with firm will the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I Brother N.N., in the presence of the assembled Fathers and Brothers, and into your hands Reverend Brother or Father, vow for the whole time of my life to live in obedience, without anything of my own, and in chastity, according to the Rule of Saint Francis, confirmed by Pope Honorius III and the Constitutions of _____ of _____ Monastery. Therefore with all my heart I give myself to this Monastic Brotherhood that through the work of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, our Holy Father Saint Francis and all the saints, and with the help of my brother monks, I may fulfill my consecration to the service of God and of the Church.

Superior: In the name of the Church and _____ of _____, I accept your vows. And on the part of Almighty God, promise you, that if you shall observe these things, eternal life, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Then the newly professed while kneeling bows his head to the floor first to the East, then standing up making the sign of the cross, he kneels again to the north, south and west. These four prostrations signify that the consecrated monk is willing to serve God and His people on all sides of the world if it be God's Will. Each monk is a member of the universal Church and his life is offered up for the intentions of the whole world.

The celebrant blesses the ring of the newly professed with holy water and/or the hand cross and places it on his finger saying:

Cel: Our Lord said, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.' Receive Brother this ring as a sign of your final vows and life commitment.

Candidate: Thanks be to God.

Cel: Receive the Light of Christ that you may be illuminated

Candidate: Thanks be to God.

The newly professed fittingly goes to the altar to place on it the formula of

profession and then he, along with the witnesses, signs the document of profession itself, upon the altar. After the signing the newly professed prostrates before the altar as the celebrant pronounces a prayer of benediction:

Cel: O God, it is you who sanctify your Church and cause it to flourish. All creation owes You praise. At the beginning of time You created the world for Your glory. When it lay prostrate because of Adam's sin, You promised a new heaven and a new earth. You entrusted the earth to men to make it fruitful through their toil, and as they traversed its paths, to guide their steps to the heavenly city. You instructed Your children through Your Sacred Mysteries and brought them together in Your holy Church. You bestowed on them a variety of gifts that some might serve You in chaste wedlock while others, renouncing marriage for the kingdom of heaven's sake, might share all good things with the brethren. These are to love one another with such love as to be of one heart and thus project the image of the everlasting fellowship. We therefore humbly ask you to send the Holy Spirit from heaven your servant, who prostrates before You, who in firm faith has clung to the words of Christ. Strengthen his soul. Make his life conformable to the teaching of the Gospel. O Lord, may he glow with mutual love. May he be on fire with zeal for mankind so as to be a clear sign that You are the one true God, and that You love all people with an infinite love. O Lord, grant that by courageously bearing the trials of this life, he may now receive the hundredfold You promised and merit the everlasting crown at the end. (With the hand cross) *In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.*

Cong. Amen.

After the prayer of solemn blessing the newly professed rises The celebrant and confreres extend to him the sign of peace. The monks return to their places and Holy Mysteries continues.

CREED

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all
that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with
the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and
for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified

under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have
no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and Glorified
He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE HOLY MYSTERIES

PRE-ANAPHORA

***As the celebrant goes to the altar, he sings or says in Syriac (A) or English
(B):***

(A) Cel: Ee-tel-wot madeb-heh da-lo-ho wal-wot A-
lo-ho dam-ha-deh tal-yoot weh-no bsou-gho dty-boo-tokh
eh-'oo lel-by-tokh wes-ghoo-d behy-klo dqood-shokh.

Con: **Bdeh-hel-tokh mor-yo da-ba-ryn wab-za-dee-
qoo-tokh a-leh-fyn.**

OR

(B) CEL: I will go to the altar of God, God who gives joy to my youth. In the
abundance of your goodness, I will enter your house, O Lord, and worship in
your holy temple.

Con: Guide me O Lord in your fear and instruct me in your justice

The celebrant then sings in Syriac (A) or English (B):

A

Cel: Sa-laow 'a-ly me-tool mo-ran.

Cong: A-lo-ho nqa-bel qur-bo-nokh
ou-net-tra-ham 'a-lyn bas-loo-tokh.

OR:

B

Cel: Pray to the Lord for me.

Cong: May the Lord accept your offering
and have mercy on us through your prayer.

The celebrant approaches the altar and kisses it in the center.

Transfer of the Offerings and Their Offering Hymn (Qolo)

Meanwhile, the congregation stands and sings the hymn of offering:

TRANSFER OF THE OFFERINGS.

***The offerings are carried in procession and presented to the celebrant.
During the procession, the congregation sings the following:***

Cong: The Lord reigns clothed in majesty. Alleluia! I am the Bread of Life
said our Lord. From on high,
I came to earth, so men might live in me.
Pure Word without flesh, I was sent from the Father.
Mary's womb received me like good earth a grain of wheat.
Behold! The priest bears me aloft to the altar. Alleluia! Accept our offering.

***After receiving the offerings, the celebrant raises them and facing the
congregation says:***

Cel: Almighty and wondrous God, You accepted the offerings of the just.
Accept these gifts from Your faithful who have chosen them from among
their possessions and presented them to You and to Your holy Name as a

pledge of their sincere love. Give them in exchange of their perishable gifts an imperishable kingdom.

Con: Amen.

Cel: O God, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ and His plan of salvation. We recall all who have pleased You from the beginning to the present, especially the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Maron, St. Francis and St. Sharbel. We offer this sacrifice in which we commemorate the members of our families, the living and the departed, children of the holy Church, and especially your servant _____ for whom we present this sacrifice.

He remembers the living and the dead he wishes.

The celebrant burns incense:

Cel: I burn this incense to praise and honor the most Holy Trinity. Lord have mercy on us.

The celebrant then incenses the offerings, altar, cross and the congregation.

Cong: Ekbal ya waddat tiebeen, behnoo helmak wa hzoobtak, el bakhloor al mooaddam lak menal moomeneen abna bee'attak, baydea arbab el kahnoot leereedak rabbana wakama abelta beras el toor orbana braheem khaleelak, shebh ma lazzat lak tyoob haroon kahen sha'hbak, yalazzoo lak rabbana bakhoorna warda anna mowlana bewoofoor rahmatak.

Cong: Alleluia!

We remember Mary, Mother of God , the prophets , the apostles, the martyrs, the just, the priests, and the children of the Church, from one generation to another, to the end of time.

Amen .

CONTINUE WITH THE SELECTED ANAPHORA AYARUB

**ANAPHORA OF SAINT PETER,
HEAD OF THE APOSTLES**

RITE OF PEACE

Doxology

The congregation stands. The celebrant makes the sign of the cross, singing or saying:

Cel: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Cel: God of peace and Lord of tranquility,
grant us a spirit that does not cut us off from your love, and enable us
to embrace one another with a sincere kiss.
We will glorify and thank you, O Father, your only Son,
and your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Exchange of Peace

*The celebrant kisses the altar, places his hands on the offerings,
then gives the peace, as he sings or says:*

Cel: Peace to you, O holy altar of God.
Peace to the holy mysteries placed upon you. Peace to you, O
minister of the Holy Spirit.

Diaconal Proclamation

Deacon: Let each of us give the greeting of peace to our neighbor, with that
charity and loyalty which is pleasing to the Lord

The people exchange the greeting of peace with joined hands.

Hymn of Peace

*During the exchange of peace, all sing a hymn of peace, such as
the following:*

**All: Peace, charity, and faith, brothers and sisters,
from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
May the God of peace be with you all.
Amen.**

Prayer for the Imposition of the Hand

Cel: We bow our souls and bodies to you and before you, O Lord, so that, in our weakness, we may receive blessing and assistance from you. For you are the support and refuge of all. We will glorify you, O Father, your only Son, and your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen. Prayer of the Veil

Cel: O Lord, shine the light of your face upon us, save us from those who hate us, and remove all our transgressions. We will glorify and thank you, O Father, your only Son, and your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Dialogue

Cel: May the love of God the + Father, the grace of the only-begotten + Son, and the unity and indwelling of the + Holy Spirit be with you, for ever.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us lift up our thoughts, our minds, and our hearts.

Cong: They are raised to you, O God.

Cel: Let us thank the Lord with fear and worship him with humility.

Cong: It is right and proper.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Cel: It is truly just and fitting to glorify and exalt you, O God, maker of all beings in heaven and on earth. With the choirs of angels and archangels,

we glorify you, O Lord,
and with voices of praise, proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Cong: Holy, holy, holy mighty Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your great glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who has come
and will come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Cel: You are holy and full of mercy, O Lord. Because of your love for us, you sent your Son into the world and he became flesh from the Virgin Mary for our salvation.

Institution Narrative

The celebrant takes the bread in his hands and sings:

Byow-mo how daq-dom ha-sho-dee-leh ma'-bed hy-eh
nsa-bel-lah- mo be-dow qa-dee-sho-to.

Ou-ba-rekh
ou-qa-desh
waq-so

ou-ya-bel-tal-mee-dow kad o-mar:

Sab-a-khool meh-neh kul-khoon:
Ho-no den ee-tow faghro deel
dah-lo-fy-koun wah-lof sagee-yeh
meh-teq-seh ou-meh-tee-heb
lhoo-so-yo dhow-beh wal-ha-yeh dal-'o-lam 'ol-meen.

On the day before his life-giving passion,
Jesus took bread in his holy hands.
He blessed,
sanctified,
broke,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat it, all of you:
This is my body
which is broken and delivered for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Cong: **Amen.**

Ho-kha-no 'al ko-so dam-zeegh wo
men ham-ro ou-men ma-yo
ba-rekh
ou-qa-desh
ou-ya-be-tal mee-dow kad o-mar:

Sab esh-tow meh-neh kul-khoon:
Ho-no den ee-tow dmo deel
dee-ya-tee-qee hda-to
dah-lo-fy-koon wah-lof sa-gee-yeh
meh-teh-shed ou-meh-tee-heb
lhoo-so-yo dhow-beh wal-ha-yeh dal-o'-lam 'ol-meen.

Likewise he blessed the cup of wine mixed with water,
sanctified,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and drink from it, all of you:
This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed and handed over for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Cong: **Amen.**

Memorial of the Plan of the Son (Anamnesis)

Cel: He then commanded and cautioned them, saying: each time you fulfill these mysteries you realize my death and remember my resurrection until I come again.

Cong: O Lord, we remember your death, we witness to your resurrection, we await your second coming, we implore your compassion, and we ask for the forgiveness of our sins. May your mercy come upon us all.

Cel: We remember, O Lord,
your saving second coming,
and we glorify you and your majesty.
On that fearsome and awesome day,
when you will separate the just from sinners,
do not hand us over to the burning flame

that causes weeping and mourning, affliction and torment,
because of our sins and the evil we have done;
rather, have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us.
Turn your face away from our sins
and come to our assistance.
For this reason, your Church and your flock implores you
and through you and with you,
your Father, saying:

**Cong: Have mercy on us, Almighty Father, have mercy on
us.**

Cel: We, your poor and sinful servants, O Lord, realize the graces we
have received and thank you for them and because of them.

**Cong: We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we
acknowledge and ask you: have mercy on us, O Lord, and
hear us.**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit (Epiclesis)

Deacon: How awesome is this moment, O my beloved. The Holy
Spirit will descend from heaven and overshadow this
offering, prepared for our sanctification. With reverence let
us stand and pray, and three times proclaim:

Cel:

*Meanwhile, the celebrant bows and flutters his hands three times over the
mysteries as he says quietly:*

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
have mercy on us.
Send forth your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these offerings,
so that he may assist us and grant us pardon.

*The celebrant, kneeling on both knees, extends his hands and sings or says in
Syriac (A) or English (B):*

Cel:

'A-neen mor-yo; 'A-neen mor-yo; 'A-neen mor-yo. Ou-nee-teh mor
roo-hokh ha-yo ou-qa-dee-sho ou-na-gen 'a-lyn ou-'al qur-bo-no
hono.

OR:

B Hear us, O Lord; hear us, O Lord; hear us, O Lord. May your holy and living
Spirit descend and overshadow us and our offering.

Cong: Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison. OR:

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Cel: Through his overshadowing, may the Spirit make this +
bread the body of Christ our God.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: And make the mixture in this + cup the blood of the Christ
our God.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: May those who participate in these Mysteries be healed from all
wounds of body and soul and receive life and forgiveness, now
and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Intercessions

All sit. The celebrant sings or says:

Cel: O Lord, accept our petitions and our prayers. Grant safety to your
people
and peace to your flock.
Protect our true shepherds,
as well as our priests and deacons,

and assist all the ministers of your Church,
especially N., our Pope, N., our Patriarch, N., our Bishop.
Establish them as strong stewards,
and provide them with your peace and support,
so that they may stand before you in prayer
and intercede for us.
We glorify you, thank you, and pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

The deacon sings or says:

Deacon: We recall, O Lord,
those who have asked us to remember them and those who
desired but were unable to present their offerings.
Remember all those who support your holy Church. Be a shield of
protection and a refuge for them, and deliver them from the harm of evil
and wicked people;
for you are indeed the Savior of all. We glorify you, thank you, and pray
to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Remember, O Lord, all faithful leaders. Instill in their hearts
that which may bring peace to your people. Establish in peace the minds
of those who desire to govern us, and deliver us from the hands of the
envious and our enemies.
We glorify you, thank you, and pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: We recall, O Lord,
the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
the prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors,
and all the saints.
Through their prayers and intercession,
come to our assistance,
and make us worthy to share in their part.
With them and among them,
we glorify you, thank you, and pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: O Lord,

remember our blessed ancestors and teachers who have died and have found their rest among the saints. Through their prayers and intercessions, may we be delivered from the harm of the Adversary and from wicked people.

Remember, also, those who carried, with great zeal, your good news throughout the earth and confirmed your holy Church in the true faith. Through their blessed prayers, assist us and strengthen us in your love. With them and among them, we glorify you, thank you, and pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Through this sacrifice, offered to you by our sinful hands, grant, O Lord, a good memorial to our parents, brothers, sisters, leaders, and our own departed, as well as all the faithful departed in every place, (and especially N.). O Lord, lover of all people, receive into the bosom of Abraham all those who lived their life in true faith.

Remove and forgive all our, and their, transgressions,
for no one is free of sin
except our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Through Christ and because of him,
we hope to find compassion
and the pardon all our faults.
And we pray to you, O Lord.

**Grant them rest, O Lord,
and forgive all our sins and failings:
those sins we have committed knowingly
and those things we have done without knowledge.**

The celebrant concludes the intercessions:

Cel: O Lord, remove from us and from them, the impediments of sin and pardon all our transgressions. Be for us and for them the one who forgives and absolves, that in us, for us, and because of us, your holy and exalted name may be praised,
glorified, and honored, with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: As it was, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Blessing

Cel: May the blessing of God the + Father, and our Savior Jesus Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you, for ever.

Cong: And also with you.

Fraction, Consignation, Intinction, Commixture and Elevation

The congregation sings an appropriate hymn, for example, Father of Truth, or the korozooto of the day.

Fraction

Cel:

We have believed, and we have offered, and now we seal + and break this oblation, the heavenly bread and living body of the Word of the living God.

Intinction

Cel: We sign this cup of salvation and thanksgiving
with the purifying ember
which glows with the heavenly mysteries

in the name of the + Father,
life for all the living;
in the name of the only-begotten + Son,
who proceeds from him,
and, like him, is life for all the living;
in the name of the + Holy Spirit,
the beginning, the end, and the perfection
of all that was and will be in heaven and on earth,
the one, true, blessed, and exalted God, without division, from whom comes life for ever.

Consignation

Cel: The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
is sprinkled over his holy body, in the name of the + Father,
and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Spirit

Commixture

Cel: You have united, O Lord, your divinity with our humanity and our humanity with your divinity; your life with our mortality and our mortality with your life. You have assumed what is ours, and you have given us what is yours, for the life and salvation of our souls. To you, O Lord, be glory for ever.

Elevation

The congregation stands. The celebrant places the paten containing the host over the cup and elevates them, saying silently:

Cel:

You, O Lord, are the pleasing victim, who was offered for us; you are the forgiving sacrifice, who offered yourself for us to your Father. You are the Lamb of sacrifice, and yet also the priest who offered himself for us. May our prayers be like incense in your sight as we present them through you and with you to your Father.

