

# LEONINE PRAYERS

Initially introduced by Pope Leo XIII and slightly modified by Pope Saint Pius X, the Prayers after Low Mass were prescribed for recitation by the priest and the people from 1884 to 1965.

This devotion, while enjoyed by many, is purely optional today. You are not obliged to stay for these prayers after Mass.

**V. Hail Mary**, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**R.** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (Thrice)

**Hail, Holy Queen**, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

**O God**, our refuge and our strength, look down with favor upon Thy people who cry to Thee; and through the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, her spouse, of Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, do Thou mercifully and graciously hear the prayers which we pour forth for the conversion of sinners and for the freedom and exaltation of Holy Mother Church. Through the same Christ Our Lord. R. Amen

**Saint Michael**, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection 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, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**V.** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**R.** Have mercy on us. (Thrice)