

**PRAYER DEDICATING THE ORDER OF PREACHERS
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Virgin Mother Mary, with trust we approach you. We, your preachers, fly to you who believed in the words sent from heaven and pondered them in your heart. We stand close around you, who are always present to the gathering of apostles.

In you the Word was made flesh, that same Word which we receive, contemplate, praise together and preach. Therefore, under your guidance we today devote ourselves anew to the ministry of the Word. Furthermore, we declare to you that, hearing with you the Word within ourselves and anointed by the Spirit whose sacred vessel you pre-eminently are, we are consecrated in the name of Jesus Christ to the evangelization of the world.

With the eyes of your heart enlightened, you understood the mystery of the Word. Through you we, too, are able to perceive the presence of that same Word in the history of our time, so that we may finally contemplate him face to face.

Through you the Father sent his Son into the world that he might save it. Through you we will be powerful in the sight of your people, becoming witnesses of that truth which frees and of that love which unites.

To this place we have brought our needs and here we ponder them. Do you, Mother, give us strength and preserve the harmony of our family, so that what was begun by our profession may be brought to completion by our love for one another, for the salvation of the world and to the praise and glory of God.

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PROPER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

FROM THE
**BOOKLET OF TRADITIONAL
PRAYERS**

PRAYERS FOR THE GENERAL OR PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

AND THOSE GOING TO IT

*restored according to the principles
of the new liturgical laws*



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**Province of the Assumption
*Lumen Beatum Praedicans***

Prayer

Lord, your providence never fails in its purpose. We ask you to remove all evil from our midst, and grant us all we need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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This leaflet contains some revised formulas from the Collectarium and Processional of the Order. These new formulae, which can be easily adapted, are drawn from the Liturgy, from Sacred Scripture and from our own customs. They are proposed to conventual chapters as examples which may foster and facilitate community prayer, so that the community itself may respond to the various requirements of the Constitutions regarding regular prayers or celebrations.

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- V.* Ask, and you will receive.
R. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

Prayer

Watch over your family, Lord, in your unending love. Since we rely solely on the hope of heavenly grace, may we always feel the power of your protection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

3

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Through the diversity of many languages
you have brought the nations together
in the unity of the faith.

Psalmsody

Ps. 133 (134)

Ant. Loving Father Dominic, remember your deeds of old: stand before the supreme judge, and plead for your poor brothers.

O come, bless the Lord,*
all you who serve the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,*
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place*
and bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Sion,*
he who made both heaven and earth.

Glory be ...

- V.* They are happy whose life is blameless.
R. Who follow the Lord with all their heart.

**FOR THE GENERAL OR PROVINCIAL CHAPTER
AND THOSE TRAVELLING TO IT**

1. *During the weeks which precede a general chapter, and during the chapter itself, the brethren, nuns and sisters, according to circumstance, should pray for the success of the chapter.*

Some suggestions follow, which, with suitable adaptation, could be used for provincial or conventual chapters, and for General Meetings of federations of nuns or chapters of congregations.

2. *Communities may choose from among the suggestions offered here, keeping a balance between special celebrations and commemorations linked to the liturgy or community exercises, in such a way, however, that prayer for the chapter is included each day.*

3. *Amongst the various possibilities, one may note:*

- *In the conventual Mass: Masses for Various Needs; Votive Masses; prayers of the faithful; special inserts in the Eucharistic Prayer;*
- *in the Divine Office, the suggestions which follow;*
- *a separate celebration, in conjunction with the Liturgy of the Hours, or sometimes with Mass;*
- *an adaptation of the common recitation of the holy Rosary, or some other devotion.*

During or after the chapter, communities are encouraged to celebrate a thanksgiving.

**A.) Samples of Prayers
to be added At Lauds and Vespers**

*These intentions may be added at the end of the intercessions At Lauds
and before the commemoration of the dead At Vespers.*

Sunday

At Lauds

Let us pray that the Lord will build up our love for each other, and
for all God's people, to strengthen our hearts in holiness.
- Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

Let us pray that God will strengthen us with grace in the spirit of
Dominic and of regular observance, for we have all professed the
apostolic form of life.
- Lord, hear our prayer!

Monday

At Lauds

May God be with our brothers at the chapter, and powerfully bring
to fulfilment all their desires for good and complete all their efforts
in the faith. - Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

May those at the chapter give us directions and suggestions which
will help us, in imitation of Christ, to live our religious life in
harmony with the needs of the apostolate.
- Lord, hear our prayer!

Tuesday

At Lauds

May we learn to be united in our understanding and in deed in
Christ Jesus, so that there may be found in us no division, but the
perfection of unity; let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, hear our prayer!

V. Behold, I am with you all days.
R. Even till the end of the world.

Prayer

Lord God, you once gave your Holy Spirit to the apostles: answer the
pleas your people make by granting peace to those who have already
received your gift of faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

2

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

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and kindle in them the fire of your love.
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Psalmody

Ps. 124 (125)

Ant. You did not choose me: I chose you, and I sent you out to bear
fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Those who put their trust in the Lord†
are like Mount Sion, that cannot be shaken,*
that stands for ever.

Jerusalem! The mountains surround her,
so the Lord surrounds his people*
both now and for ever.

For the sceptre of the wicked shall not rest*
over the land of the just
for fear that the hands of the just*
should turn to evil.

