

DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

I ADORE thee, O my God, one God in three Persons; I humble myself before thy Majesty. Thou alone art being, life, truth, beauty and goodness. I glorify thee, I praise thee, I thank thee, and I love thee, all incapable and unworthy as I am, in union with thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our God, in the mercifulness of his Heart and through his infinite merits. I wish to serve thee, to please thee, to obey thee, and to love thee always, in union with blessed Mary the holy Mother of God, loving also and serving my neighbor for thy sake. Therefore, give me thy Holy Spirit to enlighten, correct, and guide me in the way of thy commandments, and in all perfection, until I come to the happiness of heaven, where I shall glorify thee for ever. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Trinity

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Blessed Trinity, hear us.

Adorable Unity, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of
 the faithful,

Holy Trinity, One God,
 Father, from whom are all things,
 Son, through whom are all things,
 Holy Ghost, by whom are all things,
 Holy, Undivided Trinity,
 Trinity in Unity, passing all under-
 standing,

Father everlasting,
 Only-begotten Son of the Father,
 Spirit, proceeding from the Father
 and the Son,

Co-eternal Majesty of Three Divine
 Persons,

Father, the Creator,
 Son, the Redeemer,
 Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful,

Spare us, O Holy Trinity,

Be merciful,

Graciously hear us, O Holy Trinity.

From all evil,
 From all sin,
 From the love of riches,
 From pride,
 From uncleanness,

*Deliver us,
 Holy Trinity.*

From sloth,
 From inordinate affections,
 From envy and malice,
 From anger and impatience,
 From everlasting death,
 By thy Almighty Power,
 By thy plenteous Loving-kindness,
 By thy Goodness and Love,
 By thy Wisdom and Long-suffering,
 By thy unspeakable Perfection,

Deliver us, Holy Trinity.

We sinners beseech thee to hear us,
 that we may worship thee in spirit
 and in truth,
 That we may love thee with all our
 heart, and with all our strength,
 That we may faithfully keep thy com-
 mandments,
 That we may go from grace to grace,
 and from virtue to virtue,
 That we may finally enjoy the sight of
 thee in glory,
 That thou wouldest vouchsafe to
 hear us,

We beseech thee to hear us.

O Blessed Trinity,
We beseech thee to hear us.

O Blessed Trinity,
We beseech thee to save us,

O Blessed Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

WE adore thee, most Holy Trinity, we worship thee, and thank thee that thou hast revealed to us this glorious Mystery. Grant, we beseech thee, that persevering in this Faith, and loving thee above all things, we may see thee and glorify thee eternally, Whom we confess here, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God in Three Persons, Blessed for evermore. Amen.

The Athanasian Creed

Quicumque vult

WHOSOEVER will be saved, * before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

2. Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, * without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

3. And the Catholic Faith is this: * That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

4. Neither confounding the Persons, * nor dividing the substance.

5. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, * and another of the Holy Ghost.

6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one; * the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son,

* and such is the Holy Ghost.

8. The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate,
* and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

9. The Father incomprehensible, the Son
incomprehensible, * and the Holy Ghost in-
comprehensible.

10. The Father eternal, the Son eternal,*
and the Holy Ghost eternal.

11. And yet they are not three eternals, *
but one eternal.

12. As also there are not three incompre-
hensibles, nor three uncreated, * but one un-
created, and one incomprehensible.

13. So likewise the Father is almighty,
the Son almighty, * and the Holy Ghost
almighty.

14. And yet they are not three almighties,
* but one almighty.

15. So the Father is God, the Son is God,
* and the Holy Ghost is God.

16. And yet they are not three Gods, *
but one God.

17. So likewise the Father is Lord, the
Son Lord, * and the Holy Ghost Lord.

18. And yet not three Lords, * but one
Lord.

19. For like as we are compelled by the
Christian verity * to acknowledge every Per-
son by himself to be God and Lord;

20. So are we forbidden by the Catholic

Religion * to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

21. The Father is made of none; * neither created nor begotten.

22. The Son is of the Father alone; * not made, nor created, but begotten.

23. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; * neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

24. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; * one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

25. And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; * none is greater, or less than another;

26. But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together, * and co-equal.

27. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, * the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

28. He therefore that will be saved * must thus think of the Trinity.

29. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation * that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

30. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess* that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

31. God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; * and Man, of the substance of his Mother, born in the world;

32. Perfect God, and perfect Man: * of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

33. Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; * and inferior to the Father, as touching his manhood.

34. Who although he be God and Man, * yet he is not two, but one Christ;

35. One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, * but by taking of the Manhood into God;

36. One altogether; not by confusion of substance, * but by unity of person.

37. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, * so God and Man is one Christ;

38. Who suffered for our salvation, * descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

39. He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty; * from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

40. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, * and shall give account for their own works.

41. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; * and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

42. This is the Catholic Faith, * which except a man believes faithfully, he cannot be saved.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER.