

PROPER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



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PROPER OF THE SAINTS

Saint Thomas Aquinas I

INTRODUCTION

On this day, when we remember Saint Thomas,
let us ask our Lord for the help of the Holy Spirit
whom our brother always invoked.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us ask the Lord to look upon his Church with love:
May he lead us forth in holiness and unity,
so that men and women may recognise the happiness to which they are called.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, make us to live by your Spirit.

God made our brother a man totally dedicated
to the search for truth, attentive to the Word and the Church.
That he may make us partakers in that same spirit,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, make us to live by your Spirit.

The God of holiness gave to Saint Thomas
a deep love of the Eucharist.
That he may make the same love of Christ, present in the consecrated bread,
grow ever greater in the hearts of the faithful,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, make us to live by your Spirit.

The God of Jesus Christ is the joy of our hearts.
May he make the desire to witness to his Kingdom before our brothers and sisters
grow ever deeper in each one of us here assembled
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, make us to live by your Spirit.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, you alone are truly good.
Hear the prayers we address to you.
Grant our petitions, and give us
more than we dare to ask.
[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas II

INTRODUCTION

Brothers [and sisters],
let us ask the all-powerful God, source of truth,
that he may inspire our prayer.

INTERCESSIONS

That in the Church, following Saint Thomas Aquinas,
theologians may take into account research
which may come to light anywhere in the world,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

That the world and the Church may engage in dialogue
and seek to understand each other
with respect for humanity and for life,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

For those who suffer, for young people,
for Christians who are distanced from the sacraments,
for the lonely, the aged, and for those who are unloved,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

That Christians may remember their religious culture
and the need for prayer
as they fulfil their duties in life,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, you know all things,
hear the prayers of your people
and be pleased to answer their cries.

[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Saint Catherine of Siena

INTRODUCTION

On this day, when we celebrate the feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, let us turn towards our Saviour, who gave his life to the world by his Cross.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord Jesus, you have invited certain men and women to leave everything in order to follow you. That the love of the gospel may grow in their hearts and that their consecrated celibacy may be a sign of joy, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

Sweet Saviour, you showed Catherine the power and the beauty of your Cross. That believers may welcome in faith this sign of contradiction, and its living power according to the design of God. let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

Shepherd of Israel, you desire the unity of your Church. That the salvation of the world may reach its consummation, and that believers may be gathered into one flock in faith and humility, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

You who are good, have pity on those who suffer from persecution, hatred, injustice or sickness. May they experience testimonies to your mercy and love. let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are present in the midst of believers who gather in your name: hear the supplications of your family and deign to respond to our appeals, for you live and reign for ever and ever. **R.** Amen.

Saint Mary Magdalene

INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers and sisters,
on this day, when we celebrate Saint Mary Magdalene with joy,
let us turn to the risen Christ,
and confide in him our prayers.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord Jesus, you wanted Mary Magdalene
to announce the news of your resurrection.
That Christian people may announce your Gospel faithfully,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

Son of Man, you came to forgive our sins:
That the world may know that it is saved,
and welcome your salvation with love and humility,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

You, the One sent by the Father,
wanted Mary Magdalene to be called the protector of the Order of Preachers.
That our brothers and sisters may continue tirelessly
their apostolic work,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

Lord of glory, on the eve of your passion
you promised to present our petitions to your Father.
That our faith in your presence at our side
may ever grow within us,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you march at the head of your flock,
hear the prayer we address to you on behalf of all people:
may they have life, and have it in abundance,
for you live and reign for ever and ever. **R.** Amen.

Our Holy Father Dominic I

INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers and sisters,
on this day, when we celebrate with joy,
the feast of our holy Father Dominic
let us entrust to the mercy of God our Father,
our prayers for the world and the Church.

