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in Honor of

**ST. ANNE**

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## Manner of Making This Novena



On nine successive days recite the following prayers, assigned for each day, in a church or in your own home, before a picture or a statue of St. Anne. On each of these days, if it is possible, assist at Holy Mass, and receive Holy Communion in honor of the good Saint.

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### Invocations to St. Anne

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, pray for us.

St. Anne, Model of Mothers, pray for us.

St. Anne, our Patroness, pray for us.



ST. ANNE

Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Novena



### First Day

Dear St. Anne, though I am but a poor prodigal child, I have recourse to thee and place myself under thy motherly care. Lend a favorable ear to my prayers and in pity refuse not to hear me. Turn not away from me at the sight of my sinful heart, but show thy never-failing goodness toward me, a repentant sinner.

Vouchsafe, sweet Mother, to plead for me with the Supreme Judge of heaven, whose wrath I have provoked by my offenses. Be my advocate: recommend me to His infinite mercy; obtain for me the forgiveness of my sins, the grace of a humble and lasting repentance, the strength to begin a new life and to persevere to the end.



Blessed St. Anne, I also implore of thee the graces to love, to serve, and to honor thy daughter, the most holy Virgin Mary, that I may share in her prayers and her favors. Recommend me to her and pray to her for me. She refuses none of thy petitions, welcomes with loving kindness all those for whom thou intercedest, and leads them to the land of eternal bliss.

May Mary look down with tender solicitude upon him who loves and serves her mother; may she obtain salvation for me from her divine Son; may she take me under her special care for the rest of my life; may she come to my aid so that her enemies may never boast of having enslaved me, her child, nor may ever rejoice over the loss of my immortal soul.

Sweet Mother St. Anne, direct me in my actions, strengthen me in my temp-

tations, console me in my afflictions, assist me in my needs, and be with me always, in life and in death.

O Good Jesus, be merciful to the faithful servants of Thy grandmother, St. Anne, show them Thy mercy and for her sake extend to them a helping hand in all their necessities.

O Mary, Mother of God, vouchsafe always to protect those who pay homage to thy holy mother and serve her with a devout heart.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—Several times a day during this Novena, I will say ejaculations to St. Anne.

*Ejaculation.*—St. Anne, obtain for me the grace of a holy death.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

## Second Day

From the depths of my heart, O noble Lady St. Anne, I pay thee my homage this day and ask of thee to shelter me under the mantle of thy maternal protection. Thou knowest the many dangers that beset me. I beseech thee, therefore, to be my protectress and to save me from spiritual ruin. Thou knowest, amiable Mother, how greatly I revere thee, how gladly I serve thee, how it pleases me to praise thee, and how it helps me to call upon thee in my distress.

O Good St. Anne, show thyself then toward me a tender mother and powerful patroness. Thou beholdest me groaning under the weight of my sins. Pray then for me, a sinner! Watch over my soul lest it be lost! I need thy help and I expect it from thy clemency.

With a childlike trust, I look up to thee and desire to live and to die in thy holy service.

O sweet advocate, pray for me to the God of all majesty that I may obtain pardon for the evil I have done, strength henceforth to overcome my passions, and grace to spend all my days in good works; let me feel the effects of thy power and bounty; may I root out of my heart its wicked tendencies and develop holy virtues in their stead.

Sweet Jesus, I thank Thee for all the graces which in Thy infinite goodness Thou hast lavished upon St. Anne; for having chosen her, among all women, to be Thy grandparent on earth and exalted her in heaven with so great a power of working miracles. In the name of her great merits, I humbly recommend myself to the infinite mercy

of Thy divine heart; let St. Anne be my gentle mother, advocate, and protectress during this life and at the hour of death.

Most holy Mother St. Anne, be pleased to take me under thy tender care in all my wants; extend to me a helping hand and defend me against my enemies. Hasten to hear my prayers; in thy bounty, I place my trust. Make righteous and godly all the desires of my heart, and intercede with Jesus for me.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—To my prayers during this Novena I will join good resolutions.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, beloved protectress, obtain for me from Jesus the gift of prayer.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

## Third Day

Hail, sweet Mother St. Anne, thou who didst give the earliest cares to Mary, Mother of the Saviour and Queen of the Angels! Hail both thou and thy holy spouse Joachim, who watched over her infancy, presented her to the Lord in the temple, and, according to thy promise, consecrated her to the service of God.

Hail, Mother St. Anne! Thou art the powerful advocate of those who call on thee and serve thee, for thou takest them under thy protection, preservest them from danger, providest for their needs in life, and leadest them to their eternal reward.

Hail, St. Anne, mighty and powerful! Generously reward thy servants by guiding all their undertakings. Bring sinners to repentance. Show thyself



especially tender to those who are in sorrow or tribulation, and bestow temporal favors on those who place their confidence in thee.

