

A Prayer to Acquire the Virtues

“O God, all-powerful and all-knowing, without beginning and without end, You Who are the source, the sustainer, and the rewarder of all virtues,

Grant that [we] may abide on the firm ground of faith, be sheltered by an impregnable shield of hope, and be adorned in the bridal garment of charity.

Grant that [we] may through justice be subject to You, through prudence avoid the beguilements of the devil, through temperance exercise restraint, and through fortitude endure adversity with patience.

Grant that whatever good things [we] have, [we] may share generously with those who have not and that whatever good things [we] do not have, [we] may request humbly from those who do.

Grant that [we] may judge rightly the evil of the wrongs [we] have done and bear calmly the punishments [we] have brought upon [ourselves], and that [we] may never envy [our] neighbor’s possessions and ever give thanks for Your good things.

Grant that [we] may always observe modesty in the way [we] dress, the way [we] walk, and the gestures [we] use, restrain [our] tongue[s] from frivolous talk, prevent [our] feet from leading [us] astray, keep [our] eyes from wandering glances, shelter [our] ears from rumors, lower [our] gaze in humility, lift [our] mind[s] to thoughts of heaven, condemn all that will pass away, and love You only.

Grant that [we] may subdue [our] flesh and cleanse [our] conscience, honor the saints and praise You worthily, advance in goodness, and end a life of good works with a holy death.

Plant deep in [us], Lord, all the virtues, that [we] might be devout in divine matters, discerning in human affairs, and burdensome to no one in fulfilling [our] own bodily needs.

Grant to [us], Lord, fervent contrition, pure confession, and complete reparation.

Order [us] inwardly through a good life, that [we] might do what is right and what will be meritorious for [us] and a good example for others.

Grant that [we] may never crave to do things impulsively, nor disdain to do what is burdensome, lest [we] begin things before [we] should or abandon them before finishing.”
Amen.

January Prayer - Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, he who follows You walks not in darkness. Remember that I am one of those to whom You have said: "You are the light of the world". Remember that I must live, now not I but You must live in me. permit me not to be separated from You lest human folly obscure my mind and make me "the blind leading the blind." Grant to me, dear Lord, a copious light of faith that I may never cease to think and speak and act in all things according to You and Your holy Gospels. May I firmly believe with a perfect and explicit faith; may I recognize God as everywhere present; may I keep ever in mind, Lord Jesus, the mystery of Your Incarnation, life and suffering, the deep grace of Your Sacraments, the need of union with You, the necessity of the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the spirit of prayer, the divine origin of my vocation, the will of God in my life, the value of humility, the strength and wisdom of the Cross, the end of my life and the approach of eternity.

Grant that my faith may be so firm as to be unmoved by the impulses of nature; so bright as not to be obscured by the fascination of worthless things; so simple that I may believe with an obedient faith; so faithful that it may shine in the midst of darkness; so efficacious that I may think and speak according to what I believe; so strong that I may resist the roaring lion. Make it increase that my life may be a light that grows brighter day unto day. Lord Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to grant these requests to Your suppliant servant. Amen.