INTERCESSIONS

For our world, torn by hatred and selfishness,
that it may hear the voice of witnesses to the Gospel
and welcome the message of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For the Church of Christ, called to shine the true light in the world,
that it may always be faithful to its mission
with care for unity and truth
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For all who belong to the Order of Preachers [*or* the Dominican Family],
that they may share in the zeal of Dominic
for the salvation of the world,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

That the love of God's word
which dwelt in the heart of Dominic
may be the leaven of our apostolic life,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

We entreat you, God our Father,
help us to better accomplish the work of Christians
and proclaim, by word and example
the Good News of salvation.

[This we ask] through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Our Holy Father Dominic II

INTRODUCTION

Gathered to thank God, the Father, of our Lord, Jesus Christ
who gave saint Dominic to the Church
as a fruit and an instrument of his mission for the world,
let us pray to the Lord..

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church of Jesus Christ,
for the company of the successors of the apostles
whose servants and fellow-workers
Saint Dominic wanted himself and his Order to be
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For the whole world,
for those men and women for whom Saint Dominic groaned
in the inner sanctuary of his compassion:
the poor, the suffering, the sinners,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For all those brothers and sisters
who have made profession in the Order of Preachers,
that they may obtain, through the mercy of God,
the grace of perseverance,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For those gathered here,
for the members of the Dominican Family,
and for the Franciscan Family,
that we may more deeply discover each day
the secret of true charity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

We ask you , Father of Mercies,
grant us, under the guidance of your Spirit,
to persevere on the road which Saint Dominic has marked out in your Church.
[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Saint Augustine

INTRODUCTION

On this day, when we celebrate the feast of Saint Augustine, let us raise our voices in prayer to the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
That we may keep in our hearts
this desire for the eternal realities,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

Saint Augustine loved to say,
"With you I am a Christian, for you I am a bishop."
That the pastors of the Church may have a constant care
for the good of the faithful entrusted to them,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

Saint Augustine loved to comment on the text of Sacred Scripture
in the presence of the faithful.
That preachers may find strength and light
in meditating upon the Scriptures,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

In his Rule, which Dominic adopted for the Order of Preachers,
Saint Augustine invites the members of the community
to live with unanimity of heart and soul.
That our diverse communities may always seek
this fraternal unity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, you have raised in the heart of human beings
the desire to serve you,
and to live in communion with our brothers;
hear the prayers we address to you,
and, in your goodness, be willing to grant them.
[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi I

INTRODUCTION

United with the Franciscan family in celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi, let us give thanks to God and confide our intentions to him.

INTERCESSIONS

O God, you alone are holy!
Praise to you for the holiness of Francis of Assisi.
That, following his example, we may deepen our love of poverty and desire perfect joy,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!

O God, you alone are great!
By the mystery of your Birth, so dear to Saint Francis,
you make us understand that true greatness
is folly in the eyes of the world.
That we may not allow ourselves to be seduced
by the snares of greed and the desire for power,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!

O God, you alone are strong!
You gave Saint Francis an unwavering trust in your love,
and he proved steadfast when put to the test.
That the same faith and same hope may live in our hearts,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!

O God, in your infinite love
you revealed to Saint Francis the mystery of your Son's Cross
and you marked him with this sign of our salvation.
That we may know how to carry our cross
for your glory and the salvation of the world,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father truly good, you alone are great, you alone are holy!
Receive the prayers that we address to you in trust,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi II

INTRODUCTION

Dearly beloved [brothers and sisters],
in celebrating with joy the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
let us humbly pray to our Lord for the Church and for the world.

INTERCESSIONS

With Saint Francis a new Order was born.
That the path opened up by him in the Church
may remain a living way to God,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Remember us, Lord, in your love.

The world, astonished, saw a new form of evangelical life
rise up in the Church.

That the example given by Francis and his followers
may be always a source of renewal,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Remember us, Lord, in your love.

For the poor, the excluded, the marginalised:
that following Saint Francis they may find
the presence of Christ in the very midst of their sufferings
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Remember us, Lord, in your love.

For all the members of the Franciscan family
that following the example of their founder
they may be witnesses to the joy and simplicity of the Gospel:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Remember us, Lord, in your love.

For our eucharistic assembly,
that it may develop a love of poverty
from the Word of God and the teaching of Saint Francis,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Remember us, Lord, in your love.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O Lord,
deign to hear the prayers we make before you.
Let us follow your Son
in joy and purity of heart.
[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary

INTRODUCTION

On this day, when we honour Our Lady of the Rosary,
let us turn towards the source of all goodness,
to our God, who is rich in mercy, and pray to him.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church of Christ,
to whom you have confided the proclamation of the mysteries of salvation,
that, with the motherly aid of the Virgin Mary,
it may remain faithful to its mission,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

For the people of the whole world,
who are seeking to clear a path towards peace
that our Lady may protect them from all evil,
and lead them to discover the Prince of peace,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

For the brothers and sisters of Saint Dominic,
who have been promised, in a special way, the protection of the Virgin Mary,
that they may cherish in their hearts and their communities
a fervent love for the Mother of the Saviour,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us gathered here,
and for those we remember in our prayer,
that we may know always to find in Mary
an attentive mother and a sure help in our needs,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God truly good, look with love on your children gathered here.
Hear the prayers we make to you,
and help us better to live the mysteries we celebrate.
[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

St Martin de Porres

INTRODUCTION

In celebrating the feast of Saint Martin de Porres
let us turn in confidence to God our Saviour,
who casts down the proud and exalts the lowly.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church of Christ,
called to be in the world a servant and poor
that it may remain faithful to its Saviour,
who was made one of us:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy on us.

For the little ones of this world, the broken ones,
the forgotten minorities, those rejected by society:
that they may be aware of their dignity
thanks to the consolation of the Holy Spirit
and the active concern of witnesses to the Gospel.
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy on us.

For those men and women
who labour unobtrusively in the Church,
that they may know the gentleness of Christ, friend of the humble,
and keep alive in their hearts the spirit of generosity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy on us.

For our co-operator brothers, [especially Brothers **N.** and **N.**]
and for the young people whom the Lord has called to follow him,
that they may witness ever more faithfully to the Gospel
in their daily work,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy on us.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Give to your faithful people, Lord,
the spirit of humility and charity
that they may carry out their daily work
in a spirit of service and love.

[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

All the Saints of the Order I

INTRODUCTION

Dearly beloved, in the joy of celebrating with one feast all our brothers and sisters who have come to sanctity by following the path of Dominic, let us make our prayers in confidence to our Saviour, since we have such intercessors before him.

INTERCESSIONS

For all the members of the Order of Preachers that they may be ever more faithful in proclaiming the Word of God to the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory.

For the Dominican nuns, that they may collaborate in the work of the Order by authentic, sisterly love, a generous welcome and an always vibrant prayer in the heart of the Church, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory.

For the sisters of apostolic life, who live the charism of Saint Dominic that they may be tireless witnesses in the world to the mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory.

For all the brethren of the Order, that, amid the diversity of their apostolates, they may preach the Gospel of forgiveness and love, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory.

For all those lay people who live the spirit of Saint Dominic, that today's feast may make them grow in their faithfulness in proclaiming the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

With our supplications, Lord, hear the prayers of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us in sanctity: keep us joyful, and deign to answer our appeals. [This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

All the Saints of the Order II

INTRODUCTION

Today, our brothers and sisters who have gone before us
sustain our prayer and intercede for us
as we address our prayers to God for all men and women

INTERCESSIONS

That all the baptised, and especially for those
who have consecrated their lives to God in the Dominican Family,
may reach true holiness
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

That, following the example of our saints,
we may live our consecration to God at the service of the world
by evangelisation and works of charity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

That those who suffer may be consoled,
and those who hunger and thirst for justice
may be satisfied,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

That we who celebrate today
the feast of all the saints of the Order of Preachers,
may one day be reunited with them in heaven,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O Lord, may your hand protect, purify
and sustain the people who invoke you,
that they may one day participate in your glory
in the heavenly homeland.

[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

St Albert the Great

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters, on the feast of Saint Albert the Great confident of his intercession for us, let us raise our prayer to God, our Father.

INTERCESSIONS

For our pope, **N.**, our bishop, **N.**, and all those who exercise a pastoral ministry that they may carry out their task with fidelity to Christ the pastor and redeemer, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear and have mercy.

