

PRAYERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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Prayer of Leaders of Song

Dear Jesus,
thank You for endowing me with a pleasant voice
and for calling me to use it in Your liturgical rites.

Let me never be puffed up by my singing
in church
but ever give the credit to Your gift.

Help me to lead the singing in such a way
that others will be brought to fuller participation

in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Keep me aware that by helping to celebrate
Your Paschal Mystery,

I am helping to bring Your redemption to
the world
and the world to You in return.

Prayer of Lectors

Dear Jesus,
thank You for calling me to be a lector
at Your Eucharistic celebrations.

Let me take this role seriously
and diligently prepare myself for it
by studying the sacred texts before Mass
and by striving to be a better Christian.



PRAY ALWAYS—IN ANY STATE OF MIND—
States of mind provide opportunities for prayer that are ever fresh. Learning to pray in accord with our state of mind will give us an inexhaustible source for prayers and help us stay united to God.

Prayer in Time of Controversy

Lord Jesus Christ,
I am involved in a bitter controversy
in which it is very difficult to tell who is
right and who is wrong.
I cannot understand why these things take
place
among people who are trying to live
Christian lives,
and I wish I were not involved in it.
Let me realize that controversy is a fact of
life
and that even Your life was filled with it.
Help me to accept whatever comes in a
spirit of resignation
and teach me to be better from this experi-
ence.
Grant that I may resolve the controversy
in a Christian manner
and lead others to You because of it.

Prayer in Time of Criticism

Lord God,
I am the butt of severe criticism
on the part of others
and I do not know how to react to it.
Help me to know what to do
and to carry it out without fear or hesita-
tion.

and because You want me to suffer,
for I love you more than myself.

St. Gertrude

Prayer to Suffer in Union with Jesus

Dear Jesus,
for love of You
I desire to suffer all things,
because for love of me
You endured such cruel torments.
O my Jesus,
I unite my pains with the ones which You
suffered
and I make an offering of them
to Your eternal Father.
O my Jesus,
out of the abundance of Your Divine good-
ness
give me the virtues of meekness and pa-
tience,
so that I may willingly carry my cross after
You.

Prayer To Suffer in Silence

Lord Jesus Christ,
grant me the grace to be kind and gentle
in all the events of my life.
Let me put self aside
and think of the happiness of others.

Prayer for the Local Church

God our Father,
Your Second Vatican Council has told us
that the Church of Christ is truly present
in all legitimate local congregations which,
united with their pastors,
are themselves called churches in the New
Testament.

Let all such local churches
manifest Your universal Church—
One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.
Grant that their members may grow
through the Gospel and the Eucharist
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
Make them the genuine instrument of
Christ's power in the world.

Another Prayer for the Local Church

Heavenly Father,
look graciously on the Church in our coun-
try
and keep it faithful to Your Divine mes-
sage.
Make it communicate that message in ways
that will be understood by our people
in terms of their culture and customs.
Inspire our religious leaders

Prayer of Children for Their Parents

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have given me my parents
to bring me into this world
and to help me on my journey to You in the
next
by the consoling gift of Your holy and
generous love.
Fill them with Your choicest blessings
and enrich their souls with Your grace.
Grant that they may faithfully and con-
stantly imitate
Your mystical marriage to the Church
which You imprinted on them on their
wedding day.
Inspire them with Your wisdom
and enable them to walk in the way of
Your commandments.
And may I and their other children be ever
their joy in this life
and their crown of glory in the next.
Bring my parents to a ripe old age
in health of mind and body
and grant them a holy death in union with
You.

Prayer of Spouses for One Another

Lord Jesus Christ,
help us to love each other

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