# ORANTE – THE PRAYING CHURCH

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## OPENING PRAYERS

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.
R. *And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

## LET US PRAY

O God, Who by the Light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness;
In the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense and my sin is before me always.

Against You only have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight
That You may be justified in Your sentence, blameless when You condemn.

True, I was born guilty,
A sinner, even as my mother conceived me.

Behold, You are pleased with sincerity of heart,
And in my inmost being You teach me wisdom.

Cleanse me of sin with hyssop, that I may be purified;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; The bones You have crushed shall rejoice.

Turn away Your face from my sins, and blot out all my guilt.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from Your presence, and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of Your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall return to You.

Free me from blood guilt, O God, my saving God;
Then my tongue shall revel in Your justice.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

For You are not pleased with sacrifices; should I offer a holocaust,
You would not accept it.

My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, You will not spurn.

Be bountiful, O Lord, to Zion in Your kindness; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shall You be pleased with proper sacrifices, burnt offerings and holocausts;
Then shall they offer up bullocks on Your altar.

# ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

I, N .., a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in your hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose you this day, for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to you, as your child, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to you the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to your good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.

V. O Mary conceived without sin,
R. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

## 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, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother! To you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer us. Amen.

## ROSARY

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

## LET US PRAY

O God, Whose only–begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech You, that by meditating upon these mysteries in the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | R. *Have mercy on us.* |
| V. Immaculate Heart of Mary | R. *Pray for us.* |
| V. Our Lady of Sorrows | R. *Pray for us.* |
| V. Mother of the Church | R. *Pray for us.* |
| V. St. Joseph | R. *Pray for us.* |
| V. St. John the Evangelist | R. *Pray for us.* |
| V. St. John the Baptist | R. *Pray for us.* |
| V. Queen of Peace | R. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.* |

# MOTHER OF THE LAMB LITANY

Ant. Rejoice all you who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb and minister in His temple day and night.

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who takes away the sin of the world.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who came into His own and His own received Him not.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who was led to the slaughter and opened not His mouth.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who was obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who washed our robes white in His Blood and made of us a kingdom and priests to serve our God.
*Pray for us*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who sits at the right hand of the Father in a far more excellent ministry now.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who shepherds His people to springs of Life–giving Water.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who conquered the evil one and has made His followers victorious too.
*Pray for us.*

Rejoice Mother of the Lamb, Who is worthy to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!
*Pray for us.*

Ant. Rejoice all you who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb and minister in His temple day and night.

## A PRAYER FOR SHEPHERDS

"I will appoint over you shepherds, after My own Heart,
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently." (Jeremiah 3:15)

Father, in Your plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people.
Father, we come to You now, in the Name of Jesus, our High Priest and Intercessor,
to ask that our shepherds, especially (name) may receive:

**S** a SERVANT'S HEART, committed to consecrated service of leadership.
**H** a HUMBLE HEART, meek and gentle as the Lamb, to heal the brokenhearted.
**E** a EUCHARISTIC HEART, full of Love to worship You in Spirit and in Truth.
**P** a PRAYING HEART, interceding in the power of the Holy Spirit without ceasing.
**H** a HEARING HEART, obedient to your Word, no matter what the cost.
**E** an EVANGELISTIC HEART, on fire with zeal for the salvation of souls.
**R** a RENEWED HEART, to give You greater honor and glory in Christ Jesus.
**D** a DISCIPLE'S HEART, following the Lamb wherever He goes, even to death on a Cross.

Father, we thank You for hearing our prayer and ask that Your priest sons may continue to guard the rich deposit of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within them, and to bear with courage their share of the hardships which the Gospel entails. Father, protect them from the evil one and keep them in Your Love always. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST. 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 Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about this world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.
R. *That we may be made worthy of His promises.*

(This powerful prayer of exorcism was composed by Pope Leo XIII. In a vision, he had been shown the fearful battle to be waged between satan and St. Michael, over the Church of the future. Now, as never before, the Church needs the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel!)

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Ant. Who is She that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array?

Confer, O Lord, on us who stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross, that union with You and trust in her, to which it is given to conquer the world. Help us to put on the armor of God; to battle, not against human forces, but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in regions above. Help us to stand fast, with truth as the belt around our waist, justice as our breastplate and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as our footgear.

Grant us that fullness of faith, firm and immovable as a rock, through which we shall rest tranquil and steadfast amid the crosses, toils and disappointments of life; a courageous faith which will inspire us to undertake and carry out without hesitation great things for God and for the salvation of souls; a faith which will lead us forth united, to enkindle everywhere the fires of Divine Love, to enlighten those who are in darkness and in the shadow of death – to inflame those who are lukewarm – to bring back life to those who are dead in sin and a faith which will in all circumstances be our shield to extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one.

Teach us to have Your mind, wear the helmet of salvation, and to use the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Make us aware to pray at every opportunity in the Spirit, especially for all in the holy company. Bless all those who have washed their robes and made them white in Your Blood with the gift of life–giving water, so that when the battle of life is over, all praise, honor, glory, and thanksgiving may be given to the One seated on the throne and to You, the Lamb who was slain, forever and ever. Amen.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

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*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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