# HOLY HOUR Devotion for the Dying

"Let us pray for the dying today, those for whom tomorrow will be too late."

"Come with me."



#### **Prayer for a Holy Death**

O most merciful Jesus, I entrust to you the hour of my death. In your great compassion, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, wash away all my sins in your most Precious Blood. Make me clean, Lord, worthy to look at your radiant Face. Lead me through the gates of paradise where I will live with you forever.

O most merciful Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Grant me the grace of a holy and peaceful death. Amen.

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Compiled from traditional and original sources

The purpose of this booklet is to lift up prayers for the dying, especially those who die suddenly, unprepared to face God. It is our hope that these simple prayers will aid in saving many souls.

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the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying.



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# IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROSALINA AND ADELAIDE MOREIRA

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## The origin of the Holy Hour

How did this devotion come to be? The story could be called *The Three Sisters-in-Law*. *One dying and two praying*. Just after Thanksgiving in 2003, my sister-in-law, Rosalina, was admitted to the hospital. At the time, it did not occur to us that she would never return home; we were all surprised and saddened to learn later that she had bone cancer.

There were many opportunities to see Rosalina during her three-month stay in the hospital. One day, I went to visit her with my other sister-in-law, Lourdes. We asked if she would like to pray with us, and right away, she said, "Yes." We were so glad to hear this because we had longed to pray with her for many years, but she would rarely pray with us. Since that day, we would always pray together during our visits.

As the illness progressed, she eventually became unable to speak. She was, however, able to make the sign of the cross and bring her hands together in order to ask us to pray with her. We could feel in our hearts how much she loved the spiritual consolation provided by our prayers. I am so grateful to God for giving us this precious time to spend with her. Finally, after a few weeks in hospice, Rosalina died peacefully on one of her favorite days, Valentine's Day. The whole family was with her at her bedside.

Immediately after her death, I realized how much those who are dying need our prayers. I knew I wanted to do something to help others who were

approaching death, such as spending time with them and praying at their bedside. To my surprise, Lourdes came to me with the very same idea, so we went together to the hospice that had cared for Rosalina. Sadly, we learned that lay people were forbidden to do this, so we decided instead to pray for an hour at our parish church. We began meeting once a week at 3 o'clock, the hour of mercy, and would pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, and some other beautiful prayers. Soon, several other people joined us to pray for the dying, so we decided to collect our prayers in a booklet.

I talked with my pastor about our prayer group, and he was very kind and supportive. He said our apostolate was an important one and suggested that we announce it in the weekly bulletin. Our numbers grew, and our group has continued to faithfully pray for the dying, often during adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is how the *Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying* began.

I hope you will find it in your heart to become a part of the *Apostolate for the Dying*. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. May this little booklet of beautiful prayers be a powerful tool in obtaining the eternal salvation of many souls for the greater glory of God.

Fernanda Moreira

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die."

God the Father, our Creator, formed each one of us in his own image and likeness. He brought us into this world to love him, to sing his praises, and to live with him forever in heaven. We should always remember that the reason for our birth into this valley of tears is to test our love for him and to prepare us for our death—for it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

God has created a dwelling place for us in paradise so beautiful that our minds cannot begin to imagine: "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." This fills our hearts with hope and joy. Truly, the hour of death is the most important moment in every person's life, yet how many of us at the end of our life are ready to receive His infinite love and mercy? How easily we forget the approaching hour of our own death!

Every hour around the world, over 6,000 persons pass from this life. Some die unexpectedly, while others die alone or in despair without possessing the belief or even knowledge of God. Still others, though surrounded by family and friends, have no one to talk with them about the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Many people will not call for a priest when their loved one is dying. Also, so many people simply deny the stark truth about their mortality until time has run out. How great their sorrow and fear must be as they face death unprepared, just moments away from seeing God, the Just Judge!

For these reasons, praying for the dying is a vital work of mercy that provides spiritual assistance for those living their last day. Jesus told Saint Faustina:

"Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your insistent prayers, obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least. Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for

# certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer."

Our Lord also promised to those who say the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

#### "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet, or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same." "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the merciful Savior."

We ask God through humble prayers to show mercy toward our brothers and sisters that they may be joined with him in the eternal happiness of heaven. Likewise, if we continue to pray for the dying faithfully, God will have mercy on us when our own hour arrives. It is comforting to imagine that when we leave this earth, those same people who passed before us will greet us with joyful hearts, grateful for helping them obtain salvation.

