



## Prayers for a Happy Death *and the Life to Come*

### Module 1

#### Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You do not will that anyone should perish  
and never is a prayer made to you without hope of  
mercy.  
You have promised: “All things that you ask in my  
name, shall be done for you.”  
Therefore, I ask you, O Lord,  
for your holy Name’s sake,  
to grant me at the hour of my death  
full consciousness and the power of speech,  
sincere contrition for my sins,  
true faith, firm hope and perfect charity,  
that I may be able to say to you with a clean heart:  
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit:  
you have redeemed me, O God of truth,  
who are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

*St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419)*

#### Closing Prayer

Almighty and merciful God,  
you have given to the human race  
the medicine of salvation and the gift of everlasting  
life.  
Look with mercy on us your servants  
and restore the souls which you have created,  
that in the hour of their passing  
they may deserve to be cleansed from all sin  
and set before you, their Creator, by the hands of  
your holy Angels. Amen.

### Module 2

#### Opening Prayer

O God, great and omnipotent judge of the living and  
the dead,  
we are to appear before you after this short life  
to render an account of our works.  
Give us the grace to prepare for our last hour  
by a devout and holy life, and protect us against a  
sudden and unprovided death.  
Let us remember our frailty and mortality,  
that we may always live in the ways of your  
commandments.  
Teach us to be watchful in prayer,  
that when your summons come for our departure  
from this world,  
we may go forth to meet you, experience a merciful  
judgment,  
and rejoice in everlasting happiness.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Closing Prayer

O Lord Jesus,  
pour into us the spirit of your love,  
that in the hour of our death  
we may be worthy to vanquish the enemy  
and receive the heavenly crown. Amen.

### Module 3

#### Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
let me confess your name with my last breath.  
In your great mercy receive me  
and do not disappoint me in my hope.  
Open the gates of life for me, and let the prince of  
darkness have no power over me.  
Protect me by your kindness,  
shield me with your might,  
and lead me by your right hand  
to the place of refreshment, the tabernacle you have  
prepared for Your servants and for those who revere  
you. Amen.

### **Closing Prayer**

O Lord Jesus,  
grant that we may always follow  
the example of your holy family,  
that in the hour of our death  
your glorious Virgin Mother  
together with blessed Joseph  
may come to meet us  
and we may be worthily received by you  
into our everlasting dwelling in heaven. Amen.

## **Module 4**

### **Opening Prayer**

Oh, my Lord and Savior,  
support me in that hour  
in the strong arms of your Sacraments,  
and by the fresh fragrance of your consolations.  
Let the absolving words be said over me,  
and the holy oil sign and seal me,  
and your own Body be my food,  
and your Blood my sprinkling;  
and let my sweet Mother, Mary, breathe on me,  
and my Angel whisper peace to me,  
and my glorious Saints smile upon me;  
that in them all, and through them all,  
I may receive the gift of perseverance,  
and die, as I desire to live,  
in your faith, in your Church, in your service,  
and in your love. Amen.

*St. John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-1890)*

### **Closing Prayer**

O Jesus,  
while I remember your dying breath,  
I beg you to receive mine.  
Since I do not know  
whether I shall have command of my senses  
when I depart from this world,  
I offer you now my last sufferings and all the sorrows  
of my passing.  
I give my soul into your hands

for you are the Lover of Humanity  
my Lord and my Savior.  
Grant that the last beat of my heart  
may be an act of perfect love for you. Amen.

## **Module 5**

### **Opening Prayer**

O blessed Joseph,  
who breathed your last in the arms of Jesus and  
Mary,  
obtain for me this grace:  
that I may breathe forth my soul in praise,  
saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words:  
"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and  
my soul." Amen.

### **Closing Prayer**

O holy St. Joseph,  
who died in the arms of the Son of God  
and in the presence of his holy Mother,  
I beseech you at my last hour  
to stand by me, with your immaculate Spouse,  
that assisted by both your prayers,  
I may repent of my sins,  
and breathe my last breath  
in an act of perfect love and confidence in my  
Saviour,  
repeating his blessed Name, exalted above every  
name,  
and proclaiming joyfully  
"Lord, into your hands, I commend my spirit." Amen.

## **Module 6**

### **Opening Prayer**

O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to you.  
O refuge of sinners, Mother of the dying,  
do not abandon the hour of our death;  
obtain for us the grace  
of perfect sorrow, sincere contrition,  
the pardon and remission of our sins,

a worthy receiving of the holy Viaticum,  
and the comfort of the Sacrament of Anointing,  
in order that we may appear with greater security  
before the throne of the just but merciful Judge,  
our God and our Redeemer. Amen.

### **Closing Prayer**

Most Holy Virgin Mary,  
always present before the Most Holy Trinity  
to whom it is granted at all times  
to pray for us to your Most Blessed Son,  
pray for me in all my needs.  
Help me, defend me, give thanks for me,  
and obtain for me the pardon of all my sins and  
failings.  
Help me especially in my last hours.  
Then, when I can no longer give any sign of the use of  
reason,  
give me courage and protect me against all evil  
spirits.

Make in my name a profession of Faith.  
Assure me of my eternal salvation.  
Never let me despair of the mercy of God.  
When I can no longer say: "Jesus I place my soul in  
your hands,"  
say it for me.  
When I can no longer hear human words of  
consolation,  
bring me comfort.  
Stay with me when I stand in judgment before your  
Son.  
and should I be purified in purgatory,  
pray for me after my death  
that I may quickly gain the happiness  
of being in the Presence of God.  
Lead my soul to heaven where united with you and  
all the elect,  
I may bless and praise our God for all eternity. Amen.