Lord's Prayer

Cel: O God our Father,
our Consoler and Comforter in our weakness, we implore you to purify us from every stain of evil and sin and to accept the offerings presented to you for our failings, so that together we may call upon you with one voice, praying and saying:

Hie celebrant and congregation extend their hands and pray:

**All: Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Cel: O gracious Lord,
lead us not into trials and temptations,
for we do not have the strength to bear them;
rather, in your infinite mercy,
deliver us from affliction and anger.
To you belong the power and the kingdom,
and we will glorify and thank you, O Father,
your only Son, and your Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Penitential Rite

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Deacon: Bow your heads before the merciful Lord, before his forgiving altar, and
before the body and blood of our Savior, who gives life to those who
partake of him, and receive the blessing of the Lord.

Cel: O Lord God,
bless your servants and worshipers
who bow their souls and bodies before you.
We implore you,
make them worthy of your compassion
and the pardon of their faults.
For you are all-powerful and abundant in grace,
and we will glorify and thank you, O Father,
your only Son, and your Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: May the grace
of the most Holy Trinity + eternal and co-equal in essence, be
with you, my brothers and sisters, for ever.

Cong: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us all look to God in awe and with reverence and ask him for
mercy and compassion.

Invitation to Communion

Cel: Holy things for the holy,
with perfection, purity, and sanctity.

Cong: One holy Father, one holy Son, one holy Spirit.
Blessed be the name of the Lord for he is one in heaven and on earth. To
God be glory for ever.

***The celebrant and the congregation prepare for communion.
They extend their hands in prayer and say:***

All: Make us worthy, O Lord God,
to sanctify our bodies with your holy body
and to purify our souls with your forgiving blood.
May our communion be for the forgiveness of our sins
and for eternal life.
O Lord our God, to you be glory,
for ever.

Communion of the Celebrant

The congregation sings one of the following hymns:

A THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Cong: Through the resurrection of Christ the King, with true faith, let us
beg for forgiveness for our souls.

Let us all together proclaim to the Son, who redeemed us by his cross:
"Blessed is our Savior: holy are you, holy are you, holy are you."

May the memory of Christ's mother, the saints, and all the faithful departed
be honored throughout the whole world. Alleluia!

OR:

B THE HEAVENLY HOSTS

Cong: The heavenly hosts stand with us in the sanctuary. They carry in
procession the body of the Son of God, immolated before us. Let us all
approach and receive him for the forgiveness of our sins and faults.
Alleluia!

May our parents, brothers and sisters, and teachers

be commemorated at your altar, O Lord,
and may they stand at your right hand
on the day of judgment,
O Christ the King.
Alleluia!

Blessed is the Lord who gave us his living body and blood
that we may find pardon in them.
Praised and exalted are the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Glory to them for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Meanwhile, the celebrant consumes the large part of the
host, saying:

Cel: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ
is given to me for the forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life.

The celebrant drinks from the cup, saying:

Cel: The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to me for the
forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life.

**The priest concelebrants then communicate
themselves.**

Communion of the People

**Before he distributes communion, the celebrant raises the
paten and with the congregation sings or says:**

All: Our Lord said:
"I am the bread of life.
Whoever eats me in faith inherits life."

Cel: This is the cup which our Lord prepared on the cross. Come
forth, O mortals, and drink from it for the forgiveness of sins.

Cong: The Church proclaims:
"Come, O brothers and sisters, take the body of the Son, drink his blood
in faith and sing of his glory."

The following verses may also be sung:

The Church proclaims:
"Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord;
blessed is he who gives me his body and blood
for my salvation."

Alleluia! Alleluia!
To Christ be glory,
for he gives us his living body and blood
for our salvation.
May this offering intercede for us
on the day of judgement,
when we stand before God's awesome throne.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
To Christ be glory,
for from his cup the Church
and her children drink,
and sing his praise.

*When the celebrant gives communion to the deacon(s), the
subdeacons (servers), and the congregation, he says:*

Cel: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are given to
you for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

**During communion, the congregation sings O Bread of Life or
Father of Truth, or other hymns and psalms appropriate to
communion. They may also sing the following traditional
Syriac verses in commemoration of the faithful departed:**

O merciful Lord,
Accept this offering from your worshipers.
In your kindness,
grant pardon to the faithful departed.

Behold, the oblation has been offered and souls have been
redeemed. May it give rest to the departed for whom it was
offered.

May this oblation, offered by the living for the dead, obtain
pardon for their souls and forgiveness for their failings

May the Lord, who called Eliazar and the widow's son to Life, sprinkle the dew of his mercy upon the faithful departed.

With Abraham and Isaac and with the faithful Jacob, celebrate, O Lord, the memory of those for whom it is offered.

O heavenly King,
accept the offering of your servants,
and celebrate their memory
in your heavenly Jerusalem.

In the Jerusalem above, and in the Church on earth as well, may it be an honorable memory at your altar in heaven.

O Lamb of God,
O Shepherd who died for his flock:
in your kindness, grant rest
to the faithful departed.

My soul longs for your body,
yet I am afraid to get close,
for I tremble because of my sins.
In your kindness, O Lord, grant me pardon.

May your body and blood that we have partaken be for us the way, the bridge,
and the safe passage from darkness to light.

May the heavenly beings find joy and mortals good hope, because of
the offering of the living for their dead.

Blessing with the Mysteries

After communion, the celebrant blesses the congregation with the mysteries, singing or saying:

Cel: We render always glory and thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for giving us your body to eat and your blood to drink. O Lover of all, have mercy on us.

Cong: O Lover of all, have mercy on us.

Thanksgiving

The congregation sits and sings hymns of thanksgiving, for example, O Lord, I have consumed your holy body, or Psalm 133 (134).

Meanwhile, the celebrant consumes what remains of the offerings, and

then performs the ablutions.

Cel: We confess you, O Lord God, and we give you thanks for the gifts you have bestowed upon us, though we are undeserving. Do not lay upon us the shame of our sins, but come to our assistance, and deliver us from the evil powers who wrestle with us. Together, we will glorify and thank you, O Father, your only Son, and your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

The celebrant extends his right hand over the congregation and sings or says:

Cel: O Lord,
extend your right hand
and bless your servants gathered here.
Protect them by your cross;
be a shield of protection for them,
a refuge from all enemies, seen and unseen,
and perfect them with the abundance of your blessings.
We will glorify and thank you, O Father,
your only Son, and your Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The newly professed stands in front of the bema

Cel: May God, who is the source of all good intentions, enlighten your mind and strengthen your heart. May he help you to fulfill with steadfast faith all you have promised.

Candidate: Amen.

Cel: May the Lord enable you to walk in the joy of Christ as you follow along His way, and may you gladly share the burdens of others.

Candidate: Amen.

Cel: May the love of God unite you and make you a true family praising His Name and showing forth Christ's love.

Candidate: Amen.

Cel: May Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless all of you who have taken part of these sacred celebrations.

Cong: Amen.

The congregation stands. The celebrant concludes:

Cel: Go in peace, beloved brothers and sisters, accompanied by the nourishment and graces you received from the forgiving altar of the Lord. May the blessing of the most Holy Trinity remain with you: the + Father, and the + Son, and the + Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be glory, for ever.

Cong: Amen.

The celebrant kisses the altar and silently says:

Remain in peace, O holy altar of God,
I hope to return to you in peace.

May the offering I have received from you forgive my sins and prepare me to stand blameless before the throne of Christ. I know not whether I will be able to return to you again to offer sacrifice.

Guard me, O Lord, and protect your holy Church, that she may be the way to salvation and the light of the world. Amen.

Announcements

The celebrant and ministers then leave the sanctuary.

CLOSING HYMN THE LAMB

Praise the Lord the Lamb that was slain; Who would dare refuse your honor or the glory due your name For you're holy and found worthy, to receive Praise and Honor Strength and Power, Praise the Lamb who freed us with His Blood.

Praise and honor to the Good One, who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb that was slain, strength and wisdom, might and power.

Mighty are you, God Almighty, righteous and true are your ways. You alone Lord, are found holy, worthy of praise, Lamb of God.

END PROFESSION CEREMONY

Hands of A Brother

Dear beloved Brother, these are the hands that offered your whole life to Jesus on your profession day. These are the hands formed and taught our little children, and gave them their formal knowledge of their precious faith. These are the hands that gathered our teenagers and taught them to believe in themselves, sometimes with discipline, sometimes with humor, sometimes holding them as they poured out their frustrations. These are the hands that have healed the sick, and restored the abused to sanity, and to belief in the goodness of others again. These are the hands that have lifted up the depressed and the deprived and have fed the hungry...food for their bodies and food for their souls. These are the hands that have comforted the elderly, and given new hope to the lonely. These are the hands that are folded for hours in prayer...prayer that our burden might be lifted. These are the hands that, joined with hands of other Brothers, have created a bond of love and support in community so strong that all the Church now seeks to emulate it. These are the hands that have been dedicated to and have become the hands of Christ among us. Today our dear Brother, we thank you for your faithful and faith-filled service to all of us, the Body of Christ, your Catholic people. We love you and we need you in our lives.

Prayer Before Confession

My Lord and my God! Prostrate before Thee, full of shame and confusion, I acknowledge I have broken my solemn promise to Thee, my loving Father—that promise on account of which Thou hast so often forgiven me in the past. O good Jesus, Saviour of the world, who gave Thyself to the death of the cross to save sinners, look upon me, a miserable sinner, who implores Thy mercy. Spare me, Thou Who art my Saviour, and pity my sinful soul; loosen its chains and heal its sores. Lord Jesus, I earnestly desire to return, and I am sorry with my whole heart that I have ever offended Thee. Help me now dear heavenly Father, for I am weak, and wounded, and wretched; but I come full of confidence to Thee, for Thou art my strength; out of Thee there is no rest, without Thee there is no hope. therefore I put my whole trust in Thee. O my God, make known to me the wounds which sin has made in my soul. Come to my aid, O Lord; without Thee I cannot discover them. O Eternal Light, dispel my darkness. Heart of Jesus, enlighten me; show me my faults, make known to me my sins. Grant that I may see them all as Thou Thyself sees them, and give me courage and strength to lay them bare without reserve and with a truly contrite heart. O most gracious Virgin Mary, beloved Mother of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, intercede for me, that I may make a good confession. Obtain for me true sorrow for my sins, that they may be all washed away in the precious blood of thy dear Son Jesus, and a firm purpose not to offend Him in the future. Amen.

Offering of Penance

My Lord and my God, I offer Thee the penance I am going to perform, and I unite it to the infinite satisfaction of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Grant that the abundant merits of Thy dear Son Jesus, and the immense extent of the love of His Sacred Heart, may supply the imperfections and feebleness of the works which I shall perform, and the punishment which I wish to endure to satisfy Thy divine justice. Amen

Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

An Act of Faith

O Jesus, I believe that I have received Thy sacred body and Thy most precious blood in Holy Communion I believe, O Saviour, that Thou art really present within my heart. Thou art the same Jesus Who was born in Bethlehem and dwelt in Nazareth, Who suffered and died for my salvation; the same Lord Who now sits in heaven at the right hand of God and Who is there the joy of the saints and angels.

An Act of Adoration— O Jesus, my God, I adore Thee present in my heart and soul. I am penetrated with Thy substance; I am Thy living ciborium; I unite myself with my holy guardian angel, and offer Thee my tribute of honor and praise.

An Act of Hope— O Jesus, I place all my hope in Thee, because Thou alone art my salvation, my strength, my refuge, and the foundation of all my happiness.

An Act of Humility—O Jesus, I am but dust and ashes and yet Thou hast come to me, and now my poor heart may speak to Thee as to a friend and brother.

An Act of Love

Sweet Jesus I love Thee; I love Thee with all my heart; Thou knows that I love Thee and that I wish to love Thee daily more and more.

An Act of Thanksgiving

My good Jesus, I thank Thee with all my heart. How good, how kind Thou art to me dear Jesus. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

An Act of Offering

O Jesus, receive my poor offering. Jesus, Thou hast given Thyself to me, and now let me give myself to Thee: I give Thee my body, that it may be chaste and pure. I give Thee my soul, that it may be free from sin. I give Thee my heart, that it may always love Thee. I give Thee every breath that I shall breathe, and especially my last; I give Thee myself in life and in death, that I may be Thine for ever and ever. O Jesus, wash away my sins with Thy precious blood. O Jesus,

the struggle against temptation is not yet finished. My Jesus, when temptation comes near me, make me strong against it. In the moment of temptation may I always say, "Jesus, mercy! Mary, help!" O My Jesus, may I lead a good life; may I die a happy death. May I receive Thee before I die. May I say when I am dying, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul." O Jesus, have mercy on Thy holy Church; take care of it. O Jesus, have pity on poor sinners, and save them from hell. O Jesus, bless my father and my mother, my brothers, sisters, and grandparents, and all that I ought to pray for as Thy Heart knows how to bless them. O Jesus, have pity on the poor souls in purgatory, and give them eternal rest. Sweet Jesus, I am going away for a time, but I trust not without Thee. Thou art with me by Thy grace. I will never leave Thee by mortal sin. I do not fear to do so, though I am so weak, because I have such hope in Thee. Given me grace to persevere. Amen.

O Jesus, living in Mary, come and live in Thy servants. In the spirit of holiness; in the fullness of Thy might; in the truth of Thy virtues; in the perfection of Thy ways; in the communion of Thy mysteries; subdue every hostile power, in Thy Spirit, for the glory of the Father. Amen.

Eternal Father! I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of Thy holy Church.

My Loving Jesus, I N.N., give Thee my heart; and I consecrate myself wholly to Thee out of the grateful love I bear Thee, and as a reparation for all my unfaithfulness; and with Thine aid I purpose never to sin again. Amen.

An Act of Thanksgiving

O Jesus. I thank Thee for coming to me, and nourishing my soul with Thy sacred body and most precious blood. "What shall I render to the Lord for all the things that He has rendered to me?" Unworthy as I am I will offer to God the merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Beloved of my soul. I offer the merits of His most blessed Mother, and all of the saints. O saints and angels, praise the Lord in my name, and give thanks to Him for His goodness and mercy to me. With the grace of God, I mean to manifest my gratitude for His graces and blessings by obedience to His holy commandments, by my devotedness to my duties, and by my fidelity to His inspirations. Thanks be to God. Blessed be His holy name! Amen.

A Special Request From The Lord

Dearest Lord, while Thou art with me I have one great favor to ask, which I am sure Thou wilt grant, because it is for Thy greater glory and for my good. From today, and for the rest of my life, I want to love Thee with an unselfish perfect love. I do not want to love Thee only for what gifts or rewards I shall receive, or for the punishments I shall avoid. I do not desire to love Thee merely because I

shall thereby obtain heaven and avoid hell. But I ardently wish to love Thee for Thine own dear sake, because Thou art so infinitely good, beautiful, powerful, rich, tender, compassionate and loving. Because there is no king who can compare with Thee, and imagination can not conceive any being that can dimly approach Thee. This loving Jesus, is the request I now make with all the fervor of my soul. Give me, I beseech Thee, this generous and unselfish love. Intensify and deepen it day by day, and then indeed my life will be happy and peaceful. Amen.

A Prayer To Become A Good Religious

In calling me to the religious life, O God of my heart! Thou hast called me to perfection; Thou wishest that I should daily aspire to it, and Thou affordest me the most abundant means for that purpose. But alas! how remote am I from that solid and perfect virtue which should characterize Thou faithful spouse! What a long journey still remains for me to arrive at that happy term! Notwithstanding the many years I have passed in religion, I find myself still subject to the same defects, and I make no progress in virtue. Instead of advancing, I very often fall back; instead of correcting myself, of becoming more holy, of being more faithful to my duties, of being more detached from the world and myself, more mild and charitable, more exact and fervent, more docile, submissive, more poor in spirit and heart, I continue to be tepid and negligent; averse to trouble and contradiction; hostile to mortification, silence and recollection; seeking in all things my satisfaction, the gratification of my humor and natural inclinations. O my God! shall I be always an unfaithful soul, and imperfect Religious unworthy of Thee? How great a misfortune for me for me, were death to take me by surprise! Vouchsafe, O Spouse of my soul! to lend me Thy all powerful hand; draw me from my tepidity, inspire me with a holy zeal for my perfection; and, in order to repair the lost time, conduct me by rapid steps to the term of my vocation. I implore this favor of Thee through the intercession of Mary and Joseph. Amen. Pater. Ave

Invocations Before Holy Communion

O Mary my sweet Mother! Jesus is coming to me; hasten to my assistance; do thou prepare my heart as thou didst prepare Thine own for the reception of thy beloved Son in the Holy Eucharist. Adorn the sanctuary of my soul with all those dispositions which thou knows will make it a pleasure for Jesus to take up His abode therein.

