

A collection of favorite
prayers
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A Gift From . . .

ST. LAWRENCE SEMINARY

"The Hill of Happiness"

Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin 53057

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, You said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed You most You would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

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A COLLECTION OF FAVORITE PRAYERS

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O good and gentle St. Anthony, your love of God and concern for His creatures made you worthy, while on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Come to my help in this moment of trouble and anxiety. Your ardent love of God made you worthy to hold the Holy Infant in your arms. Whisper to Him my humble request if it be for the greater glory of God, and the salvation of my soul. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO ST. LUCY

(Who is invoked for protection against eye ailments)

Relying on Your goodness, O God, we humbly ask You, through the intercession of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, to give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Your greater honor and glory.

St. Lucy, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

NIHIL OBSTAT: Charles Yost, S.C.J., Censor Deputatus

IMPRIMATUR: + Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.

Archbishop of Milwaukee

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer
You all my prayers, works, and sufferings of this
day. For all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart
In union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world. In reparation for all my
sins. For the intentions of all our associates, and,
in particular, for the intention of our Holy Father
for this month. *Amen.*

THE HAIL MARY

Hail, Mary! Full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed are thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

ADORATION

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man, 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 You have revealed them Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Creator God,

Life is Your gift to me,

Through Baptism, You invite me to
share the gift of my life in
service to others.

Be with me as I choose each day to
show Your presence in our world.

Give me the courage and generosity
to respond to Your love, to Your call.

I pray especially for those who serve
You as priests, brothers, sisters
deacons and lay ministers.

Keep them close to You.

Open the minds and hearts of many
other men and women that they may
accept Your challenge to build
the Kingdom.

Prayer: Roseann Kasayka, OSF

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries - Monday and Thursday

1. The Annunciation (*Humility*)
2. The Visitation (*Charity*)
3. The Nativity (*Poverty*)
4. The Presentation (*Obedience*)
5. The Finding in the Temple (*Piety*)

Sorrowful Mysteries - Tuesday and Friday

1. Agony in the Garden (*Contrition*)
2. Scourging at the Pillar (*Purity*)
3. Crowning with Thorns (*Courage*)
4. Carrying of the Cross (*Patience*)
5. The Crucifixion (*Self-denial*)

Glorious Mysteries - Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday

1. The Resurrection (*Faith*)
2. The Ascension (*Hope*)
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit (*Love*)
4. The Assumption (*Eternal Happiness*)
5. Crowning of Mary (*Devotion to Mary*)

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace
into our hearts; that as we have known the incar-
nation of Christ, Your Son by the message of an
angel, so by His passion and cross we may be
brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through
the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

MARY, MOTHER OF GRACE

Mary, Mother of grace,

Mother of mercy,

Shield me from the enemy

And receive me at the hour of my death.

(Roman Ritual)

THE SALVE REGINA

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy.
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve!
To you do we send up our sighs; mourning and
weeping in this vale of tears!
Turn then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of
mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show
unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus!
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that
never was it known that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help, or sought your in-
tercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you O Virgin
of virgins, my mother. To you I come; before you
I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my
petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call
me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm, He
has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful
of His mercy -
Even as He spoke to our fathers -
to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O Blessed Saint Joseph, faithful guardian and protector of virgins, to whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary, I implore you by the love which you did bear them, to preserve me from every defilement of soul and body, that I may always serve them in holiness and purity of love. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priest who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. *Amen.*

PRAYER IN TIME OF SICKNESS

O Jesus, You suffered and died for us;
You understand suffering;
Teach me to understand my suffering as You do;
To bear it in union with You;
To offer it with You to atone for my sins
And to bring Your grace to souls in need.
Calm my fears; increase my trust.
May I gladly accept Your holy will and become
more like You in trial.
If it be Your will, restore me to health so that I may
work for Your honor and glory and the salvation
of all men. *Amen.*

Mary, help of the sick, pray for me.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the Troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

ACT OF HOPE

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

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 love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF SUFFERING

Behold me, my beloved Jesus, weighed down under the burden of my trials and sufferings, I cast myself at Your feet, that You may renew my strength and my courage, while I rest here in Your presence. Permit me to lay down my cross in Your Sacred Heart, for only Your infinite goodness can sustain me; only Your love can help me bear my cross; only Your powerful hand can lighten its weight. O Divine King, Jesus, whose heart is so compassionate to the afflicted, I wish to live in You; suffer and die in You. During my life be to me my model and my support; At the hour of my death, be my hope and my refuge. Amen.

TO THE SORROWFUL MOTHER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE PONTIFF

Most Holy Virgin and Mother, your soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the passion of your divine Son, and in His glorious resurrection, you were filled with unending joy in His triumph! Obtain for us who call upon you, to be such partakers in the adversities of holy Church and in the sorrows of the Sovereign Pontiff as to be found worthy to rejoice with them in the consolations for which we pray, in the charity and peace of the same Christ our Lord. Amen. *(From the Raccolta No. 251)*

PRAYER FOR THE DYING

Most Merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I pray You by the agony of Your most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Your Immaculate Mother, to wash in Your Most Precious Blood, the sinners of the world who are now in their agony, and who will die today.

Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the dying. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them.

Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames.

And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. *Amen.*

PRAYERS TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

*(For the 3-day, the 9-day,
and the 13 Tuesdays in his honor)*

Prayer in Petition

Glorious St. Anthony, my friend and special Protector, I come to you with full confidence in my present necessity. In your overflowing generosity you hear all those who turn to you. Your influence before the throne of God is so effective that the Lord readily grants great favors at your request.

Please listen to my humble petition in spite of my unworthiness and sinfulness. Consider only your great and constant love for Jesus and Mary, and my desire for their glory and mercy. I beg you to obtain for me the grace I so greatly need (mention your petition), if it be God's will and for the good of my soul.

I place this earnest petition in the care of the little mission children so that they may present it to you along with their innocent prayers.

Bless me, powerful St. Anthony, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE,

The "Cancer Saint"

Feast, May 2nd

"St. Peregrine, you have given us an example to follow; as a Christian you were steadfast in love; as a Servite you were faithful in service; as a penitent you humbly acknowledged your sin; afflicted you bore suffering with patience. Intercede for us, then, with our heavenly Father so that we steadfast, humble and patient may receive from Christ Jesus the grace we ask."

PRAYER TO ST. GERARD

For An Expectant Mother

Feast, October 15th

Great St. Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of our meek and humble Savior, and devoted child of the Mother of God, enkindle within my heart one spark of that heavenly fire of charity which glowed in yours and made you a seraph of love.

O glorious St. Gerard, because, like your Divine Master, you bore without murmur or complaint the calumnies of wicked men when falsely accused of crime, you have been raised up by God

as the patron and protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me in the dangers of motherhood and shield the child I now bear, that it may be brought safely to the light of day and receive the sacrament of baptism.

Hail Mary. (3 times)

PRAYER TO ST. DYMPHNA

For the Mentally Afflicted

Feast, May 15th

O God, we humbly beseech Thee through Thy servant, St. Dymphna, who sealed with her blood the love she bore Thee, to grant relief to those who suffer from mental afflictions and nervous disorders, *especially N . . .*

St. Dymphna, helper of the mentally afflicted, pray for us!

Glory be to the Father. (3 times)

*For Motherhood or for
Some Other Special Favor*

O Most Blessed Trinity, I, Thy unworthy creature, thank Thee for all the gifts and

privileges which Thou didst grant to St. Gerard, especially for those virtues with which Thou didst adorn him on earth and the glory which Thou dost impart to him in heaven. Accomplish, O Lord, Thy work, for the greater edification of Holy Church. Glorify him before men, and through his merits, in union with those of Jesus and Mary, grant me the grace for which I ask . . .

And you, my powerful intercessor, St. Gerard, always so ready to help those who have recourse to you, pray also for me. Prostrate yourself before the throne of Divine Mercy, and do not leave it without being heard. To you I confide this important and urgent affair . . . Graciously take my cause in hand, and let me not end this novena without having experienced in some way the effects of your intercession.

Amen.

St. Gerard is also invoked as the patron of a good Confession.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Glorious St. Anthony, I salute you as a good servant of Christ, and a special friend of God. You once were favored to hold the Christ Child in your arms as you cherished His world in your heart.

