

Catholic Prayers For All Occasions

St. Joseph School Prayer

This prayer was written by the St. Joseph High School Class of 2012 as a gift to the school. It is a lasting reminder of the gift of prayer they received from the school, and the gift of prayer that they leave with the school.

Dear God, doer of all things, we ask through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker for the grace to be like him—humble and holy in mind, body, and spirit. Lord, we ask that you watch over all faculty, staff, and students, and grant the guidance and counsel to thrive spiritually, academically, and athletically. Please bestow comfort on those who suffer, light to those who are lost, and hope to those who despair. Help us this day to represent our Catholic faith. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Angelus recalls the Annunciation...the moment in time when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary the Mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is traditionally recited at mid-day, but it a wonderful family prayer that may be shared together at any time, day or night. One suggestion is to pray it together during the car ride to school. It is a short, yet powerful communal prayer.

Leader: *The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:*

Response: *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

Together: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art 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.*

Leader: *ehold the handmaid of the Lord:*

Response: *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

Together: *Hail Mary . . .*

Leader: *And the Word was made Flesh:*

Response: *And dwelt among us.*

Together: *Hail Mary . . .*

Leader: *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,*

Response: *that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Together: *Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.*

Amen.

**PRAYER TO
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

*St. 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 hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

The Anima Christi

The Anima Christi is a prayer from around the 14th century. It is still widely used after receiving the body and blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever
Amen*

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.