Dear St. Joseph, beloved father of mine! prepare my heart as thou didst prepare so lovingly the crib of Bethlehem; for the same divine Infant will soon repose there.

My Holy Guardian angel, blessed patron saints—and all ye blessed spirits who surround the altar-throne of Our Lord in profound adoration, pray for me with St.

Thomas Aquinas, "that I may receive the body of the only begotten Son of God, Our Saviour Jesus Christ— the very body which He took of the Virgin Mary— in such a manner, that I may be truly incorporated into His mystical body and so numbered among its members."

May the prayer of the angelic doctor be fulfilled in me; "Most gracious God, grant that I may receive the Bread of angels, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords with such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such good-will and intention, as may avail to the welfare and salvation of my soul. O most loving Father, grant that I may at last behold with open face and for evermore this same beloved Son of Thine, Whom I now purpose to receive in my pilgrimage, beneath the sacramental veils."

Prayer To St Joseph

O Glorious St. Joseph! model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example O patriarch Joseph; such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, deliver the holy souls from purgatory!

Prayer To St Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron saint of departing souls— pray for me.

Prayer To St Raphael

Glorious archangel, St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by thy gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler of the

unfortunate and refuge of sinners, I entreat thee to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as thou didst once assist the young Tobias in his journeying. And since thou art the "physician of God," I humbly pray thee to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my greater good. I ask, especially, for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer To St Gabriel

O Blessed archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee, do thou intercede for us at the throne of divine Mercy in our present necessities, that, as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the benefits of the same, and sing the praise of God for ever in the land of the living. Amen.

Renewal of Vows

Bl. Claude Colombiere

O my amiable Redeemer! I give and consecrate myself to Thy Sacred Heart in the most perfect manner of which I am capable. I have in a manner nailed myself to Thy cross by the vows of my profession; I renew them in this divine Heart, in the presence of heaven and earth. I return Thee thanks for having inspired me to make them. I own that the yoke of Thy holy service is neither hard nor weighty; I do not find myself embarrassed with my chains; on the contrary, I would wish to multiply them, or rivet them yet closer upon me. I embrace, then, the dear cross of my vocation, even to my death; it shall be all my pleasure, all my glory and my delight. God forbid that I should glory, that I should ever rejoice, save in the cross of Jesus Christ. God forbid that I should ever have any other treasure than His poverty, any other delight than His sufferings, any other love than Himself. No my amiable Lord, never will I separate myself from Thee. I hope, then O Lord that Thou wilt render me steadfast under all temptations, victorious against the assaults of my enemies, and that Thou wilt stretch out over me that beneficent hand which has bestowed upon me so many favors, that I may be ever more and more generous in my love of Thee. I entreat this of Thee, O my adorable Jesus by Thy blood, by all Thy wounds, and by Thy Sacred Heart. Grant that by the consecration which I make to Thee of all that I am, I may become this day a new production and a complete victim of Thy love.

A Brother's Consecration to Mary

O Most holy and immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, my beloved. I now again choose thee as my own Mother. Henceforth I will never cease to love, cherish, venerate thee as my own beloved Mother all the days of my life. To thee will I have recourse in all my trials, sufferings, and temptations, and I shall do my best to induce others to love and venerate thee, and to invoke thee in all their wants. O Mary, deign to accept me as Thine own most loving child, and make me

faithful to thee. Make me, like thee, humble, meek, patient, charitable, pure, obedient, and docile to our Holy Rule and to our Superiors. Deign to obtain for me an unwavering love for Jesus and a holy and well-regulated zeal for the salvation of souls. O Mary, my dearest Mother, do not forsake, thy child, when I am assailed by temptation; hasten then at once to my assistance, and do not permit me ever to sin. Enable me, by thy all-powerful help, to become, through a constant growth in virtue and holiness, daily more and more pleasing to Jesus, and to persevere in my vows until death in the love of Him and of thee, my most tender and beloved Mother Mary. Amen

Mother of Pure Love

O Holy Virgin, thou art my good Mother and by excellence, the Mother of pure love. Thou hast obtained for me many graces during the course of my life; be pleased to obtain one favor more, which will crown all of the rest—this is to love my God—to love

Him purely, to love Him ardently, to love Him constantly as long as I shall remain on earth—that I may have the happiness of loving Him eternally with thee in heaven. Amen.

To thee O Virgin Mother, who was never defiled with the slightest stain of original or actual sin, I commend and entrust the purity of my heart.

Our Lady of Light, spouse of the Holy Ghost, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all that I have, or may have, to keep for Jesus, that I may be His forevermore. Our Lady of Light, spouse of the Holy Ghost, pray for us.

A Prayer to Mary On Saturday Evenings.

Most holy Virgin! Immaculate Queen! Mother of God! and our own dear Mother, Mary! Refuge of sinners! Comfortress of the afflicted! prostrate at thy feet, in the presence of thy heavenly court, we consecrate ourselves to thy service. We choose thee for our Mistress and our Queen; accept us as thy servants, and receive the offering of our bodies and our souls, of our hearts and our minds, of all that we are and possess. We offer thee this house and community, our friends and relatives, and all whom we love in this world. Take us all under thy protection, and give us thy blessing, O most dear Mother. Protect us against temptation, deliver us from danger, assist us in our infirmities, comfort us in our afflictions, preserve us from sin, and at the hour of our death, O come, dear Mother, and take our souls and bring them to paradise, that we may serve thee, and thank thee, and bless thee, and glorify thy beloved Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, eternally. Amen.

Prayer Of A Religious To Mary

Most amiable, loving, and beloved Queen, I render thee continual thanks, as also

to my Saviour, for having taken me out of the world and called me to this Community, where devotion to thee is singularly held in honor and practiced. Take me into thy service, O my tender Mother, miserable though I be, yet refuse me not a place among the many souls thou boldest dear. After God, thou shalt always be my hope and my love. In all my needs, in all my trials, in all my temptations, it is to thee that I will always have recourse as my refuge and consolation. I wish for naught but God and thee to support me in the struggles and sorrows of life. I renounce all else, preferring to serve thee rather than to reign over the whole world. For me, to reign means to serve, love, and bless thee on earth, my sweetest sovereign, for serving thee is reigning. Mother of perseverance, obtain for me the grace of being faithful to thee until death, faithful to my vows, faithful in imitating thy virtues, and thus I hope to arrive one day in thy glorious dwelling: there will I kneel at thy feet, to praise thee, and thank thee for thy goodness and mercy. Jesus and Mary! Sweet objects of my love; for you will I labor and suffer, May I serve you in life, may I bless you, and love you forever. O dearest Mother, pray for me, that I may one day be united in heaven with thy divine Son, Who has redeemed me by His precious blood. When my soul shall leave this world and all its perishable goods, to appear before the judgment-seat of thy divine Son, then, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary, intercede with Him for me, that He may be to me a Saviour, and not a Judge. Oh, do thou thyself present my soul before the throne of Jesus, that I may see Him face to face, adore and love Him forever, Whom I now adore here- in the Most Holy Sacrament. Amen.

Aperi Dominie

O Lord, open my lips to bless Thy Holy Name. Cleanse my heart from any vain, evil or distracting thoughts. Give light to my mind and fervor to my will. Enable me to recite this office worthily, attentively and devoutly and that it may deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy Divine Majesty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou Thy self, while on earth, didst offer praises unto God, I offer unto Thee this Hour.

Sacrosanctae

To the most holy and undivided Trinity, to the manhood of our crucified Lord Jesus Christ, to the fruitful virginity of the most blessed and glorious Mary, ever a Virgin, to the entire assembly of the saints, be ascribed everlasting praise, honor, power, and glory, by every creature; and to us be granted the remission of all our sins, world without end. Amen.

V. Blessed is the Virgin Mary's womb which bore the Son of the everlasting Father.

R. And blessed are the breasts that nursed Christ, our Lord. Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary.

Prayer For The Faithful In Their Agony

O Most merciful Jesus, Lover of souls: I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thine own blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and will die today. Amen. Heart of Jesus, once in agony, pity the dying.

A Prayer For A Happy Death

O My Lord and Saviour, support me in my last hours by the strong arms of Thy Sacraments and the fragrance of Thy consolations. Let Thy absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me; and let Thine own body be my food, and Thy blood my sprinkling, and let Thy Mother Mary come to me, and my angel whisper peace to me, and Thy glorious saints and my own dear " patron smile on me, that in and through them all I may die as I desire to live, in Thy Church, in Thy faith, and in Thy Love. Amen.

Prayer For A Sick Brother

We most humbly beseech Thee, O almighty and most merciful God, to bless and comfort our dear Brother afflicted with sickness, and restore him again to health, that he may praise and glorify Thy holy name; grant him perfect resignation to Thy Holy Will and graciously enable him to suffer without complaining whatever Thou art pleased to appoint. Compassionate Lord Jesus, look upon him with pity; blessed Mother of God, and all you happy saints, intercede for him, that his heart and desires may remain in perfect and peaceable conformity with the will of God, and that this trial may serve to purify him, and render him more pleasing in His divine sight. Amen.

Prayer For A Dying Brother

My God, look down with mercy and pity on our dear Brother, afflicted with sickness unto death; give him perfect resignation to Thy divine will, and graciously enable him to suffer without complaining whatever Thou art pleased to appoint. Compassionate Lord Jesus, support and comfort him. O blessed Mother of God, and all you saints and angels intercede for him, that he may gain much merit in passing through this time of trial and be purified thereby from the smallest stain, so that at the moment of his departure from this vale of tears, he may enter into the joys which God has prepared for those who love and serve Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer For A Happy Death to Mary

O Dearest Lady, sweet Mother mine, watch the hour when my departing soul will lose its hold on all earthly things, and stand unveiled in the presence of its Creator. Show thyself my tender Mother then, and offer to the Eternal Father the

precious blood of thy Son Jesus for my poor soul, that it may, thus purified, be pleasing in His sight. Plead for thy poor child at the moment of his departure from this world, and say to the heavenly Father Receive him this day into Thy kingdom! Amen.

Novena Before Christmas

1. O God and Saviour of our souls, sweet Infant Jesus, Whom the angels and shepherds adored in the stable of Bethlehem on that holy night when Thou wert born of the Virgin Mary, we offer Thee our profound adoration and our most earnest thanksgiving for having become man for our redemption and salvation; grant that we may apply all our powers to fulfill Thy gracious designs, that we may become perfectly renewed in heart and inflamed with Thy holy Love. Pater, Ave, Gloria. Sweet Jesus, be my love.

2. O Merciful Redeemer, Who didst vouchsafe to remain in the chaste cloister of Mary's womb, hidden and unknown, though Thou wast the Eternal Word, and the wisdom of the Father; grant that we may learn from Thee to love solitude and silence, and escape the evils that are found in the tumult and distractions of the world; grant us greater purity of mind and of heart; grant that we may glorify Thee, and edify others by our purity and modesty.

3. O Infant God, Who from the moment of Thy conception in holy Mary's womb, didst offer Thyself to Thine Eternal Father for the salvation of our souls, vouchsafe to give us a lively sense of the one thing necessary, so that we may labor zealously for others, and work out our own salvation in fear and trembling yet with confidence in Thy love.

4. O sweetest Jesus, Who did go up to Bethlehem in the womb of Mary, to obey the commands of Caesar, who had ordered all his subjects to be enrolled; grant us grace to obey with alacrity the most arduous commands from those who hold Thy place over us.

5. O Most adorable Jesus, Who, upon Thy arrival at Bethlehem, was rejected by all men; grant us to follow Thy example in sufferings and contempt that we may welcome Thee joyfully into our hearts, when Thou seekest an entrance there, either by holy inspirations or by Thy divine Sacraments.

6. O Divine Infant, Who when excluded from Bethlehem, didst inspire Thy holy Mother to retire to a poor and wretched stable, in which obscure and humble place it was Thy will to be born in order to confound our pride, and to teach us humility. O Grant that henceforward, conforming ourselves to Thy will, we may renounce all pomp and pride, and become truly meek and humble of heart.

7. O Divine Word, Who for the love of us, Thy poor creatures, was pleased to be born under the most lowly roof, to be wrapped in the meanest swaddling-bands,

and to be laid in a vile manger, among beasts, and to suffer a thousand evils. O grant that we also may renounce all worldly vanities, and embrace poverty of spirit, and mortification of the flesh, so necessary for our perfection. Grant that we may be thoroughly detached from creatures, and poor in all things save in Thy love and Thy grace.

8. O Divine Saviour, O King of Peace, Who was pleased to make Thy appearance among us when the whole world was in peace; vouchsafe, to send us Thy peace, so that all our powers being brought into subjection to Thee, Thou may at the approaching solemnity be born anew in our souls.

9. O Divine Saviour, O King of immortal glory, Who, in Thy great mercy did come into the world to redeem us and to make us holy; grant that denying all ungodliness and love of this world, we may live soberly in ourselves, justly toward our neighbor, and piously before Thee, that so we may be happy with Thee for all eternity.

Prayer to the Infant Jesus

Come to me, O Divine Saviour! Vouchsafe to be born in my heart; grant that, taught by Thine example, and assisted by Thy grace, I may be poor in spirit and humble of heart. Keep me chaste and obedient. I wish to live but for Thee, and to do all things purely for love of Thee. O my Jesus, my supreme and true Good! what can have attracted Thee from heaven to born in a cave, if it be not the love that Thou bearest to man? What has drawn Thee from the bosom of Thy Father to lay Thyself down in a manger? What has brought Thee down from Thy throne above the stars, to stretch Thyself on a little straw? What, from the midst of the nine choirs of angels, has placed Thee between two animals? Thou dost inflame the seraphim with holy fire, and lo, Thou art trembling with cold in this stable! Thou dost give motion to the heavens and the sun, and now Thou can not move without being carried in some one's arms! Thou dost provide both man and beast with food, and dost Thou now require a little milk to sustain Thy life! Thou art the delight of heaven, and yet I hear Thee weep and moan? Tell me who has reduced Thee to such misery? Who has done this? Love has done this. The love that Thou bearest to man has done this.

O dearest Infant! tell me what Thou earnest on earth to do? Tell me whom Thou art seeking? Now I understand Thee; Thou hast come in order to die for me, to deliver me from an unhappy eternity. Thou hast come to seek me, a lost sheep, in order that I may no more fly from Thee, but love Thee. Ah, my Jesus, my treasure, my life, my love, ray all. If I do not love Thee, whom then shall I love? Where can I find a father, a friend, a spouse more worthy of love than Thou, and Who has loved me more than Thou hast done? I am sorry because I did not love Thee and serve Thee more fervently. Forgive me O my beloved Redeemer, for I repent of having treated Thee with ingratitude. I am sorry for it with all my heart. Pardon me and give me Thy grace, that I may never again separate myself from

Thee, and that I may love Thee constantly during the years that remain to me in this life. My Love, I give myself entirely to Thee. Dispose of all that I am and of all that I have according to Thy will. May Thy holy will be done in me and through me. O Mary, thou art my advocate; thou dost obtain by thy prayers whatever thou wilt from thy Son; beg of Him to forgive me my offenses, and to grant me holy perseverance unto death. St. Joseph, do thou also pray for me, that I may become daily more pleasing to Jesus.

An Offering of the New Year

O My God! another year is added to the number of those for which I am accountable to Thee. Well may I recount them all in the bitterness of my soul, for they have been filled with infidelities and ingratitude. Thou hast granted them to me to know, to love, and serve Thee, and every one of them brings to my recollection numberless omissions of these essential duties. Have mercy on me O Lord, have mercy on me, for I have no hope but in Thy mercy. It now offers me this new year to repair the evils and retrieve the losses of those which are past. Grant, O Lord, that it be entirely consecrated to Thy glory, sanctified by Thy love, and wholly employed in Thy service. Amen.