Today I place all my cares, temptations, and anxieties in your hands. I resolve ever to honor you by imitating your example.

Powerful patron, model of purity and victor over fleshly impulses, please win for me, and for all devoted to you, perfect purity of body, mind, and heart. I promise by my example and counsel to help others to the knowledge, love, and service of God.
Amen.

DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

O glorious Apostle St. Jude, true relative of Jesus and Mary, I salute you through the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Through this Heart, I praise and thank God for all the graces He has bestowed upon you. Humbly prostrate before you, I implore you through this heart to look down upon me with compassion. Despise not my poor prayer and let not my trust be in vain. To you has been assigned the privilege of aiding mankind in the most desperate cases. Oh, come to my aid that I may praise the mercies of God.

All my life I will be grateful to you and will be your faithful client until I can thank you in heaven.
Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

Come Holy Spirit into my soul.

Enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess, and grant me Your grace to confess them fully, humbly and with contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again. O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity, and refuge of penitent sinners, intercede for me through the Passion of Your Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession.

All you blessed Angels and Saints of God, pray for me, a most miserable sinner, that I may repent from my evil ways, that my heart may henceforth be forever united with yours in eternal love. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell.

But most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A FAMILY

O dear Jesus,
I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary,
loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph,
holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR FAITH

Lord, I believe: I wish to believe in Thee.

Lord, let my faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate my thought, my way of judging Divine things and human things.

Lord, let my faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to my spirit, and dispose it for prayer with God and conversation with men, so that the inner bliss of its fortunate possession may shine forth in sacred and secular conversation.

Lord, let my faith be humble and not presume to be based on the experience of my thought and of my feeling; but let it surrender to the testimony of the Holy Spirit, and not have any better guarantee than in docility to Tradition and to the authority of the *magisterium* of Holy Church. Amen.

Pope Paul VI

PRAYER

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous: teach me to serve You as You deserve: to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your will.

St. Ignatius Loyola

PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION

My dearest Jesus,

I have told all my sins to the best of my ability.
I have sincerely tried to make a good confession
and I know that You have forgiven me. Thank
You dear Jesus!

Your divine heart is full of love and mercy for poor
sinners. I love You dear Jesus; You are so good
to me.

My loving Savior, I shall try to keep from sin and
to love You more each day.

Dearest Mother Mary,
pray for me and help me to keep all of my promises.
Protect me and do not let me fall back into sin.

Dear God,
help me to lead a good life. Without Your grace
I can do nothing. Amen.

MY BREASTPLATE

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

St. Patrick

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said of You, my Jesus:

“They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones.” *Amen.*

OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy 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. *Amen.*



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

When unable to receive Holy Communion, it is a pious practice to make a Spiritual Communion. Say the following prayer of St. Francis:

I believe that You, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love You and desire You. Come into my heart. I embrace You. Oh, never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of Your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech You, absorb my mind that I may die through love of Your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Come, O blessed Savior, and nourish my soul with heavenly Food, the Food which contains every sweetness and every delight. Come, Bread of Angels, and satisfy the hunger of my soul. Come, glowing Furnace of Charity, and enkindle in my heart the flame of divine love. Come, Light of the World, and enlighten the darkness of my mind. Come, King of Kings, and make me obedient to Your holy will. Come, loving Savior, and make me meek and humble. Come, Friend of the Sick, and heal the infirmities of my body and the weakness of my soul. Come, Good Shepherd, my God and my All, and take me to Yourself.

O most holy Mother, Mary Immaculate, prepare my heart to receive my Savior.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Lord, help me to remove from my mind every thought or opinion which You would not sanction, every feeling from my heart which You would not approve.

Grant that I may spend the hours of the day gladly working with You according to Your will.

Help me just for today and be with me in it. In the long hours of work, that I may not grow weary or slack in serving You.

In conversations, that they may not be to me occasions of uncharitableness.

In the day's worries and disappointments, that I may be patient with myself and with those around me.

In moments of fatigue and illness, that I may be mindful of others rather than of myself.

