

Common Catholic Latin Prayers

Twelve essential prayers in the Church's own language — Latin text, English translation, ready to print.

Daily Anchors

SIGN OF THE CROSS

*In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.
Amen.*

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

PATER NOSTER

Pater noster, qui es in cælis, sanctificétur nomen tuum. Advéniat regnum tuum. Fiat volúntas tua, sicut in cælo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidiánum da nobis hódie, et dimítte nobis débíta nostra, sicut et nos dimítimus debitóribus nostris. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem, sed líbera nos a malo. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name... (full Lord's Prayer)

AVE MARIA

Ave María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieríbus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta María, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatóribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you... (full Hail Mary)

GLORIA PATRI (DOXOLOGY)

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

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.

Marian & Liturgical

SALVE REGINA

Salve Regina, Mater misericórdiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamámus, exúles filii Hevæ. Ad te suspíramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. Eia ergo, advocáta nostra, illos tuos misericórdes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exílium osténde. O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo María.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy... (full Marian antiphon for Ordinary Time)

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

Sub tuum praesídium confúgimus, sancta Dei Génatrix. Nostras deprecatiónes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a perículis cunctis líbera nos semper, Virgo gloriósa et benedicta.

We fly to thy 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.

SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (×2) Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (twice) Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

ANGELE DEI (GUARDIAN ANGEL)

Angele Dei, qui custos es mei, me tibi commissum pietate superna, illumina, custodi, rege et gubernare. Amen.

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

REQUIEM AETERNAM

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Anima Christi, sanctifica me. Corpus Christi, salva me. Sanguis Christi, inebria me. Aqua lateris Christi, lava me. Passio Christi, conforta me. O bone Iesu, exaudi me. Intra tua vulnera absconde me. Ne permittas me separari a te.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. (post-communion prayer, attributed to St. Ignatius)

TE DEUM (OPENING)

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur. Te aeternum Patrem omnis terra veneratur. Tibi omnes Angeli, tibi Caeli et universae Potestates...

We praise you, O God: we acknowledge you to be the Lord... (ancient hymn of thanksgiving, sung at Vespers and on solemn occasions)

How to start: Pick one prayer and pray it daily for a week before adding the next. The Sign of the Cross + Pater Noster + Ave Maria + Gloria Patri are the foundation — once you know these four, you have everything you need for the Rosary, most devotions, and the heart of the Mass.