

THE HOLY ROSARY COMBAT SYSTEM OF THE JERUSALEM CROSS

***SUITABLE PRAYERS FOR THE CHIVALROUS MYSTERIES OF
CRUSHING***

THE SERPENT'S HEAD



**THE ROSARY DAMES AND KNIGHTS OF CRUSHING
THE SERPENT'S HEAD (RDKCSH)**

SPECIAL FORCES OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

JESUS AND MARY TAKE YOU FOR A WALK TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

MEDITATE ABOUT THE MAIN REDEMPTION WORK OF OUR LORD TO FREE US FROM THE SLAVERY OF SATAN, WHILE WALKING TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE VIA THE KIDRON VALLEY (JOHN 18:1):

THE CHIVALROUS MYSTERIES OF CSH ARE PLACED BETWEEN THE LAST MYSTERY OF THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES - THE LAST SUPPER AND THE FIRST MYSTERY OF THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES — AGONY IN THE GARDEN. TAKE A 4 KM WALK WITH JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES FROM THE UPPER ROOM TO MEDITATE ABOUT THE CRUCIAL REDEMPTION WORK OF OUR LORD TO FREE US FROM THE SLAVERY OF SATAN AND HIS PROPHECY OF SACRIFICE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION BEFORE ENTERING THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.



VENERABLE MARY OF ÁGREDA, MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD, VOLUME III - THE TRANSFIXION, CHAPTER XII, NR. 493:

THE LORD THEN ROSE TO DEPART FROM THE HALL OF THE MIRACULOUS FEAST AND ALSO MOST HOLY MARY LEFT HER RETREAT IN ORDER TO MEET HIM ON THE WAY. AT THIS FACE-TO-FACE MEETING OF THE PRINCE OF ETERNITY AND OF THE QUEEN, A SWORD OF SORROW PIERCED THE HEART OF SON AND MOTHER, INFLECTING A PANG OF GRIEF BEYOND ALL HUMAN AND ANGELIC THOUGHT. THE SORROWFUL MOTHER THREW HERSELF AT THE FEET OF JESUS, ADORING HIM AS HER TRUE GOD AND REDEEMER. THE LORD, LOOKING UPON HER WITH A MAJESTY DIVINE AND AT THE SAME TIME WITH THE OVERFLOWING LOVE OF A SON, SPOKE TO HER ONLY THESE WORDS: **“MY MOTHER, I SHALL BE WITH THEE IN TRIBULATION; LET US ACCOMPLISH THE WILL OF THE ETERNAL FATHER AND THE SALVATION OF MEN.”** THE GREAT QUEEN OFFERED HERSELF AS A SACRIFICE WITH HER WHOLE HEART AND ASKED HIS BLESSING. HAVING RECEIVED THIS SHE RETURNED TO HER RETIREMENT, WHERE, BY A SPECIAL FAVOR OF THE LORD, SHE WAS ENABLED TO SEE ALL THAT PASSED IN CONNECTION WITH HER DIVINE SON. THUS, SHE WAS ENABLED TO ACCOMPANY HIM AND COOPERATE WITH HIM IN HIS ACTIVITY AS FAR AS DEVOLVED UPON HER.

Suitable additional/introductory texts from the Holy Script for meditation and strengthening in faith:

The Word became flesh (John 1, 14)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts (John 2:13-17)

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

Mark 16:15-18

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”



13th Century painting of Mary punching Satan in the face



Suitable texts from the Holy Script with figures for each chivalrous mystery of CSH:

Mystery	
1 st	<i>Temptation in the desert</i>
	 12th-century mosaic in St Mark's Basilica, Venice
	<i>Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness, Luke 4:1-13:</i> 4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’^[a]” ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’^[a]” ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[a]” ¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[a]” ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. <i>Footnotes</i> a. <u>Luke 4:2</u> The Greek for <i>tempted</i> can also mean <i>tested</i>.

- b. [Luke 4:4](#) Deut. 8:3
- c. [Luke 4:8](#) Deut. 6:13
- d. [Luke 4:11](#) Psalm 91:11,12
- e. [Luke 4:12](#) Deut. 6:16

and/or Jesus is tempted in the desert, Matthew 4:1-11:

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’^[b]”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[c]”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[d]”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’^[e]”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Footnotes

- a. [Matthew 4:1](#) The Greek for *tempted* can also mean *tested*.
- b. [Matthew 4:4](#) Deut. 8:3
- c. [Matthew 4:6](#) Psalm 91:11,12
- d. [Matthew 4:7](#) Deut. 6:16
- e. [Matthew 4:10](#) Deut. 6:13

2 nd	<i>Jesus gives His power to disciples</i> 
	<i>Luke 9:1: Jesus Sends Out the Twelve</i> 9 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,... <i>Luke 10:17-20: Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two</i> 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” 18 He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”
3 rd	<i>Jesus, the Son of God</i>  📷 "At the Synagogue in Capernaum," 11th century (photo: Public Domain)

	<i>Mark 3:11: Crows follow Jesus</i> ¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” <i>Luke 4:31-37 Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit</i> ³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. ³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ³⁵ “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. ³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area. <i>Luke 4:41 Jesus Heals Many</i> ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.
4 th	<i>Jesus casts out the legion of demons</i>
	

Luke 8:26-39: Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,^[a] which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

5 th	<i>Mystery of the St. Damiano (Franciscan) Cross</i>
	
	<i>Matthew 16:21-28: Jesus Predicts His Death</i> ²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

and/or Mark 8:31-33: Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.

John 16:8-11:

⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Romans 16:20

²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Collosians 2:13-15

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you^[a] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.^[b]

Footnotes

- a. [Colossians 2:13](#) Some manuscripts *us*
- b. [Colossians 2:15](#) Or *them in him*

Appendix – the list of suitable prayers

Breastplate of St. Patrick

I rise today

through the powerful force of the call to the Trinity,

through faith in the Trinity in Unity

through the confession of the singularity of the Creator of creation.

I rise today

through the power of Christ's birth and his baptism,

through the power of His crucifixion and His burial,

through the power of His resurrection and ascension,

through the power of His descent at the Last Judgement.

I rise today

through the power of the love of the cherubim, in the obedience of the angels, in the ministry of the archangels,

in the hope of the reward of the resurrection, in the prayers of the patriarchs,

in the prophecies of the prophets, in the preaching of the word by the apostles,

in the faith of believers, in the innocence of holy virgins, in the works of the righteous.

I rise today

thanks to the power of the heavens: the light of the sun, the brilliance of the moon, the magnificence of the fire,

lightning speed, wind speed, sea depth,

the stability of the earth, the solidity of the rock.

I rise today

Through the power of God that guides me,

Through the power of God that sustains me,

thanks to the wisdom of God who guides me,

thanks to the eye of God, which surveys the path before me,
thanks to the ear of God that listens to me,
thanks to the word of God speaking for me,
thanks to the hand of God that guards me,
thanks to the way of God unfolding before me,
thanks to the shield of God that shields me,
thanks to the hosts of God who defend me against the forces of the devil,
against the temptation of transgressions,
in front of anyone who wishes me ill, far and near, individually and in crowds.

I call on all these forces today:

Let them stand between me and the forces of evil and speak out against every cruel, merciless power,

which harms my body and soul,

against the incantations of false prophets,

Against the dark laws of paganism,

against the false claims of heretics,

against the craftiness of idolatry,

against the charms of witches, enchanters and sorcerers,

against every knowledge that destroys the body and soul of man.

Christ, protect me today

before poisoning, before burning,

against drowning, against wounds,

so that I can receive my reward in abundance.

Christ, be with me, before me, behind me,

Christ, be in me, under me, over me,

Christ, be on my right, Christ, on my left,
Christ, be when I lie, sit, and stand,
Christ, be in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ, be in the mouth of every person who speaks of me,
Christ, be in the eye of every person who looks at me,
Christ, be in every ear that listens to me.

I rise today
through the powerful force of the call to the Trinity,
through faith in the Trinity in Unity
through the confession of the singularity of the Creator of creation.

Salvation comes from the Lord,
Salvation comes to Christ:
May your salvation, O Lord,
will remain with us forever. Amen.

Prayer of Protection by the Precious Blood

Lord JESUS, by faith in your merits, I now take your Precious Blood and sprinkle it over myself and my family right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. I claim total and complete protection for my life and my family.

Lord JESUS, keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear of darkness, fear of man, sickness, diseases, doubts, anger, all calamities and from all that is not of thy Kingdom.

Fill me Lord JESUS with gift of your Holy Spirit and grant me the gift of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment so that I will live today in your glory by doing that which is right.

Praise you Jesus. Thank You Jesus. Amen.

Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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 amongst 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.

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in

union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in

Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in

my own home and within my family.

Amen.

Prayer of Pope Leo XIII

Blessed Michael, archangel,

defend us in the hour of conflict.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil

(may God restrain him, we humbly pray):

and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,

by the power of God thrust Satan down to hell

and with him those other wicked spirits

who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Prayer to the Immaculata by St. Maximilian M. Kolbe

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and Earth, refuge of sinner and most Loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy on to you. I, (State your name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet, humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you. If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head" and "You alone have destroyed all the heresies in the world."

Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the Blessed Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O Sacred Virgin. R. Give me strength against your enemies.

Mary Undoer of Knots

O Virgin Mary,

Mother who never refuses to come to the help of your children in need,

Mother whose hands never stop working for the welfare of your children,

moved as they are by the loving mercy and kindness that exists in your Immaculate Heart,

cast your compassionate and merciful eyes on me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life.

Oh Mother! You know the difficulties, sorrow and pain that I've had because of them.

O loving Mother, I place the ribbon of my life and this knot (these knots) into your loving hands, hands which can undo even the most difficult knot.

Most holy Mother, come to my aid and intercede for me before God with your prayers.

I cast this knot into your hands (mention your intention/need) and beg you to undo it, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and for the glory of God, once and for all.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

Mary – Mistress of the Angels

O Exalted Queen of Heaven,

Supreme Mistress of the Angels,

who from the beginning has received from God

the power and the commission to crush the serpent's head, we pray thee humbly, send down the Holy Legions, that they, under thy command and power, may pursue the spirits of Hell, everywhere wage war against them, defeat their boldness and thrust them into the abyss of Hell.

“Who is like unto God?”

“Holy Angels and Archangels defend us and protect us!”

“O kind and tender Mother, thou shalt ever remain our love and our hope.”

Amen.

We fly to Thy protection

We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,

but deliver us always from all dangers,

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

Marian Prayer by St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Our Mediatrix and Advocate

O blessed Lady, you found grace,

brought forth the Life,

and became the Mother of Salvation.

May you obtain the grace for us to go to the Son.

By your mediation,

may we be received by the One

who through you, gave himself to us.

May your integrity compensate with him

for the fault of our corruption;

and may your humility, which is pleasing to God,

implore pardon for our vanity.

May your great charity cover the multitude of our sins;

and may your glorious fecundity confer on us a fecundity of merits.

Dear Lady,

our Mediatrix and Advocate,

reconcile us to your Son,

recommend us to him,

and present us to your Son.

By the grace your found,

by the privilege you merited,

by the mercy you brought forth,

obtain for us the following favor,

O blessed Lady.

May the One who – thanks to you – came down to share our infirmity and wretchedness

make us share –

again thanks to you –

his glory and beatitude:

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

who reigns in heaven and is blessed forever!

Amen.

St. Joseph Terror of Demons

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons,

cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions,

and protect us with your mighty staff.

You fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs,

now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from you.

Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families and the dying.

By God's grace, no demon dare approach while you are near.

So we beg of you, always be near us. Amen.

The 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.

Memorare of St. Bernard

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee 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

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.

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Lord, have mercy on us

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us; Christ, hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father Almighty, have mercy on us.

Jesus Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, save us.

Spirit of the Father and the Son and Infinite Love of Both sanctify us.

Most Holy Trinity, hear us.

Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, come to us (said after each line)

Promise of the Father,

Gift of God Most High,

Ray of heavenly light,

Fount of Living Water,

Consuming Fire,

Author of all good,

Spiritual Unction,

Ardent charity,

Spirit of wisdom,

Spirit of understanding,

Spirit of counsel and of fortitude,

Spirit of knowledge and of piety,

Spirit of the fear of the Lord,

Spirit of truth and of love,

Spirit of grace and of prayer,

Spirit of peace and of sweetness,

Spirit of modesty and of innocence,

Spirit of consolation,

Spirit of sanctification,
Spirit that governs the Church,
Spirit that fills the universe,
Spirit of adoption of the Son of God,
Holy Spirit, imprint on our hearts, our horror for sin,
we beseech You, hear us (said after each line)
Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth,
Holy Spirit, shed Your light upon our understanding.
Holy Spirit, engrave your law upon our hearts.
Holy Spirit, consume in us the fire of Your love.
Holy Spirit, open to us the treasure of Your grace.
Holy Spirit, teach us how we ought to pray.
Holy Spirit, enlighten us with Your heavenly inspirations.
Holy Spirit, grant us the one knowledge that is necessary.
Holy Spirit, instill into us the practice of the virtues.
Holy Spirit, grant that we may persevere in justice.
Holy Spirit, be our reward.
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,
send us your Holy Spirit
Lamb of God who takest us away the sins of the world,
imbue us with the spirit of wisdom and the Holy Spirit.
Lamb of God who takest us away the sins of the world,
imbue us with the spirit of wisdom and devotion.

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful

R. And kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Let us pray:

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.