Novena For Easter

O Jesus, Who did confound all Thine enemies by clothing in glory and splendor that body which had been the victim of the cruelty of man, give me grace to die to myself that I may rise again with Thee, and after Thy likeness lead a new, divine, immortal life: new, by change of conduct, divine by the generosity and purity of my love, immortal by perseverance in well doing. Work in my heart, O Lord, this happy change; make me pass from death to life, from darkness to light, from a life full of imperfections to a life perfect and worthy of Thee. Make me go on from light to light, from virtue to virtue, till I come at last to Thee, O God of virtue, source of all life and of all light. To thee also I turn O holy Virgin, who had the greatest share in the sufferings and the glory of thy divine Son; deign to make me a partaker of that divine joy which thou didst feel on the blessed day of His Resurrection. Dry my tears and free my heart from all oppressive sadness. Let Thy risen Son enter into my heart, as through the closed doors, into the upper chamber. Let Him say to me, as to the Apostles, "Peace be to thee;" let Him show to me, as to Thomas, His sacred wounds; let Him abide with me continually, and never more depart from me. Amen.

1. My risen Jesus, I devoutly kiss and adore the glorious wound of Thy left foot, and pray Thee to give me grace to fly from all occasions of sin, and ever more to walk in the way of salvation according to the spirit of my holy vows. Gloria.

2. My risen Jesus, I devoutly kiss and adore the glorious wound of Thy right foot, and pray Thee to give me grace to walk constantly in the way of Christian holiness till I come to the home of paradise.

3. My risen Jesus, I devoutly kiss and adore the glorious wound of Thy left hand, and pray Thee to deliver me from all evil, whether of the body or the soul, and most especially from the unhappy fate of the wicked who shall at Thy left hand at the day of judgment.

4. My risen Jesus, I devoutly kiss and adore the glorious wound of Thy right hand, and pray Thee to bless my soul therewith, and after death to open to me the gates of paradise.

5. My risen Jesus, I devoutly kiss and adore the glorious wound of Thy side, and pray Thee to kindle in my heart the fire of Thy love here, that I may hereafter love Thee eternally in heaven.

6. My risen Jesus, lastly I pray to Mary. O most holy Virgin! By thy great joy on seeing thy risen and glorified Son, to obtain for us the grace to rise also after our death to the eternal glory of paradise. Amen.

Prayer For Travelers

O Almighty and merciful God, Who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger and collision, of fire, of explosion, of falls and bruises; and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Prayer for Traveler

My holy angel guardian, ask the Lord to bless the journey which I undertake, that it may profit the health of my soul and body; that I may reach its end; and that returning safe and sound I may find all at home in good health. Do thou guard, guide, and preserve us. Amen. Jesus and Mary we pray, be with us ever on our way.

A Friars Prayer Before Visiting

Grant O my God! that my whole deportment may be such as becomes the sons of St. Francis, as he exemplified Jesus Christ. Close my heart against the spirit of the world, and against every sentiment that would be in the least displeasing to Thee. Teach me Thyself what I ought to say. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips" so that I may be prudent and charitable in conversation, and likewise edifying from the desire of advancing Thy honor and glory. Amen.

A Brothers Prayer Returning From Assignment

Accept my dear Lord and Master, the duty I have just performed. Pardon the faults I have committed in doing it. I hope, with the assistance of Thy grace, to be more faithful in the future. If it be Thy holy will, dear Lord, give success to my humble efforts to serve Thee, and grant that they may be always for the greater glory of Thy holy name. Allow me not, O Lord, to spoil Thy work, but let Thy Sacred Heart teach me to do it in the way most pleasing to Thee. Amen.

A Prayer For Brothers In Retreat

Almighty and most merciful God, we earnestly beg Thy grace and blessing for the Friars in retreat. Assist them, we humbly beseech Thee, to accomplish Thy holy will, direct them particularly in what they are about to undertake, and teach them to act in the manner most pleasing to Thy divine Majesty. Enlighten them by Thy wisdom, support them by Thy power, and by Thy infinite goodness direct all their exertions on this occasion to Thy greater glory and their own eternal salvation. Amen.

Blessed Mother of God, and all you happy angels and saints, intercede for them, that they may obtain the grace and protection of Jesus Christ, their divine Master. Visit we beseech Thee O Lord, this habitation and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy: let Thy holy angels dwell here in peace and preserve us in peace, and may Thy blessing be always upon us, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

An Act Of Contrition For Religious

My God, I come to Thee to beg contrition for all my sins. Give me, I entreat Thee, true sorrow for every one of them, in particular for all the negligence Thou hast seen in the observance of my holy vows, and the little effort I have made to live in the spirit of my vocation. Filled with shame and sorrow, I come to renew my vows at Thy Sacred feet, and I humbly implore of Thy infinite goodness and mercy that Thou wilt vouchsafe to admit this holocaust as a odor of sweetness, and that as Thou hast already inspired me with the desire to offer it, so Thou wilt also bestow plentiful grace on me to fulfill it. Amen.

Prayer of the Angel at Fatima

O God, we believe, we adore, we hope, we love You! We ask pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we adore You profoundly! We offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all of the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for all the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. By the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray for the conversion of poor sinners.

Compline

O My Jesus, the day is over and now I leave my labor light; And before I seek my slumber, I've come to say a sweet good night. Would that I might tarry near Thee, and rest before Thy lovely Shrine; Thou wouldst whisper loving secrets, and I would speak to Thee of mine. But I cannot linger Jesus, I must leave Thee for a while; so bestow on me a blessing and a fond approving smile. I will leave my heart beside Thee, it will rest securest there; and within Thy fond embraces it will grow to Thee more dear. So, good night once more my Jesus, grant not matter where I be, all my day-thoughts and night-dreamings will be of Thee and only Thee. Gloria.

Thirty Days' Prayer To St. Joseph

Ever blessed and glorious Joseph, kind and loving father, and helpful friend of all in sorrow! You are the good father and the protector of orphans, the defender of the defenseless, the patron of those in need and sorrow. Look kindly on my request. My sins have drawn down on me the just displeasure of my God, and so I am surrounded with unhappiness. To you, loving guardian of the Family of Nazareth, do I go for help and protection.

Listen then I beg you with fatherly concern, to my earnest prayers and obtain for me the favor I ask.

I ask it by the infinite mercy of the eternal Son of God, which moved Him to take our nature and to be born into this world of sorrow.

I ask it by the weariness and suffering you endured when you found no shelter at the inn of Bethlehem for the holy Virgin, nor a place where the Son of God could be born. Then being everywhere refused, you had to allow the Queen of Heaven to give birth to the world's Redeemer in a cave.

I ask it by the loveliness and power of that sacred Name Jesus, which you conferred on the adorable Infant.

I ask it by that painful torture you felt at the prophecy of holy Simeon, which declared the Child Jesus and his holy Mother, future victims of our sins and of their great love for us.

I ask it through your sorrow and pain of soul when the angel declared to you that the life of the Child Jesus was sought by His enemies. From their evil plan you had to flee with Him and His Blessed Mother into Egypt. I ask it by all the suffering, weariness, and labors of that long and dangerous journey. I ask it by all you care to protect the Sacred Child and His immaculate Mother during your second journey, when you were ordered to return to your own country. I ask it by your peaceful life in Nazareth where you met with so many joys and sorrows.

I ask it by your great distress when the Adorable Child was lost to you and His Holy Mother for three days. I ask it by your joy at finding Him in the temple, and by the comfort you found at Nazareth, while living in the company of the Child Jesus. I ask it by the wonderful submission He showed in His obedience to you.

I ask it by the perfect love and conformity you showed in accepting the Divine order to depart from this life, and from the company of Jesus and Mary. I ask it by the joy which filled your soul, when the Redeemer of the world, triumphant over death and hell, entered into the possession of His Kingdom and led you into it with special honors.

I ask it through Mary's glorious Assumption, and through that endless happiness you have with her in the presence of God.

O good father! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows, and joys, to hear me and obtain for me what I ask. (Here name your petitions or think of them.)

Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Finally, my dear patron and father be with me and all who are dear to me in our last moments, that we may eternally sing the praises of JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH. "A blameless life, St. Joseph may we lead, by your kind patronage from danger freed.

Novena To The Holy Spirit At Pentecost

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

V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. Father You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. In that same Spirit give us right judgment, and the joy of His comfort and guidance. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

1. Come Spirit of Wisdom. Heavenly Father, in Your kindness send down upon us, who trust in You, Your Holy Spirit. May He dwell within us to illumine our

minds, and to guide us. May He strengthen us in following Christ, our Lord. May the Holy Spirit's presence console and comfort us to judge rightly in all that concerns our salvation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen. "The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world and holds all things together."