While our simple prayers may seem inadequate, we know that we are never praying alone. We have the awesome and powerful intercession of the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, and all the angels and saints whom we invite to pray with us at the beginning of every *Holy Hour*. Together with this celestial court, we ask our Lord Jesus Christ to embrace the dying all over the world with his infinite mercy. By spending this precious time with him on their behalf, we may one day hear from his lips those beautiful words:

# "Well done my good and faithful servant ... Come, share your master's joy!"

# The Holy hour for the Dying For the Salvation To be prayed during adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament or before the holy tabernacle, in a home or a hospice, alone or in a group, silently or aloud.



 $\bigstar$  In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- V. ①OME Holy Spirit!
  Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
- *R.* Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, to help us pray for the salvation of souls.
- V. As we gather to offer this holy hour for those who are dying all over the world, we invite our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, all the angels and saints, and the holy souls to come and pray with us.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

R. Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Holy Heart of Joseph, we consecrate to you this holy hour for the salvation of the souls of the dying.

Amen.



# The Divine Mercy Chaplet



"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies...especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory."

- V. YOU expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.
- All O blood and water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in you! (3 times)

#### Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . I Believe in God . . .

#### On the Our Father beads:

- *V.* Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ...
- *R.* ...in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads:

- V. For the sake of his sorrowful passion...
- *R.* ...have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(10 times)

#### Doxology

All Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)

#### **Closing Prayer**

*V.* **E** TERNAL God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,

look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself.

All Jesus, I trust in you! (3 times) Amen.

#### **First Prayer**

- V. ORD Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary, by the merits of your most sorrowful agony and by the prayers you offered for us on the Mount of Olives, when in great anguish your sweat became drops of blood falling down upon the earth, we beseech you to offer up your most Precious Blood to the heavenly Father in atonement for the sins of all the dying.
- *R.* Merciful Jesus, deliver them in the hour of their death from the pain and suffering they may justly deserve for their sins. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### Second Prayer

- V. ORD Jesus Christ, who willingly chose to die upon the cross for love of us, we beseech you to offer up your bitter passion and holy death to the heavenly Father. Present them on behalf of the dying, especially the moment when your soul departed from your most sacred body.
- *R.* Merciful Jesus, deliver them in the hour of their death from the pain and suffering they may justly deserve for their sins. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Third Prayer**

V. ORD Jesus Christ, who by the mouth of the prophet has said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, so I have kept my mercy toward you." We beseech you to offer up this same love which drew you down from heaven to earth to endure all the bitterness of your passion. Present your suffering to the almighty Father for the souls of the dying.

*R.* Most merciful Jesus, you redeemed us by your most Precious Blood. We beg you to have compassion on the dying.

- V. Save these souls in the hour of their departure and open the gates of life that they may rejoice with the saints in everlasting glory. Grant that they enter into the evergreen beauty of paradise, so they may live with you in undivided love, never to be separated from you and your chosen ones.
- R. Merciful Jesus, deliver them in the hour of their death from the pain and suffering they may justly deserve for their sins. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



# The Holy Rosary



#### Introduction

1 Apostles' Creed, 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be.

#### **Rosary Proper**

Read the mystery, meditation and response. (pp. 20-27) 1 *Our Father*, 10 *Hail Mary*, 1 *Glory Be*, 1 *Fatima Prayer*. After each decade: "*Saint Joseph, pray for the Dying.*"

#### **Concluding Prayers**

After five decades, pray 1 Hail, Holy Queen.

#### Let us pray...

GOD, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these

mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Memorare

EMEMBER, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection,

implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

#### Prayer to St. Michael

AINT Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of

the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

- V. May the Divine Assistance remain always with us...
- *R.* and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

# **The Joyful Mysteries**



#### 1. The Annunciation

- THE Angel of the Lord declared to Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
  - *R.* Dear Blessed Mother, pray for your children at the hour of their death. May their guardian angels be at their side helping them die in God's grace.

## 2. The Visitation

- ARY, filled with God's love, went in haste to help her cousin Elizabeth who was six months with child. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"
  - *R.* Dear Blessed Mother, with this same love, bring your Son Jesus to each dying person so that He may sanctify them with his love.

## 3. The Birth of Our Lord

- ••• **ODAY** there is born to you a Savior...who is Christ the Lord." Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.
  - *R.* Dear Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, hold baby Jesus in your arms and kiss his fine head for those who are dying. Ask him to return the kiss when they draw their final breath.

## 4. The Presentation

- ARY and Joseph obediently presented Jesus to the Lord. Simeon said, "This child is destined for the fall and rise of many," and to Mary, "A sword will pierce through your own soul."
  - *R.* Dear Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, intercede for the dying that they may be presented to God in a state of grace.

## 5. The Finding in the Temple

- 2 S Mary and Joseph were returning home from the
- feast of Passover, the boy Jesus remained behind. After searching for three days, they found him in the temple. Mary pondered these things in her heart.

Dear Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, fill the souls of

*R.* those who are dying with the same joy that filled your hearts upon finding Jesus in the temple.

# **The Luminous Mysteries**



## 1. The Baptism of Jesus

- JOHN saw Jesus and proclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" "He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."
- *R.* Dear Jesus, you came to take away our sins and save us. In the pure waters of your mercy, wash away the sins of all the dying.

## 2. The Wedding Feast of Cana

- THROUGH the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. "Do whatever he tells you."
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, listen to your holy mother as she intercedes for those throughout the world who will die this day.

## 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

- **S**ESUS began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, with infinite mercy, pardon the poor sinners who will die this day and lead them into the kingdom of your heavenly Father.

## 4. The Transfiguration

**S**ESUS took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his garments became as white as light.

Dear Jesus, may the radiance of your Holy Face shine  $_{R}$  on the suffering faces of those who are dying.

## 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

- SUS broke the bread, saying "Take and eat, this is my body." Then he took the cup, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood." "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."
- *R.* Dear Jesus, may those who die this day receive all the graces found in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

After each decade say: "Saint Joseph, pray for the dying."

# **The Sorrowful Mysteries**



## 1. The Agony in the Garden

- ESUS said to them, "My soul is sorrowful, even to death." Going a little farther, he fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, give the dying the grace they need to be truly sorry for all their sins.

#### 2. The Scourging at the Pillar

- E was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed."
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, to appease the heavenly Father for the sins of the flesh, offer the suffering of your painful scourging for the souls of the dying.

## 3. The Crowning with Thorns

- **T**HEY stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him.
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, by the pain you suffered from your crowning with thorns, calm the fear and anxiety in the minds of those who are dying.

## 4. The Carrying of the Cross

**S**ESUS was led away, carrying the heavy cross upon his wounded shoulders. Weak and exhausted, he fell three times. Along the way, Jesus met his mother, causing great anguish in the hearts of mother and Son.

*R.* Dear Jesus, through your suffering along the Way of *R.* Sorrow, give to the dying the grace of final perseverance.

#### 5. The Crucifixion

TANDING beneath the cross of Jesus was his mother. Darkness covered the whole land until three in the afternoon. Crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Dear Jesus, into your merciful hands we commend the souls of all those who will die this day.

R.

After each decade say: "Saint Joseph, pray for the dying."

# **The Glorious Mysteries**



## 1. The Resurrection

- THE angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, by the glory of your Resurrection from the dead, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.

## 2. The Ascension

S the apostles were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. Jesus had promised them, "I go and prepare a place for you; I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

*R.* Dear Jesus, through the gifts of faith and love, lift up the souls of those who are leaving this world today.

## 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit



UDDENLY there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Dear Jesus, send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to each  $_{R}$  of the dying that they may be embraced by your love.

### 4. The Assumption

- THE Immaculate Virgin, full of grace and preserved from original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.
  - *R.* Dear Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, have compassion on your children who are dying and bring them into the eternal joy of heaven.

## 5. The Crowning of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven

- GREAT sign appeared in the heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
  - R. O mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, intercede for your poor children who will stand before God this day. Obtain for them pardon and mercy through the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ.

# Litany for the Dying

<b>X</b> ORD have mercy, Lord have mercy, Christ hear us	
 Holy Mary, Holy Angels and Archangels,	Christ graciously hear us. pray for them. "
Holy Abel,	п
Holy Choirs of the Just,	"
Holy Abraham,	"
St. John the Baptist,	п
St. Joseph,	п
All Holy Patriarchs and Prophets,	п
St. Peter and St. Paul,	"
St. Andrew,	п
St. John,	"
All Holy Apostles and Evangelists,	
All Holy Disciples of the Lord,	"
All Holy Innocents of the Lord,	"
St. Stephen,	"
St. Lawrence,	п
All Holy Martyrs,	п
St. Sylvester,	"
St. Gregory,	п
St. Augustine,	п
All Bishops and Confessors,	ш
St. Benedict,	"
St. Francis and St. Clare,	"
St. Camillus,	"
St. John of God,	"
All Holy Monks and Hermits,	"
St. Mary Magdalene,	"
St. Lucy,	"
St. Anthony,	"
St. Thérèse the Little Flower,	"
St. Faustina,	"
St. Padre Pio,	"
All Holy Virgins and Widows,	
All Holy Saints of God,	pray for them.

