

Prayers

for

Urgent Occasions

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Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive
to my cries of supplication.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of our sins,
O Lord, who could stand upright?

But with You there is forgiveness
so that You may be revered.

I wait for the Lord in anxious expectation;
I place my hope in His word.

My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the dawn.

More than watchmen wait for the dawn
let Israel wait for the Lord,

For with the Lord there is kindness,
as well as plenteous redemption.

He alone will redeem Israel
from all its sins.

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord—will You forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and sorrow in my heart day and night?

How long will my enemy lord it over me?

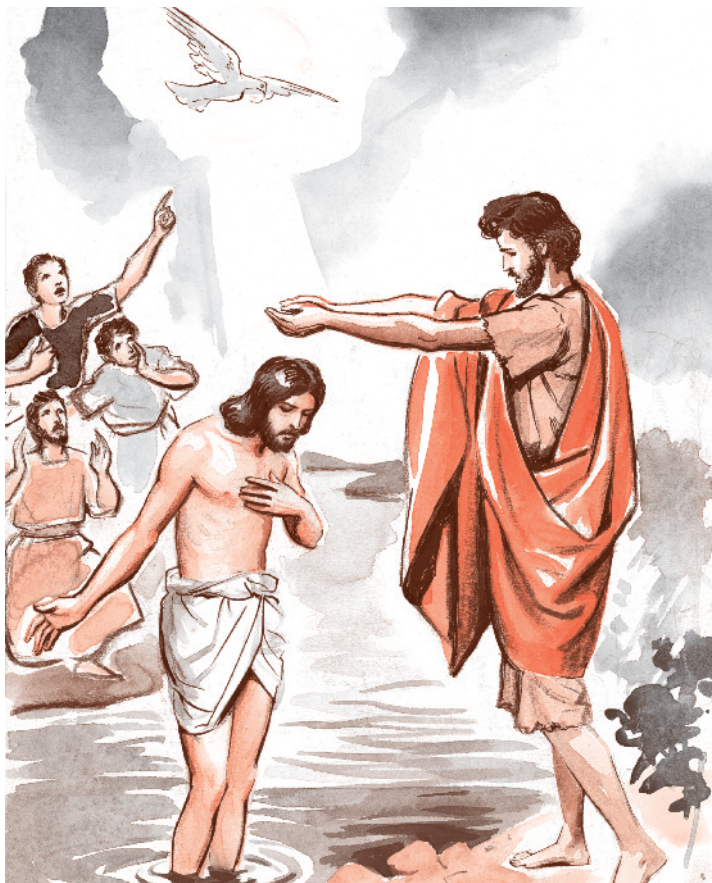
PRAYER TO THE MIRACULOUS INFANT OF PRAGUE

Dearest Jesus, Little Infant of Prague, how tenderly You love us! Your greatest joy is to dwell among us and to bestow Your blessing upon us. Though I am not worthy that You should help me, I feel drawn to You by love because You are kind and merciful and exercise Your almighty power over me.

So many who turned to You with confidence have received graces and had their petitions granted. Behold me as I come before You to lay open my heart to You with its prayers and hopes. I present to You especially this request, which I enclose in Your loving Heart: (*Mention your request*).

Rule over me, dear Infant Jesus, and do with me and mine according to Your holy Will, for I know that in Your Divine Wisdom and love You will arrange everything for the best. Do not withdraw Your hand from me, but protect and bless me forever.

I pray You, all-powerful and gracious Infant Jesus, for the sake of Your sacred infancy, in the name of Your Blessed Mother Mary who cared for You with such tenderness, and by the greatest reverence with which Saint Joseph carried You in his arms, help me in my needs. Make me truly happy with You, dearest Infant, in time and in eternity, and I shall thank You forever with all my heart. Amen.



GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT: OUR SANCTIFIER AND GUIDE — The Holy Spirit guides us in the way of sanctification and salvation. As He descended on Jesus at His baptism by John, so He descends on us at Baptism and inspires us to a loving union with God through actions and prayer.

HOW TO SAY THE ROSARY

1. *Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles' Creed.*
2. *On the 1st bead, say 1 Our Father.*
3. *On the next 3 beads, say Hail Mary.*
4. *Next say 1 Glory Be. Then announce and think of the first Mystery and say 1 Our Father.*
5. *Say 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory be to the Father.*
6. *Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group of decades is said.*

The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Angel Gabriel brings the joyful message to Mary (Lk 1:26-38).
2. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth (Lk 1:41-50).
3. Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem (Lk 2:1-14).
4. Jesus is offered in the Temple (Lk 2:22-40).
5. Jesus is found again in the Temple (Lk 2:42-52).

The Luminous Mysteries*

1. Christ's Baptism in the Jordan (Mt 3:13-17; Is 42:1-2, 4-5).
2. Christ's Self-Manifestation at Cana (Jn 2:1-11).
3. Christ's Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mk 1:15; Mt 5:1-11).
4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36).
5. Christ's Institution of the Eucharist (Mt 26:26-30; 1 Cor 11:23-25).

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Jesus prays in agony to His heavenly Father (Mt 26:36-40).

* Added to the Rosary in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. They are reprinted here from our booklet *Pray the Rosary*, which received the Imprimatur in 2002 from Most Rev. Frank J. Rodimer, Bishop of Paterson.

THE “MEMORARE”

This prayer of filial insistence and unwavering hope could serve as a frequent conclusion for our other prayers and devotions to Our Lady.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help or sought your inter-
cession
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my
Mother;
to you do 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.

THE “SUB TUUM”

AN ANCIENT MARIAN PRAYER

We fly to your patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

INVOCATIONS TO THE THREE ARCHANGELS

Glorious Archangel Michael, prince of the heavenly hosts, defend us against all our enemies both visible and invisible. Never permit that we fall under their cruel tyranny!

St. Gabriel the Archangel, you are called with good reason the strength of God, because you were chosen to announce to Mary the mystery in which the Almighty would have to deploy the power of His arm in a marvelous manner. Make us realize the treasures contained in the person of the Son of God, and be our messenger with His holy Mother!

St. Raphael the Archangel, charitable guide of voyagers, by the Divine power you work miraculous cures. Guide us on the course of our earthly pilgrimage and reveal to us the true remedies that can cure our souls and bodies. Amen.

TO ST. MICHAEL, AGAINST THE DEVIL

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

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*To facilitate the use of this book, we have grouped here a certain number of intentions, but these thematic groupings are no more than simple suggestions and not obedient to any necessary or "magical" character. We repeat once more: God alone is the Master of the Impossible and ultimate Judge of what is best for us. Even if we "deceive" ourselves with an intermediary, our prayer will reach Him, for He is a Father and Love!

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