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MAY PRAYERS - THE MONTH OF MARY

1st May Saint Joseph the Worker Prayer Before Work to St. Joseph the Worker -by Pope St. Pius X



O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously,

putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen.

Prayers to St. Joseph For Workers

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it. When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

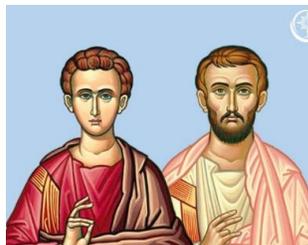
May 2nd Saint Athanasius

St. Athanasius Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity, mercifully grant, that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection, we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May 3rd Saints Philip and James

PRAYER IN HONOUR OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES



O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us, through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection of Your Only Begotten Son, so that we may merit to behold You for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saints Philip and James Novena Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us the examples of your holy apostles Saints Philip and James. Through their actions and witness of faith in You many people have come to know You and have converted to Christianity. Help us to be witnesses of the faith like Saints Philip and James. Saints Philip and James, you relied fully on God when you went around the world proclaiming the Gospel. Help us to know that our faith relies on God alone as you also knew. Pray for us and ask God to grant the intentions we hold within our hearts. (State your intentions here...) Heavenly Father, please grant, through the prayers and intercession of Saints Philip and James, that our prayers may be answered and that we may join you in Heaven for all eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

May 9th Saint John of Avila

Prayer



Good Jesus, Saint John of Avila was the spiritual director of Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint John of God, and other saints. He used to say, "I pray God may open your eyes and let you see what hidden treasures he bestows on us in the trials from which the world thinks only to flee."

I ask Saint John to intercede for my growth in holiness, that I may gain the maturity to discover the good that springs out of the suffering I cannot avoid. O Lord, give me more companions on my journey who assist me as spiritual directors, sharing the deepest truths with me and guiding me to greater purity and piety. Saint John of Avila, pray for me. Amen.



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May 10th Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i

St. Damien of Molokai Novena Prayers



Thank you Lord Jesus for the powerful witness of love that you provided in St. Damien of Molokai. I pray that I will have the same love toward all I meet, especially those who are different than me. St. Damien, you were a spiritual minister and leader to people with leprosy. Thus, you were not too proud to work with the most outcast members of society. Help me to remember those in my own life and culture

who are seen as outsiders. Remind me to invite them into my world to make them feel welcome and respected. Keep me from treating those who are different as unworthy of love and respect. Help me to remember that all people are equal in God's eyes. As the patron of lepers, I bring to you in my heart all those who suffer from terminal illnesses and all of those who feel outcast from society in some way. Please also pray for these intentions I hold in my heart: (State your intentions here) St. Damien, Pray for Us!

COLLECT PRAYER

Father of mercy, who gave us in Saint Damien a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned, grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of the heart of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

May 13th Our Lady of Fatima

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima -by Pope John Paul II



Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that convulse the world: accept the plea which we make in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart, and embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord those who most await this embrace, and also those whose

act of entrustment you too await in a particular way. Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of justice and of hope.

PARDON PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen.

ANGEL'S PRAYER



O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

DECADE PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

May 14th Saint Matthias

A Prayer to St. Matthias the Apostle, for Grace



O Glorious Saint Matthias, in God's design it fell upon you to take the place of the unfortunate Judas who betrayed his Master. You were selected by the twofold sign of the uprightness of your life and the call of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for us the grace to practice the same uprightness of life and to be called by that same Spirit to wholehearted service of the Church. Then after a life of zeal and good works let us

be ushered into your company in heaven to sing forever the praises of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



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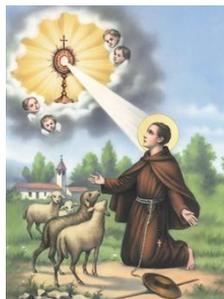


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May 17th Saint Paschal Baylon

PRAYER TO ST PASCHAL BAYLON:



St Paschal, you were filled by the Holy Spirit with a wondrous love for the sacred mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood. Intercede for us now that we may obtain the grace of a profound faith and tender devotion for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. May we draw from the Eucharist the same spiritual riches you received with great joy, and may our lives reveal the enduring fruit of love, generosity

and goodness to the glory of God our Father. St Paschal Baylon, lover of the Eucharist, pray for us. Amen.

