

Common Catholic Prayers

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And blest 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

Doxology

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

The Nicene Creed (used at mass)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, light from light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles Creed (used for praying the rosary)

I (We) believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I (We) believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I (We) believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation.
2. The Visitation.
3. The Nativity.
4. The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple.
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Luminous Mysteries

1. The Baptism of Jesus.
2. The Wedding at Cana.
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.
4. The Transfiguration.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar.
3. The Crowning with Thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.

Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection.
2. The Ascension.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Assumption of Mary.
5. The Coronation of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Traditional days of recitation

- The Joyful Mysteries are recited on Mondays and Saturdays.
- The Luminous Mysteries are recited on Thursdays.
- The Sorrowful Mysteries, on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- The Glorious Mysteries, on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Magnificat (Canticle of Mary Luke 1: 46-55)

+My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
my spirit rejoices in God my savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations shall call me blessed
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is God's name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors
to Abraham and his children forever.

Benedictus (Canticle of Zachary Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised show mercy to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Confiteor (said at mass)

I confess to Almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault.
In my thoughts, and in my words,
In what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
And I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
All the angels and saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts,
Which we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, almighty God,
For these and all your gifts,
Which we have received,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Funeral Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto her (him) O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon her (him).
May her (his) soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.