2. Come, Spirit of Understanding. Father in Heaven, in Your loving mercy and goodness, grant us Your Holy Spirit. With His unfailing help we shall understand Your ways, and discern Your Holy purpose. The Paraclete, Your Holy Spirit, will instruct us in everything, reminding us of all that Christ taught us. This favor we ask in Jesus Name. Amen. "The Spirit of Truth Who comes in the Father will bear witness on my behalf."

3. Come, Spirit of Counsel. Almighty Father, You gave Your only Son for our Redemption, and confirmed His message by the witness of You Holy Spirit. Inspire us today with His gift of Counsel, so that we may always know what is best to do, and ever be confirmed in acting rightly. We ask this grace in the Name of Christ, Our Lord. Amen. "I prayed, and Prudence was given to me; I pleaded and the Spirit of Wisdom came to me."

4. Come Spirit of Fortitude. Father All Powerful, in our weakness and sinfulness, we fail unless You strengthen us with Your Holy Spirit. Send us, then, His Gift of Courage, to help our human frailty so that we may be perfect in doing Your Holy Will. In Christ's Name, we ask the gift of Fortitude. Amen. 'The Love of God has been poured out in our hearts by His Spirit living in us.'

5. Come, Spirit of Knowledge. Father, all -wise and all- knowing, Your Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God and makes known to us the mind of Our Lord, Your Son. Impart to us now His gift of Knowledge, so that we appreciate how to prefer the "foolishness" of God to the "wisdom" of men. In Christ's Name we beg this gift of His Spirit. Amen. "God chose those whom the world considers absurd to shame the wise; He singled out the weak to shame the strong."

6. Come, Spirit of Piety. Father most Holy, stir up within us Your Holy Spirit Who endows us with His gift of Piety. The grace of Your Spirit humbles us before Your Sanctity, and gives us reverence for Your commands and our neighbors needs. May we be confirmed in the Spirit by His gift of Piety. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen. "Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered and was heard for His reverence."

7. Come, Spirit of Fear. Father of all men, fill us with that saving fear which is the Gift of Your Holy Spirit. Your divine mildness and kindness soften our natural dread of Your blazing might and power. By the inspiration of Your Spirit within us, assist us to serve You with fitting and reverential fear. We humbly implore this in the name of Christ, Your Son. Amen. "This treasure we possess in earthen vessels to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us."

8. Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest, and in our souls take up Your rest come with Your grace and heavenly aid, to fill the hearts which You have made. To You, Our Comforter we cry, To You the gift of God most High,

O, font of life, and Fire of Love, our souls anointing from above. 'The way we know we remain in Him and He in us is that He has given us of His Spirit.'

9. Come, Holy Spirit, Come, come Father of the poor. Come with treasures that endure, come You light of all who live. You in toil are comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe. Give us comfort when we die; give us life with You on high, give us joys that never end. "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life."

Closing Daily Prayer

God, our Father, pour out the gifts of Your Holy Spirit on the world. You send the Spirit on Your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel; now let the Spirit continue the work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Prayer To Saint Francis

Holy Father, amiable and most beloved St. Francis, I beseech thee by the holy wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ which were imprinted on thy body, assist be to govern the five senses of my body, according to the will and pleasure of Almighty God. Intercede for me, so that I may be most faithful in the observance of thy Rule of Penance and my holy vows. Obtain for me contrition and devotion, faith, open charity, patience, purity of body and soul, together with the grace of persevering in the service of the Lord: so that after this life I may merit to come to thee, and with thee to enjoy eternal happiness, which I hope through thy intercession to obtain from Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of Our Seraphic Father Francis

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God
Holy Mary Conceived without sin, Pray for us.
Holy Mary, Patroness of the Franciscan Order,
St. Francis, Seraphic Patriarch
St. Francis, most prudent father.
St. Francis, despiser of the world.
St. Francis, model of penance.
St. Francis, conqueror of vices.

St. Francis, imitator of the Saviour.
St. Francis, bearer of the marks of Christ.
St. Francis, sealed with the character of Jesus.
St. Francis, example of purity.
St. Francis, image of humility.
St. Francis, abounding in grace.
St. Francis, reformer of the erring.
St. Francis, healer of the sick.
St. Francis, pillar of the Church.
St. Francis, defender of the faith.
St. Francis, champion of Christ.
St. Francis, defender of thy children.
St. Francis, invulnerable shield.
St. Francis, confounder of heretics.
St. Francis, converter of the pagans.
St. Francis, supporter of the lame.
St. Francis, raiser of the dead.
St. Francis, healer of the lepers.
St. Francis, our advocate.
St. Francis, Father and Patron of our Community

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us O Lord.

Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously Hear us O Lord.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us Blessed Father St. Francis.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, when the world was growing cold, didst, in order to renew in our hearts the flame of love, imprint the Sacred marks of Thy Passion on the body of our Blessed Father St. Francis; Mercifully grant that by his merits and prayers we may persevere in bearing the cross and bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

Who lives and reigns world without end.

Amen.

A Prayer to St Francis

O Seraphic Father, St. Francis, I venerate in thee the living image of Christ Crucified. Born like Him in a stable, thou didst condemn a world which rejected thee; poor like Him, thou didst esteem no possessions but those which are

eternal; meek and humble like Hun, thou didst count confusion and humiliation a joy; inflamed with an ardent charity, thou didst burn to increase His glory: thy love transformed thy whole life into one long martyrdom, and made thee strive by severe penances to satisfy the ardor of thy desires, until at last it impressed on thy body, the wounds it had long before engraved deeply in thy heart, and made thee a living crucifix, preaching sweetly to men, the sufferings and love of Jesus. Obtain for me, O Holy Father, that I too may banish from my heart the spirit of the world; that I may esteem poverty in humiliation above wealth and honors; that I may mortify my

passions and advance daily in the knowledge and love of God, until at last, detached from myself, from the world, and from all creatures, I may live for God alone, and like thee, may say with my whole heart: "My God and My All," my inheritance and my joy in time and in eternity. Amen. Jesus My Lord, My God, and My All, Thou hast died for love of me, help me to die to self, for love of Thee. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Jude

St. Jude, glorious Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the patron of things despaired of; pray for me; I am so helpless and alone; pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with the elect throughout eternity. Amen. St. Jude, patron of impossible situations. Pray for us.

St Gertrude's Prayer For The Poor Souls

Eternal Father I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus, in all of the masses said throughout the world today, for all of the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Prayer To St Paschal Baylon

O God, Who glorifies those who glorify Thee and desirest to be honored in Thy saints, grant, I beseech Thee, that I may worthily extol the glorious merits of St. Paschal, imitate his virtues, and rejoice in his powerful intercession before Thy heavenly throne. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. I have recourse to thee, my gracious and powerful patron, St. Paschal, and beg thee to protect me as thy son and never forsake me. I place all my confidence in thee. Lead me along the path of virtue which thou hast trodden, so that I may live a holy life and remain pure and pleasing to Al mighty God Protect me from all dangers of body and soul and assist me at all times, especially at the hour of my death, that I may be privileged

to enjoy with thee the Beatific Vision for all eternity. Amen.

Prayer To St Rita

O God, Who deigned to bestow upon St. Rita such grace that she loved her enemies and bore on her forehead the signs of Thy great love and Thy passion, grant we beseech Thee through Her merits and Her intercession, to grant us the grace of forgiving our enemies and of meditating the pains of Thy passion so that we may earn the award promised to the meek and sorrowing by Thee, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Requesting A Favor From St. Rita

O excellent St. Rita, worker of miracles, turn thy merciful eyes towards me who suffer and weep! Thou seest my poor bleeding heart surrounded by thorns. Thou seest, o dear Saint, that my eyes have no more tears to shed, so much have they wept! Weary and discouraged as I am, I feel the very prayers dying on my lips. Must I thus despair in this crisis of my life? O come, St. Rita, come to my aid and help me. Art thou not called by Christians: the Saint of the Impossible, Advocate to those in despair? Then honor thy name, procuring for me from God the favor that I ask (Here ask the favor you wish to obtain) Everyone praises thy glories, everyone tells of the most amazing miracles performed through thee by Almighty God, must I alone be disappointed, because thou has not heard me? Ah no! Pray then for me to thy sweet Lord Jesus that He be moved to pity by my troubles and that, through thee, O Good St. Rita, I may obtain what my heart so fervently desires. Amen. (Three Paters, Aves and Glorias)

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