In temptations, that I may be generous and loyal so that when the day is over I may lay it at Your feet, with its successes which are all Yours, and its failures which are all my own, and feel that life is real and peaceful, and blessed when spent with You as the Guest of my soul. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from
hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Bap-
tism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces
I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the three adorable Persons of the
Holy Trinity, now and forever. *Amen.*

FOR THE HELPLESS UNBORN

Heavenly Father, You create us in Your own
image, and You desire that not even the least
among us should perish. In Your love for us, You
entrusted Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary.
Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness
of the devil, those little ones to whom You have
given the gift of life.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ sanctify me;
Body of Christ save me;
Blood of Christ inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ wash me;
Passion of Christ strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me;
Within Your wounds hide me;
Never let me be separated from You;
From the evil one protect me,
At the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to You
That with your saints
I may praise You forever. *Amen.*

PRAYER

O Sweet Jesus, I desire neither life, nor death, but Your most holy will. You are the One, O Lord, that I long for. If it be Your holy will to have me die, receive my soul; and grant that in You and with You, I may receive everlasting rest. If it be Your holy will to have me live longer upon this earth, give me the grace to amend the rest of my life, and with good works to glorify Your Holy Name. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF REPARATION

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all Its love, all Its sufferings and all Its merits;

To expiate all the sins I have committed this day, and during all my life. *Glory be to the Father, etc.*

To purify the good I have done in my poor way this day, and during all my life. *Glory be to the Father, etc.*

To make up for the good I ought to have done and that I have neglected this day and during all my life. *Glory be to the Father, etc.*

DAILY PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart of Jesus today I wish to live in You, in Your grace, in which I desire at all costs to persevere.

Keep me from sin and strengthen my will by helping me to keep watch over my senses, my imagination, and my heart.

Help me to correct my faults which are the source of sin.

I beg You to do this, O Jesus, through Mary, Your Immaculate Mother.

AN EVENING VISIT

Be with us, Lord, tonight. Stay to adore and praise, and give thanks for us while we sleep; to draw down mercy and grace upon the world; to give strength to the suffering souls in purgatory in their long night of waiting.

Stay with us, to ward off the anger of God from our crowded cities with their dens of vice, their crimes that call to Heaven for vengeance.

Stay with us, to guard the innocent, to sustain the tempted, to raise the fallen, to curb the power of the evil one, to prevent sin.

Stay with us, to comfort the sorrowing, to bless the death-beds, to grant contrition to the dying, to receive into the arms of Your mercy the thousands that this night must come before You for judgment.

O Good Shepherd, stay with Your sheep. Secure them against the perils that beset them. Stay, above all, with the suffering and dying. Grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Be our merciful Shepherd to the last, that without fear we may appear before You as our Judge.

EVENING PRAYER

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch,
or weep tonight, and give Your Angels and Saints
charge over those who sleep.

Tend 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,

And all for Your love's sake. *Amen.*

St. Augustine

PRAYER TO ST. 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 you, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and
the other evil spirits who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us. (*Three times.*)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill my heart with Your holy gifts.

Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength
this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of
my state conscientiously, that I may do what is
right and just.

Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and
hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon
sincerely any wrong done to me.

Assist me, O Holy Spirit,
in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ig-
norance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me
in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect
me in temptations and console me in afflictions.

Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit,
and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and
my mind.

Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness
and grace. Amen.

TRIBUTE TO ST. ANTHONY

Good St. Anthony, in God's providence you have secured for His people many marvelous favors. You have been especially celebrated, good St. Anthony, for your goodness to the poor and the hungry, for finding employment for those seeking it, for your special care of those who travel, and for keeping safe from harm all who must be away from home.

You are widely known also, good St. Anthony, for securing peace in the family, for your delicate mercy in finding lost things, for safe delivery of messages, and for your concern for women in childbirth.

In honoring you, St. Anthony, for the many graces our Lord grants through your favor we trustfully and confidently ask your aid in our present need.

V. Pray for us, good St. Anthony.

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

Let us pray.

May it be a source of joy, O God, to your Church that we honor the memory of your Confessor and Doctor, St. Anthony. May his spiritual help always make us strong, and by his assistance may we enjoy an eternal reward. This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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