forgive them, O Lord. spare them, O Lord. deliver them, O Lord.
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**MAMB** of God, who takes away the sins of the world, ...have mercy on them.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, ...have mercy on them.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *....grant them peace.* 

V. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, preserver of souls, you correct those you love and tenderly chastise those you receive. We call upon you, O Lord, to bestow your healing love on the souls of the dying. At the hour of their departure from the body, may they be presented to you without stain by the hands of the holy angels.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

R.



# Saint Joseph, Patron of the Dying



SAINT Joseph, Silent Saint, we have no recorded words from you, yet by your faithful love and devotion, in obedience to God's will, you have spoken more than words.

You fulfilled the unique mission of being the foster father of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the chaste guardian of the Virgin Mary, his Immaculate Mother.

We ask you to have compassion on the dying, who in their illness and agony may have lost the ability to pray. Speak for them before the throne of God, and obtain for them pardon, mercy, and the gift of eternal life.

AINT Joseph, Patron of the Dying, we entrust to you those who will die this day, from now until the end of time.

Amen.

# Holy Trinity Prayer for the Dying



- V. EVERLASTING Father, for the sake of the love which you did bear to Saint Joseph, whom you chose above all to occupy your place on earth...
- *R.* have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

#### Glory be to the Father. . . (slowly)

- *V.* Everlasting Son of God, for the sake of your love toward Saint Joseph, who so faithfully protected you on earth... have mercy on us and on those who are dying.
- R. Glory be . . .
- *V.* Everlasting Divine Spirit, for the sake of your love toward Saint Joseph who so carefully protected Mary, your most holy and beloved spouse...
- *R.* have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

#### Glory be . . .

# **Prayer for Departing Souls**

- V. MY God, we offer you all the holy Masses which are said this day throughout the whole world for the poor sinners who are in agony and will die this day.
- *R.* May the Precious Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, obtain for them mercy.
- V. O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls, by the agony of your most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of your Immaculate Mother, wash in your Precious Blood the sinners of the whole world who are in agony and will die this day.
- *R.* Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the souls of the dying. Amen.

# **Prayer for the Holy Souls**

- V. CRD, we ask you to have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially our loved ones, priests and religious, soldiers killed in battle, the unborn killed in their mother's womb, and those who have no one to pray for them.
- *R.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

♥ In the silence of your heart ♥ you may pray for the faithful departed

# **Angel of Peace Prayer**

(Please kneel in reparation for the sins of dying)



I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love thee! (3 times)



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 indifferences 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.

Amen.

# You may offer here your special intentions

- VENLY Father, as we conclude this holy hour, we give you thanks and praise.
  We ask that our prayers protect the dying all over the world and shield them from all evil.
- *R.* May their souls enter into the eternal joy of heaven and live with you, forever and ever. Amen.

All O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine! (3 times)

 $\mathbf{A}$  In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## **Prayer to Mother Teresa**

EAR Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, you have helped so many poor people to die with dignity and love. Help us spread this devotion for the dying, so that we too may help many people die in God's graces. Pray for people to open their hearts to this devotion so that it will spread throughout the world, all for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls. Amen.

#### Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

## Apostolate for the Dying Prayer

OST Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Holy Heart of Saint Joseph, help the *Apostolate for the Dying* grow and be fruitful in the salvation of souls. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we place our trust in you! Amen.

Venerable Mary Potter, pray for us.

# The IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

# A special blessing from Blessed Pope John Paul the Great



"On the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, to all the faithful who during adoration of our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and for those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour, I impart, as a token of an abundance of divine graces, my heartfelt Apostolic Blessing."

Joannes Paulus ME

MARY, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

#### Blessed Pope John Paul II, pray for us.



# Apostolate for the Dying



Mother of Mercy and Mother of the Unborn, pray for an end to abortion.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I 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 into hell. 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 believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **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 blessed 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.

#### **GLORY BE**

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.

#### **FATIMA PRAYER**

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

#### HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.