May 22nd Saint Rita of Cascia

Novena Prayer to Saint Rita of Cascia



O Holy Patroness of those in need, St. Rita, whose pleadings before thy Divine Lord are almost irresistible, who for thy lavishness in granting favors hast been called the Advocate of the HOPELESS and even of the IMPOSSIBLE; St. Rita, so humble, so pure, so mortified, so patient and of such compassionate love for the Crucified Jesus that thou couldst obtain from Him whatsoever thou askest, on account of which all confidently have

recourse to thee, expecting, if not always relief, at least comfort; be propitious to our petition, showing thy power with God on behalf of thy suppliant; be lavish to us, as thou hast been in so many wonderful cases, for the greater glory of God, for the spreading of thine own devotion, and for the consolation of those who trust in thee. We promise, if our petition is granted, to glorify thee by making known thy favor, to bless and sing thy praises forever. Relying then upon thy merits and power before the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we pray thee grant that (here mention your request). By the singular merits of thy childhood, obtain for us our request. By thy perfect union with the Divine Will, obtain for us our request. By thy heroic sufferings during thy married life, obtain for us our request. By the consolation thou didst experience at the conversion of thy husband, obtain for us our request. By the sacrifice of thy children rather than see them grievously offend God, obtain for us our request. By the severe penances and trice daily scourgings, obtain for us our request. By the suffering caused by the wound thou didst receive from the thorn of thy Christ. Crucified Savior, obtain for us our request. By the divine love which consumed thy heart, obtain

Novena Prayer to Saint Rita of Cascia



for us our request. By that remarkable devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, on which alone thou dost exist for four years, obtain for us our request. By the happiness with which thou didst part from thy trials to join thy Divine Spouse, obtain for us our request. By the perfect example you gavest to people of every state of life, obtain for us our request. Pray for us, O holy St. Rita, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Let us pray:

O God, Who in Thine infinite tenderness hast vouchsafed to regard the prayer of Thy servant, Blessed Rita, and dost grant to her supplication that which is impossible to human foresight, skill and efforts, in reward of her compassionate love and firm reliance on Thy promise, have pity on our adversity and succor us in our calamities, that the unbeliever may know Thou art the recompense of the humble, the defense of the helpless, and the strength of those who trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

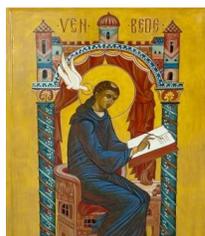
May 25th Saint Bede the Venerable

Prayer of St Bede the Venerable



O Christ, our Morning Star,
Splendour of Light Eternal,
shining with the glory of the rainbow, come
and waken us from the greyness of our
apathy,
and renew in us your gift of hope.
Amen.

Prayer to St. Bede the Venerable



Venerable Saint Bede, Patron of Catholic schools, thank you for being an example of holiness, goodness, and wisdom. Thank you for inspiring us to be lifelong learners who are always eager to learn more. Inspire us to read and hear the Word, which helps us to know Jesus and to follow His ways. Help us all to

love God with all our hearts, and to love Amen. and respect our classmates, teachers and families. Guide us to use our words kindly and wisely so that we can be effective communicators who listen carefully and speak thoughtfully. Above all, give us courage to live like Jesus lived. Saint Bede, Pray for us. Amen.





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May 26th Ascension of the Lord

Prayer



Dear Lord Jesus Christ, Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And

remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen.

Prayer Meditation for The Ascension

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen.

May 26th PRAYER TO SAINT PHILIP NERI



O Holy Saint Philip Neri, Patron Saint of Joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand, and that we need not have anxiety about anything: in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows, and lift the burdens from our hearts. We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us we pray, especially in this

need: (make request here) Keep us safe through your loving intercession and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, Saint Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace. Amen. Our Father...

Hail Mary...Glory be

St Philip Neri, Pray for Us ...

May 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

COLLECT PRAYER



Almighty ever-living God, who, while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb, inspired her to visit Elizabeth, grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit, we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER:

Almighty and eternal God, under Your inspiration the Virgin Mary, pregnant with Your Son, visited St. Elizabeth. Grant that we may follow the guidance of the Spirit and praise You eternally with her in heaven. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS ON THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The dawn from on high has broken upon us through the faith-filled consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through her intercession, let us pray: R. Visit your people, O Lord. For all those who live in hope of new life:— reward their patience. (R.) For all those who encourage the faith of others: – reward their good work. (R.) For those who provide others with means to give praise: – reward their joy. (R.) For those who bring glad tidings to others: – reward their generosity. (R.) (Personal intentions) Our Father... O God, you sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit her cousin Elizabeth and to share with her the joy of your Son's coming. Give us the will to do your will, that we may glorify you with her for all eternity, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Magnificat

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 will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his 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 he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