Hail, St. Anne, blessed Mother! I rejoice in the numerous miracles thou dost perform constantly, because they encourage all to have recourse to thee in their necessities.

Holy Mother St. Anne, by the great power which God has given thee, show thyself my mother, my consoler, and my advocate; reconcile me to the God whom I have so deeply offended; console me in all my trials, strengthen me in all my combats; aid me in my day of need; deliver me from all danger; help me at the hour of death and open to me the doors of paradise. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—During this Novena I will, in honor of St. Anne, give an alms to the poor or for another charitable purpose, and I will practice an act of mortification.

*Ejaculation*—O dear St. Anne, obtain for me from Jesus crucified the grace always to forgive my enemies.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

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### Fourth Day

Hail, holy Mother St. Anne, I rejoice in the faith, piety, and love with which thou didst offer thy pure and holy daughter, Mary, in the temple. By the happiness which then filled thy heart, I pray thee to present me to thy Grandson, Jesus, so that being offered by thee I may be agreeable in His sight. Present me also to thy holy daughter, Mary,



so that I may enjoy the fruits of her intercession and learn from her how to act always conformably to the Will of God.

Hail, holy Mother St. Anne! Take me forever under thy protection! Deliver me from the temptations which are constantly assailing me; defend me from the assaults of my enemies lest I be overcome; save me from all the numberless dangers that surround me lest I perish; above all, assist me at my last hour; do thou and thy daughter Mary come then to my help, and though I do not deserve it, vouchsafe, both of you, to be present at my deathbed in order to console and strengthen me; holy Mary and St. Anne, show yourselves to be mothers indeed, by obtaining for me the grace of a good death. When my soul shall go forth from this world, present it at God's tribu-

nal, so that by your powerful help and intercession, it may obtain a favorable judgment. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—Several times in the course of this day I will honor St. Anne's holy image.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, obtain for me generosity in the service of God.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

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### Fifth Day

Hail, all powerful lady, who by a special favor from God, dost console the hearts of those who invoke thee, by procuring for them not only the eternal riches of heaven, but also, like a good

mother, success in their temporal affairs.

Holy Mother St. Anne, forget not that I am thy servant, and reject me not on account of my sins. My iniquities are great, but I now repent of them all; and though I do not deserve that my prayers should be granted, yet I have recourse to thee, knowing thee to be a good mother that will not repulse a repentant child; regain for me the favor of my Lord and God whom I have offended, and obtain my deliverance from the punishment which my sins have deserved; obtain for me success in my temporal affairs, but above all, see to the salvation of my soul. St. Anne, by thy influence with Jesus, the Son of Mary, thy daughter, thou hast obtained the gift of conversion for many sinners. Must I then, who have chosen thee for my mother, be the only

sinner abandoned by thee? No, St. Anne, thy name alone, which signifies *Grace*, assures me the help of thy prayers, and by these prayers I am certain of obtaining pardon and mercy from Jesus. Yes, thou wilt pray for me now and at the hour of my death; at that decisive moment, thou wilt come to me with Jesus and Mary, thou wilt defend me against the attacks of the evil one, and thou wilt open to me the gates of heaven. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—I will assist as often as possible at Holy Mass.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, obtain for me that I may dread sin more than death.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

## Sixth Day

Good St. Anne, thou knowest my pitiable state, thou knowest my want, how little good there is in me, and how prone I am to evil. I beg of thee to have pity on my wretchedness and not to suffer that my soul, the work of God, be lost forever. Through thy prayers and merits, obtain that I may be found worthy of becoming a faithful instrument for the glory of God and the salvation of others. Pride, vanity, and self-love have taken possession of my soul and have stifled therein the graces and inspirations of God. Free my heart of these defects and put in their stead the holy virtue of humility, so that I may know and despise myself, and learn meekness and simplicity of heart. Thus only will I become agreeable in the eyes of the

Most High. Then will His divine grace freely refresh my soul and make it bring forth the blessed fruit of good works.

Alas! The inclinations of my heart and will are to the vanity and sensuality of the world. The great love which God bears me, the many benefits He has bestowed upon me, neither touch nor rouse me from my guilty sloth.

