

PRAYERS & LITANY TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

O Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day (night) be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

O Holy Angel to whose care God in His Mercy, hath committed me, thou who assistest me in my wants, who consolest me in my afflictions, who supportest me when dejected, and who constantly obtainest for me new favours; I return thee now most sincere and humble thanks; and I conjure thee, O amiable Guide to continue still thy care; to defend me against my enemies; to remove from me the occasions of sin; to obtain for me a docility to thy holy inspirations; to protect me, in particular, at the hour of my death; and then conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose. Amen.

O Holy Guardian Angel, my dear friend and solicitous guide on the dangerous way of life, to thee be heartfelt thanks for the numberless benefits which have been granted me through thy love and goodness and for the powerful help by which thou hast preserved me from so many dangers and temptations. I beg of thee, let me further experience thy love and thy care. Avert from me all danger, increase in me horror for sin and love for all that is good. Be a counsellor and consoler to me in all the affairs of my life, and when my life draws to a close, conduct my soul through the valley of death into the kingdom of eternal peace, so that in eternity we may together praise God and rejoice in His glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Angel of God, make me worthy of thy tender love, thy celestial companionship and thy never failing protection!

GOOD NIGHT PRAYER

Good night, my Guardian Angel,
The day has sped away;
Well spent or ill, its story
Is written down for aye.

And now, of God's kind Providence,
Thou image pure and bright,
Watch o'er me while I'm sleeping -
My Angel dear, good night!

PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

(By St Gertrude)

O most Holy Angel of God, appointed by Him to be my guardian, I give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast ever bestowed on me in body and in soul. I praise and glorify thee that thou dost condescend to assist me with such patient fidelity and to defend me against all the assaults of my enemies. Blessed be the hour in which thou wast assigned to me for me guardian, my defender and my patron. In acknowledgment of and in return for all thy loving ministries to me from my youth up, I offer thee the infinitely precious and noble Heart of Jesus, and I firmly purpose to obey thee henceforward and most faithfully to serve my God. Amen.

RECOMMENDATION TO ONE'S GUARDIAN ANGEL

FOR A HAPPY HOUR OF DEATH

(By St Charles Borromeo)

My good Angel: I know not when or how I shall die. It is possible I may be carried off suddenly, and that before my last sigh I may be deprived of all intelligence. Yet how many things I would wish to say to God on the threshold of eternity. In the full freedom of my will today, I come to charge you to speak for me at that fearful moment. You will say to Him, then, O my good Angel:

That I wish to die in the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church in which all the saints since Jesus Christ have died, and out of which there is no salvation.

That I ask the grace of sharing in the infinite merits of my Redeemer and that I desire to die in pressing to my lips the cross that was bathed in His Blood!

That I detest my sins because they displease Him, and that I pardon through love of Him all my enemies as I wish myself to be pardoned.

That I die willingly because He orders it and that I throw myself with confidence into His adorable Heart awaiting all His Mercy.

That in my inexpressible desire to go to Heaven I am disposed to suffer everything it may please His sovereign Justice to inflict on me.

That I love Him before all things, above all things and for His own sake; that I wish and hope to love Him with the Elect, His Angels and the Blessed Mother during all Eternity.

Do not refuse, O my Angel, to be my interpreter with God, and to protest to Him that these are my sentiments and my will. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL IF WE ARE UNABLE TO GO TO MASS

O holy Angel at my side
Go to the Church for me
Kneel in my place at Holy Mass
Where I desire to be
At Offertory in my stead
Take all I am and own
And place it as a Sacrifice
Upon the Altar Throne
At Holy Consecration's bell
Adore with Seraph's love
My Jesus hidden in the Host
Come down from Heaven above
Then pray for those I dearly love
And those who cause me grief
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts
And suffering souls relieve
And when the Priest Communion takes
Oh bring my Lord to me
That his sweet Heart may rest on mine
And I his Temple be
Pray that this Sacrifice Divine

May mankind's sins efface
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home
The pledge of every grace.

LITANY OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL
(For private use.)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Queen of the Angels, pray for us
Holy Angel, my guardian, pray for us
Holy Angel, my prince, pray for us
Holy Angel, my monitor, pray for us
Holy Angel, my counsellor, pray for us
Holy Angel, my defender, pray for us
Holy Angel, my steward, pray for us
Holy Angel, my friend, pray for us
Holy Angel, my negotiator, pray for us
Holy Angel, my intercessor, pray for us
Holy Angel, my patron, pray for us
Holy Angel, my director, pray for us
Holy Angel, my ruler, pray for us
Holy Angel, my protector, pray for us
Holy Angel, my comforter, pray for us
Holy Angel, my brother, pray for us
Holy Angel, my teacher, pray for us
Holy Angel, my shepherd, pray for us
Holy Angel, my witness, pray for us
Holy Angel, my helper, pray for us
Holy Angel, my watcher, pray for us
Holy Angel, my conductor, pray for us
Holy Angel, my preserver, pray for us
Holy Angel, my instructor, pray for us
Holy Angel, my enlightener, pray for us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Guardian Angel,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, Who in the counsel of Thine ineffable goodness hast appointed to all the Faithful, from their mother's womb, a special Angel Guardian of their body and soul, grant that I may so love and honour him whom Thou hast so mercifully given me that, protected by the bounty of Thy grace and by his assistance, I may merit to behold, with him and all the angelic hosts, the glory of Thy countenance in the heavenly kingdom, Thou Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

EJACULATIONS

Hail, glorious Angel, appointed by God to be my guardian!

Hail, holy Angel, my protector in all dangers!

Hail, holy Angel, my defence in all afflictions!

Hail, holy Angel, my most faithful friend!

Hail, holy Angel, my guide!

Hail, holy Angel, my preceptor!

Hail, holy Angel, witness of all my actions!

Hail, holy Angel, my helper in every difficulty!

Hail, holy Angel, my counsellor in doubt!

Hail, holy Angel, my shield at the hour of death!