Do good, Lord, to those who are good,*
to the upright of heart.
But the crooked and those who do evil†
drive them away!*
On Israel, peace!

Glory be ...

Let us pray.

Lord God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. In that Spirit give us right judgement and the joy of his comfort and guidance.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and guide the path of your servants in the fulness of your salvation, so that in the midst of all the changes of this life's journey, we may always know your protection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SERIES II

During the Chapter

1

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

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and kindle in them the fire of your love.
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Psalmody

Ps. 132 (133)

Ant. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them, says the Lord.

How good and how pleasant it is,*
brothers dwelling in unity!

It is like precious oil upon the head*
running down upon the beard,
running down upon Aaron's beard,*
upon the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon which falls*
on the heights of Sion.
For there the Lord gives his blessing,*
life for ever.

Glory be ...

At Vespers

Let us pray that no-one may deceive himself; since if anyone among us seems to be wise in this world, he will be a fool in Christ. May he be wise!
- Lord, hear our prayer!

Wednesday

At Lauds

May we, as members of the body of Christ, seek always the higher gifts; may we grow small in evil, and strong in virtue. Lord hear us!

- Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

Let us pray that the Lord may be generous to our brothers who are going to the Chapter; may he guide their feet in the ways of peace and prosperity, and protect them always with his aid.
- Lord, hear our prayer!

Thursday

At Lauds

Let us ask the Lord to keep all the brethren, but especially those at the chapter, faithful and vigilant to the needs of the Church and the urgent requirements of our times.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

Let us ask the Lord to open our hearts with his manifold grace, to engage in real dialogue with others, and acknowledge in their voices the sound of the Lord's own call.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

Friday

At Lauds

May the sadness of those brethren prevented from attending the chapter by persecution be turned into that joy which no-one can take from them.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

May the gathering of our chapter, illumined by the Holy Spirit, display always a living witness to Christ with great fidelity; let us pray to the Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

Saturday [at the Chapter]

At Lauds

May we, who venerate Mary as Queen of Apostles and Mother of Mercy, carefully and really fulfil the duty committed to us as a service to the Church and all the brethren. Lord, hear us.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

May we who strive to persevere in the vocation of preaching under the Rule of Saint Augustine have his spirit, life and direction in carrying out the work of the chapter.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

Saturday [outside the Chapter]

At Lauds

May our brothers at the Chapter, venerating Mary as Queen of Apostles and Mother of Mercy, carefully and really fulfil the duty committed to them as a service to the Church and all the brethren. Lord, hear us.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

At Vespers

May our brothers at the chapter strive to persevere in the vocation of preaching under the Rule of Saint Augustine, and have his spirit, life and direction in carrying out the work of the chapter.

- Lord, hear our prayer!

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The traditional form which follows may also be used:

Psalmody

Ps. 122 (123)

To you have I lifted up my eyes,*
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves*
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant*
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God*
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul†
with the scorn of the rich,*
with the proud man's disdain.

Glory be...

Afterwards, the antiphon is said:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Through the diversity of many languages you have brought the nations together in the unity of the faith.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

V. Send forth you Spirit, and they will be created.
R. And you will renew the face of the earth.
V. Lord, save your servants.
R. Who trust in you, my God.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

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Psalmody

Ps. 125 (126)

Ant. Reward those who trust in you, O Lord, and your prophets will be proven faithful.

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage,*
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said "What marvels*
the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!*
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage*
like streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears*
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out full of tears,*
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back full of song,*
carrying their sheaves.

Glory be ...

V. In the world you will have distress.
R. But take heart: I have overcome the world.

Prayer

Almighty, merciful God, in your kindness keep all hostile things far from us, that helped in body and in soul we may follow your will in freedom of spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

B) At Middle Hour

After Amen at the end of the concluding prayer, the following clause may be added:

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the Order, may Christ our Lord have mercy on us and grant us salvation, for he is goodness itself, and the lover of the human race.

V. Let us praise the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

C) Separate Celebrations

The formats proposed here may be used separately, or in conjunction with some community exercise. They begin with the brief invocation of the Holy Spirit, Come, Holy Spirit. One or another verse of the hymn Come Holy Ghost, or Come, Holy Spirit, live in us, or the sequence Holy Spirit, Lord of Life, or another approved hymn; afterwards the antiphon, psalm, verse and prayer are said.

SERIES I

Before the Chapter

1

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
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and kindle in them the fire of your love.
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in the unity of the faith.

Ant. Listen and understand the traditions which the Lord gives to you.

I rejoiced when I heard them say*
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing*
within your gates, O Jerusalem

Jerusalem is built as a city*
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,*
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,*
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement*
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:*
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,*
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends*
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord*
I will ask for your good.

Glory be ...

V. Go out and say

R. The kingdom of God is among you.

Prayer

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and guide the path of your servants in the fulness of your salvation, so that in the midst of all the changes of this life's journey, we may always know your protection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Psalms

Ps. 120 (121)

Ant. The Lord will open your heart to his law and his precepts, and will give you peace.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:*
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord*
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!*
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,*
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade,*
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you*
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you in evil,*
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming*
both now and forever.

Glory be ...

V. Lord, show me your ways.

R. Lord, teach me your paths.

Prayer

Lord, may your grace always prompt our actions and complete them, so that we may always be dedicated to doing good. We ask this through Christ our Lord.