

First Sunday Devotion
In Honor of God Our Creator and Father of All Mankind

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God the Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father. Amen.

MY FATHER I ASK THY PARDON

by Mother Eugenia Ravasio

Dear Father I ask pardon

- - For not using Thy graces to the fullest
- - For not being as loving as I could have been
- - For not being as merciful as I should have been
- - For taking thee for granted
- - For being arrogant and proud
- - For failing to do my duty
- - For failing to obey Thy Holy Will
- - For failing to set a good example
- - For failing to correct my mistakes

Father, let me however not despair but remember that you love me unconditionally and will aid me in my efforts to attain perfection in your eyes. Father now I shall have a heart full of praise and adoration, thanks and love for Thee, My Lord, My King.

Amen

PRAYER OF SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF THE ETERNAL FATHER

by *Mother Eugenia Ravasio*

Lord God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, all that is visible and invisible. I your humble servant surrender myself to You: mind, body, heart and soul. I abandon myself to Your will. Do what You please with me. I wish to go where You want me to go, to do what You want me to do, to live as You want me to live. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY TO THE ETERNAL FATHER

by *St. Marguerite d'Youville*

“Our Eternal Father has us all in His keeping.”

Let us unite with our Lord Jesus Christ and in his name to pray to God the Father and implore his infinite mercy and goodness. Let us also unite our sentiments with the most holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, the most perfect of his creatures, had while on earth for the Eternal Father.

Our Father in heaven, hear the voice of your children on earth.

1. Father, who had no beginning but who are the source of all things, be our ultimate end, and the source of all our works.
2. Father of all eternity, show yourself our Father and give us a share in your everlasting glory. Father of the only begotten Son, grant that He may live in us with all His divine virtues.
3. Father from who together with the Son, proceeds the Holy Spirit, come and establish in us your home. Father, source of all holiness, preserve in us your divine image.
4. Father, source of all sanctity, give us a true desire for perfection. Father of wisdom and truth, preserve us from the prudence of worldliness and from all illusions.
5. Father of Infinite Majesty, make us always mindful of your Divine Presence. Father of eternal light, disperse the clouds of our ignorance.

6. Father, Creator of Angels and of all humankind, create in us new hearts. Father, the author of all, may your reign be everywhere established.
7. Father, source of all love. multiply our works of charity and render them fruitful into eternal life. Father, source of all power, make us ready to undertake all things for your glory.
8. Father of all consolation, sustain us in our trials. Father of infinite love, be the sole object of our love.
9. Father, who wills the salvation of all, accomplish in us the designs of mercy. Father, who out of pure love gave us your Son for the salvation of the world, save a world so much loved by you.
10. Father, who sends forth from your own heart the Incarnate Word, grant that He may reign supreme in our hearts. Father, who made Mary the Mother of God, glorify this blessed Mother in all ages.
11. Father, who confided your Son to Joseph, give us also this saint for our guardian and father. Father, who has predestined us through Jesus Christ, grant that we may be of the number of the elect.
12. Father, who gave up your Son for the ransom of captives, grant us that liberty which is enjoyed by your true children. Father, who out of your infinite love did not spare your Divine Son, grant that we may always be ready to sacrifice ourselves out of love for you.
13. Father, your Son is most pleasing to you, grant that He may be pleased with us and that we may find our sole pleasure in Him. Father, whom the world has not known, grant that we may daily grow in your knowledge and love.
14. Father, whom the Son has revealed, increase in us the gift of faith. Father, to whom the Son prayed with his dying breath, render His prayers and His blood efficacious for us.
15. Father, to whom the Son, expiring on the Cross, committed his Soul, be merciful to us when we depart this life. Father, who raised your Son from the dead, raise all poor sinners to the state of grace.

16. Father, who gave your Son a seat at your right hand, grant that we may reign with him in glory. Father, who poured forth the Holy Spirit upon your children, render us faithful to His inspirations.
17. Father, who hid the mystery of the Cross from the wise of the world, grant that we may understand this mystery of love. Father, who revealed to the lowly the mystery of the Cross, make us worthy of the treasures of grace hidden in this mystery.
18. Father, who sees those who pray in secret, give us your heavenly knowledge and love of prayer. Father, who loves those who adore you in spirit and in truth, grant that in all things we may seek to please you.
19. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who are pleased also to be our Father, grant that we will always remain your faithful children. Most loving Father, let the angels duly celebrate your infinite grandeur.
20. Father most merciful, remember not our offences, but pour forth your mercy upon us. God, our protector, behold, and look upon the face of your Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Let us pray

O lord, all powerful God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, accept this thanksgiving which we offer you for so great a benefit; grant us by your kindness, help to accomplish with our whole heart and by all our actions, all that Jesus, you Son, has taught us by His words and example. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

FATHER, I ABANDON MYSELF INTO YOUR HANDS.

By B. Charles de Foucauld

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen