

# Favorite Prayers



## Morning Offering

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heart of my mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, I unite to your purity, your sanctity, your zeal, and your love, all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings this day, that there may be nothing in me that does not become, through you, a pleasure to Jesus, a gain to souls, an act of intercession for others and reparation for sins against your heart and the heart of your Son. Amen.

## Prayer of Self-Surrender

By St. Ignatius of Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding, and my entire will.  
All I have and call my own.  
Whatever I have or hold You have given me.  
I restore it all to You and surrender it wholly  
to be governed by Your will.  
Give me only Your love and grace  
and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.

## Prayer for Generosity

By St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do Your will.

## The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying  
that we are born to Eternal Life.

## The Serenity Prayer

By Reinhold Niebuhr

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

## **Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

## **The Litany of Humility**

By Cardinal Merry del Val

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

**hear me.**

From the desire of being esteemed,

**deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being loved,

From the desire of being extolled,

From the desire of being honored,

From the desire of being praised,

From the desire of being preferred to others,

From the desire of being consulted,

From the desire of being approved,

From the fear of being humiliated, **deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being despised,

From the fear of suffering rebukes,

From the fear of being calumniated,

From the fear of being forgotten,

From the fear of being ridiculed,

From the fear of being wronged,

From the fear of being suspected,

That others may be loved more than I,

**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I,

That, in the opinion of the world, others

may increase and I may decrease,

That others may be chosen and I set aside,

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,

That others may be preferred to me in everything,

That others may become holier than I, provided

that I become as holy as I should,

**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**