For the men and women who dedicate their lives to scientific research and the study of the universe, that their work may help their brothers and sisters to live better on the earth which God has entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear and have mercy.

For those who are devoted to theological research and teaching, that they may be careful to remain faithful to the Word of God and to his Church, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear and have mercy.

For those assembled here, that the example of Master Albert may stimulate us to persevere in humility in the quest for truth, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear and have mercy.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of truth, you have given intelligence to human beings so that they may find you. Hear the prayers we address to you, and deign to grant them through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

COMMONS OF THE SAINTS

Martyrs

INTRODUCTION

In celebrating the memory of our brother(s) [sister(s)]
who sealed their faith in Christ with their blood
let us pray with confidence to Him who gave them strength.

INTERCESSIONS

That we in the Church may be ready to give witness to our faith
even to the shedding of our blood,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

That the invincible strength of the martyrs may be for the world
a source of love and peace,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

That the steadfastness and faithfulness of the martyrs
may be an encouragement for all those who suffer,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

That the example of our martyred brothers and sisters
may strengthen us in our faith,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, come to the aid of your people,
and, in your mercy, hear our prayer
that we may remain steadfast in the Faith.
[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Pastors

INTRODUCTION

Dearly beloved, in celebrating with joy the feast of Saint [Blessed] N., let us pray to the Lord for the needs of the Church and the world..

INTERCESSIONS

For all Christian people, that the holiness of God may be reflected by them in the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Christ, be our light!

For all the nations of the earth, that peace and harmony may be established among them let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Christ, be our light!

For the sick, for all those who suffer oppression, that they may find the consolation they need, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Christ, be our light!

For all of us gathered here, that our encounter with Jesus the Christ may be a source of love and joy: let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Christ, be our light!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

You give us, Lord, this day of joy.
We pray you, keep us in your peace and in your love as long as we live.

[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Virgins

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters,
let us make our prayer to Almighty God,
that all people may lead a tranquil life
and reach eternal happiness.

INTERCESSIONS

For vocations to the consecrated life
within a virginity dedicated entirely to the Lord,
that the Church may gain the fruit of their generous sacrifice,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

For the whole world, that the Lord may give to all
an abundance of the good things of the earth,
and for a just distribution of these goods
founded on true brotherhood,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

For those who suffer injustice,
that they may experience the solidarity
of those who believe in the fatherly love of God,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

For ourselves, and for those who do good to us,
that God may aid us in this life
and bring us one day to life eternal,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, come to the aid of your people
who hope in your mercy.
May your providence sustain us in trials
and guide us to eternal happiness.
[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Holy Men and Women

INTRODUCTION

Participating in the eucharistic assembly,
we come to that place where the Spirit flourishes,
and where the Spirit fortifies us with diverse charisms.
Let us ask the Lord to come to our aid.

INTERCESSIONS

God our Father, bring all people to live
in peace with one another
and to be at peace with you in our Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Give us, Lord, your strength and your peace.

God our Father, give to all people your Holy Spirit
who pours love into our hearts,
and deliver us from all hatred
through our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Give us, Lord, your strength and your peace.

God our Father, give to the Dominican Family
the Holy Spirit, who will guide us to the complete truth
and permit us to welcome
the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Give us, Lord, your strength and your peace.

God our Father, grant to us gathered here
the joy of friendship and love.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Give us, Lord, your strength and your peace.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May the prayer of the saints win us your help, O Lord:
may our hearts always burn with the desire for holiness
and may our lives be dedicated to doing good.
[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Religious

INTRODUCTION

Dearly beloved, let us pray to the Lord
that, in his kindness,
He may hear our prayers.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church,
that the People of God may live by the grace of salvation
which comes to them from Christ,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy; have mercy, Lord.

For the world, that it may find tranquility and peace
and may be governed with law and justice,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy; have mercy, Lord.

For the persecuted and oppressed, that they may meet
men and women who live by the love of Christ
to help and comfort them,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy; have mercy, Lord.

For religious vocations, that witness to the love of Christ
may flourish in the Church
as a proclamation of the Kingdom,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy; have mercy, Lord.

For all of us:
that we may live in truth
the grace of our Baptism,
and that we may be living witnesses of Christ in the world,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, have mercy; have mercy, Lord.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Accept, O Lord, our prayer:
Turn to us, and help us with your divine protection,
that we may persevere in our religious profession.
[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Missionaries

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters,
let us make our prayer to the Father
who wants all to be saved
and come to a knowledge of the truth.

INTERCESSIONS

For those who bear the name of Christian,
that they may work to be one in Christ
and be faithful to the Gospel,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

That governments may strive
to uphold justice, peace and security among the nations,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

For those who suffer bodily ills,
or who are afflicted in the spirit,
that they may feel the loving support
of those who call themselves Christians,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

For vocations to the priesthood and diaconate,
that the Church may never be lacking
in the presence of ministers of Christ
as servants of humanity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Look with love, O Lord, on the people who invoke your name:
may they live always under your protection
for they trust in your loving kindness.

[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

MASSES FOR VARIOUS INTENTIONS OR OCCASIONS

For a Chapter, Synod or Council

INTRODUCTION

Wherever two or three are gathered in my name,
I am in the midst of them, say the Lord.
Emboldened by this promise,
let us make our requests to the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

That our assembly, illumined by the Spirit,
may witness fearlessly to the ever-living Christ,
and that we may show ourselves to be full of faith and vigilance
in the service of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

That we may learn in Christ Jesus
to love the same ideal and that we may know
how to adapt our religious life to the needs of apostolic ministry,
let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

That the Lord may build up our charity
towards our brethren, and towards all mankind
to strengthen our hearts in holiness,
let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

That, in his mercy, God may deign
to help our brothers [sisters] meeting [in chapter, council, synod];
that he may accomplish in them the work of faith
and fill their hearts with goodness and courage,
let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Listen favourably, O Lord, to our supplications,
and prepare the way of your servants towards salvation
that through all the vicissitudes of life
they may ever be protected by your aid.

[This we ask] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

For Preachers I

INTRODUCTION

Alive in the Faith which the Word of God stirs up within us,
let us lift up our prayers to the Father of Mercies.

INTERCESSIONS

For those in the Church who are charged with the ministry
of announcing the Word of Truth,
that they may exercise it with love for their brothers and sisters,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Make us to live by your Spirit!

For all the peoples of the world,
that they may hear the Word of God
in a language which speaks to their deepest cares:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Make us to live by your Spirit!

For the disheartened and the suffering,
that the message of the Gospel may be for them
a source of life and consolation:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Make us to live by your Spirit!

For all of us, whom the Lord has called to his service,
that by the prayer, study and witness of our lives
may enable us to speak of God in truth:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Make us to live by your Spirit!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Grant to your children, Lord,
health of soul and body,
that they may love you with all their strength
and serve you with a sincere heart.

[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

For Preachers II

INTRODUCTION

Gathered together to recall the good things the Lord has done for us,
let us pray to the very One who inspires our prayer.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church and its pastors
that the Good Shepherd may govern her well through them,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

That the world may enjoy the peace of Christ,
and that the holiness of Christians may be a leaven
which prepares the world for the coming of the Saviour,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

For those who suffer in body or in spirit,
that their sufferings may abate
and that they may find joy,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

For all of us, that by our faith
we may be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** May your kingdom come in our midst.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,
you know us,
you know the difficulties which oppress our lives:
in your goodness, hear our supplications,
and give us in abundance
that which we ask in faith.

[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

For a Meeting or Retreat

INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers [and sisters],
we are gathered to hear the Good News of Christ,
and to celebrate his Eucharist.
Let us pray to him for the Church and for the world.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church, that it may welcome with clear discernment
all the spiritual searching which takes place in our time
and that it may penetrate the depths of the Gospel,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For our tortured world, that it may find in Christians
men and women transformed by the love of Christ
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For all those who "are like sheep without a shepherd",
that, led by the Spirit,
they may find the guidance they need,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For all of us, gathered here, that faithful to prayer,
the Eucharist, and meditation on the Word of God,
our life may radiate humility and love,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Hold out a helping hand to your people, Lord.
Grant them what they desire
and lead them to ask what pleases you.
[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

For Benefactors

INTRODUCTION

Brothers (and sisters),
let us ask God, with fervent prayer,
to magnify the thanksgiving in our hearts
For all the blessings we have received

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church, that it may become
a sign of salvation for all mankind
and that the pope and all the pastors of the Church
may receive the help they need
in carrying out their charge,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

For our parents, our families and our friends,
and for our benefactors
who reflect your kindness to us,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

That we may learn to be witnesses to divine mercy
for all those in distress
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

That we, who are called to announce the Word of life,
may invoke the Holy Spirit for our benefactors
who help us in our ministry of the Word,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, be mindful of your love.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Turn a favourable ear to our prayers, O Lord.
Grant to our benefactors pardon for their faults
and perseverance in generosity,
and bring them, one day, to the joys of eternity.
[We make our prayer] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

VOTIVE MASSES

B. V. Mary, Patroness of the Order I

INTRODUCTION

God has given Mary to the Order of Preachers
as our mother and advocate.
Relying on her intercession,
Let us call on God, our Father.

INTERCESSIONS

For the unity of those who believe in Christ,
that the Virgin Mary, with motherly affection,
may be able to acknowledge them all as her children,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For those who govern us,
that they may always seek to foster
concord among the nations,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For all those who suffer,
that by the intercession of the Virgin Mary
they may be delivered from their pain,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For the Order of Preachers,
that it may show itself worthy of the Virgin Mary's protection,
and show its awareness of her support,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

For we who are gathered here to honour the Virgin Mary,
that we may learn to imitate her openness to God's will,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Hear us, Lord of glory!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Look on your Church with kindness, O Lord,
and hear our supplications,
For we make our prayers
with the intercessions and merits of the Virgin Mary
through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

B. V. Mary, Patroness of the Order II

INTRODUCTION

On this day,
when we venerate the Virgin Mary, patroness of our Order
let us pray humbly to her Son.

INTERCESSIONS

For the reunion of those who believe in Christ,
that the love of the mother of God
may help them one day to recover true fraternity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Son of the living God, hear us!

For the whole Dominican Family,
that the communities of the Order may fulfil with prudence and strength
the commission entrusted to them
in the service of the Church and mankind,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Son of the living God, hear us!

For those who are in distress
and who labour under heavy burdens,
that, by the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
they may find the comfort they need,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Son of the living God, hear us!

For ourselves, who joyfully put our trust
in the protection of Our Lady,
that in our life we may imitate
her virtues of trust and simplicity,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Son of the living God, hear us!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Remember your Church, O Lord,
and deign to hear our humble prayers
for they are presented to you
by the Mother of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **R.** Amen.

Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary

INTRODUCTION

Brothers [and sisters],
in this celebration of our Lady of the Rosary,
and confident of her intercession for us,
let us lift up our prayers to God.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Church, that it may see in Mary a model of its faith,
and the certitude of its hope in the glory it is to receive,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

For Heads of State,
that they may seek justice, peace
and the good of their people,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

For the sick and the abandoned,
that they may feel the motherly presence of the Virgin Mary close to them,
in the person of those who come to their aid,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

For all of us, assembled here in faith,
that this celebration of the Virgin Mary may arouse in each one of us
a truly filial love for her,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** God of love, hear us.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May our prayers be pleasing to you, almighty God.
In honour of the love we hold for the Mother of your Son,
be willing to grant them, we pray,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

Anniversary of deceased Fathers and Mothers

INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers [and sisters],
in this Eucharist, offered in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters,,
let us implore the mercy of our Lord
with confident prayer.

