

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRAYERS

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When the Apostles asked the Lord “Teach us to pray” Jesus responded with what has become the pattern for prayer for all Born Again Believers. If your prayer does not match the Lord’s example it is not because He made the mistake, He is the teacher. You may have been taught to pray the wrong way or to pray to the wrong person or you may be unsaved and God doesn’t hear your prayers at all.

Take the next few minutes to look at what the Scripture says about prayer then compare the Scripture to the prayer we were taught in the Roman Catholic Church.

SCRIPTURE:

PRAY IS TO THE FATHER

*“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” **Matt 6:6***

PRAY IS NOT REPEATING THE SAME WORDS OVER AND OVER

*“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” **Matt 6:7-8***

**PRAY IS TO THE FATHER, PRAISE IS TO THE FATHER, PRAY IS FOR GOD’S WILL
PRAYER IS ASKING FOR NECESSITIES, PRAYER IS ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS,
PRAYER IS ASKING FOR HELP AND DELIVERANCE**

*9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.” **Matt 6:6-13***

PRAY IS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

*“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” **John 14:13***

*“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” **Col 3:17***

PRAYER ACCESS IS ONLY THROUGH JESUS

*“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” **Eph 2:18***

PRAYER IS ONLY THROUGH GOD’S APPOINTED MEDIATOR JESUS

*“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” **Heb 7:25***

*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” **1 Tim 2:5***

EXAMPLES OF ROMAN CATHOLIC PRAYERS:

Angel of God

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

Prayer Consecrating The World To The Immaculate Heart of Mary

"In entrusting to you, O Mother, the world, all individuals and peoples, we also entrust to you this very consecration of the world, placing it in your motherly Heart, Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of people today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future!

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction,
from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against the life of man from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society,
both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us, deliver us!

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings
of all individual human beings, laden with the suffering of whole societies.

Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin:
individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite
saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love.

May it put a stop to evil!

May it transform consciences!

May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope!

Pope John Paul II
25 March 1984
Feast of the Annunciation

Sail Holy Queen

Sail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Sail Mary

Sail 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.

(Based on Luke 1:25 and Luke 1:42)

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 intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired by 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.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle!
Be our protection 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 cast into Hell
Satan and the other evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Amen.

Morning Offering

O my Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day; for all the intentions of thy Sacred Heart; in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world; in reparation for my sins; for the intentions of all my associates; and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven)

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.*

*V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R: For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*Let us pray. O God, Who by the resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to the whole world,
grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the
Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain to the joys of eternal life.
Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

The Holy Rosary



*Click on the beads
for more information.*

How to Pray the Rosary

Each **bead** is a **prayer**. The beads are organized into **decades**. There are **five** decades in the Rosary. Each decade centers on a **Mystery**. There are **Joyful, Sorrowful** and **Glorious** Mysteries.

Starting with the cross, say the **Apostle's Creed**.

On the larger beads, say an **Our Father**.

On the smaller beads, say an **Hail Mary**.

After each decade, say one **Glory Be**.

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