INTERCESSIONS

Remember Lord, all the faithful
who have put their trust in you:
Give them eternal life.
Lord, hear us. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember, Lord, all those who have left this earth
especially our parents:
make them pass from death to life.
Lord, hear us. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember, Lord, all those who have died in war
or suffered violent death:
guide them in your peace and light.
Lord, hear us. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember, Lord, all those who are suffering
the loss of a loved one:
console them in their grief and increase their faith,
Lord, hear us. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of all goodness,
Grant eternal rest to all the dead.
God, to whom all flesh will come,
remember your promise of life.
[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Anniversary of Deceased Friends and Benefactors

INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers [and sisters],
let us pray to God for our friends and benefactors,
who, during their lives,
helped us with their example and their generosity.

INTERCESSIONS

For our deceased friends, family and benefactors,
whose memory we recall today,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

For those who were washed clean at the fountain of life
that they may share the joy of all the saints,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

That they may be numbered among the elect
and contemplate with the angels the brilliant light of the divine glory,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

That they may follow the Lamb wherever he goes
and sing a new song without end,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Kyrie eleison.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, God of forgiveness,
grant to your servants, whose memory we recall,
a place of peace, the happiness of eternal rest
and the brilliance of your light.

[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Anniversary of deceased Brothers and Sisters

INTRODUCTION

Calling to mind the brothers and sisters who have left this life,
let us ask God our Father
to give his happiness to the living and the dead.

INTERCESSIONS

For those who live and die without hope,
that they may find amongst believers
comfort and peace,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, listen and have mercy.

For our brothers,
whom Christ sent to proclaim his Word,
that henceforth they may be satisfied,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, listen and have mercy.

For our sisters,
whom Christ has consecrated to his service, and the service of his children,
that Jesus may welcome them, and wait on them at his table,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, listen and have mercy.

For our friends and benefactors, who seek our good,
that they may henceforth enjoy the happiness of the Kingdom,
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, listen and have mercy.

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, you have called us out of darkness
into your wonderful light. In your great mercy,
hear the prayers we pour out before you
for all those we remember today,
that they may live in the company of all the saints.
[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Burial of a Brother or Sister

INTRODUCTION

Let us turn to God our Father with prayer and praise.
In the life of our brother [sister]
we recognise the signs of your bounty and your tender love,
which strengthen us on our journey towards the Good News of Jesus Christ.

INTERCESSIONS

For our dead brother [sister] **N.**,
that having consecrated his [her] life here-below to the service of God' s word,
he [she] may find a place in the Father' s house:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For those who cannot be here, for those who have asked us to pray for them,
and for those who have been strengthened
by the witness of our brother' s [sister' s] life:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For those who suffer, that they may remember
that "precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of those he loves":
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For all those who work among the sick
and dedicate their lives to their service,
that by their presence they may give witness to the tender mercy of God :
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

For all of us gathered here,
that our faith may be strengthened by this celebration
and that our sense of fraternal support may grow stronger:
let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear us! Lord, grant our prayers!

Each person may pray briefly in silence.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord our God,
you gave Saint Dominic the grace to touch the hearts of everyone.
Give us that same grace of reaching out to others,
and, in your mercy, welcome our brother [sister] **N.** to paradise.
[We ask this] through Christ, our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Extract from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:

The Prayer of the Faithful

69. In the Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in a certain way to the word of God which they have welcomed in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is fitting that such a prayer be included, as a rule, in Masses celebrated with a congregation, so that petitions will be offered for the holy Church, for civil authorities, for those weighed down by various needs, for all men and women, and for the salvation of the whole world.

70. As a rule, the series of intentions is to be

- a. For the needs of the Church;
- b. For public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c. For those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d. For the local community.

Nevertheless, in a particular celebration, such as Confirmation, Marriage, or a Funeral, the series of intentions may reflect more closely the particular occasion.

71. It is for the priest celebrant to direct this prayer from the chair. He himself begins it with a brief introduction, by which he invites the faithful to pray, and likewise he concludes it with a prayer. The intentions announced should be sober, be composed freely but prudently, and be succinct, and they should express the prayer of the entire community.

The intentions are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the deacon or by a cantor, a lector, or one of the lay faithful.

The people, however, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said together after each intention or by praying in silence.

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