Good St. Anne, change these unholy dispositions. Let self-love and the love of the world perish in me that henceforth the love of God may inflame my soul, and reign alone therein, and that I may show the presence of this sweet love within me by exterior works of mercy and charity toward my neighbor. The fires of evil have consumed the precious gifts wherewith heaven had enriched my soul. O St. Anne, in thy boundless charity, come to my aid and



banish far from me every vicious thought and evil longing. Let the spotless lily of chastity flourish in my heart. Help me to contend against the power of darkness, that the fear of God and His hallowed love may supplant in my heart the lure of the empty pleasures of the world; that I may mortify and discipline my rebellious flesh. Let me gain a complete victory over my unruly passions that I may thus merit the glorious crown which is given only to those who have fought with steadfast manliness against the world, the flesh, and the devil. In this severe contest, do thou, O St. Anne, assist thy child. Let not the assaults of the enemy nor any temptation overcome me; let me forever preserve purity of heart and body; together with thy most holy daughter Mary and her divine Son Jesus, protect me at all times.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—In order to be a worthy child of St. Anne, I will approach regularly the holy tribunal of penance and use the means of salvation there provided for me.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, by thy great reverence for God, destroy in me the habit of taking His holy name in vain.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

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## Seventh Day

Again today, most amiable Lady St. Anne, I choose thee for my advocate

and have recourse to thy intercession. Thou seest in me but little good and much evil. By the power and the grace wherewith God has invested thee, extend to me thy helping hand. Deliver thy devoted servant from the wiles of Satan. Renew my mind and my heart; may I for the future lead such a Christian life that the remainder of my days will be the beginning of an eternity of celestial glory. My dear Mother St. Anne, I have unbounded confidence in thy prayers; in thy blessed hands I place my soul, my body, and all my hopes both for this world and for the next. Direct my actions the way it seems good and wise to thee. I place myself under thy motherly care, and with all the ardor of my soul I commit to thy guidance my course through life, and above all recommend to thy patronage

the important work of my salvation. Receive me, O good Mother; cover me with the mantle of thy goodness; show me thy solicitude and thy tenderness. Look kindly upon me and come to my assistance. By thy earnest entreaty and thy great merits, may I obtain grace and mercy from God and all I stand in need of both for body and soul. Free me from all danger, O kind Mother; be thou the stay of my soul, and be my mediatrix before the offended majesty of my God. Obtain for me the remission of my offenses; ward off from me the chastisement I have deserved for them; help me to master my principal sins; procure for me purity and humility, and the grace to lead so devout a life here upon earth that I may secure the everlasting reward of heaven. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—I will today, in honor of St. Anne, keep a guard on my tongue, that I may not offend by speech.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, obtain for me a true devotion to Mary.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

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## Eighth Day

Hail, most blessed Mother St. Anne, I rejoice at thy great dignity; thou gavest birth to Mary, that precious flower, whose blessed fruit, Jesus, has brought salvation to a lost world by fulfilling the desire of all pious hearts, conquering death, and restoring life and hope

to sinners. Vouchsafe to intercede for me with Jesus Christ and obtain for me pardon of my sins and a real change of life.

Exalted Lady, glorious St. Anne, deliver me from everything that is displeasing in the sight of God; let thy bounteous hand enrich thy client with grace and virtue; strengthen me against the attacks of Satan, the wicked world, and my own perverse nature.

Dear St. Anne, Mother of Mary, deign, with thy blessed daughter, to watch over and make prosperous all my interests. Good Mother, pray to Him Who for love of us deigned to clothe Himself with human flesh in the chaste womb of thy daughter. Yes, pray to this gentle and mighty Grandson that He may wash away the stains of my soul in His precious Blood, that He may send His Holy Spirit to enlighten



me and direct me in all that I do, and to make my heart and will always obedient to His holy inspirations.

O my mother, keep a watchful eye upon my soul; cause to flourish therein every virtue; help me in all my crosses and difficulties. Give me of the fullness of thy bounty, sustain my courage by thy favors, and lead me to a happy end. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—I will be faithful to invoke St. Anne every day, even though I should have had the misfortune of displeasing her by sin.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, obtain for me the most strict fidelity to all the duties of my state of life.

*Here mention your intention of prayer.*

## Ninth Day

Dear Good St. Anne, I have reached the end of the Novena which I have undertaken in thy honor. I have asked, and this day again implore of thee, dear Mother, to obtain for me forgiveness of my many trespasses, true sorrow, a sincere and lasting amendment of life, and a good death; also such temporal and spiritual favors as I stand in need of for soul and body. But my miseries being endless, O holy Patroness, my prayers also must be unceasing. Let not, I beseech thee, O Mother, let not thy kind ear grow weary of my prayers though I repeat them so often. May thy many favors conquer my obdurate heart and endear me forever to thy faithful service and to that of my God. Yes, dear Patroness, cause my heart to relish the sweetness of divine love

and things spiritual; fill my soul with true piety; enlighten my mind; purify my inclinations; give uprightness to my will and holiness to my intentions.

O bounteous Lady, secure for me perseverance in my good resolutions, resignation in adversities, Christian humility in my conduct, and prudence in all my actions. Through thy mediation, obtain that for the love of Jesus I may despise the world and its vanities; grant that I may overcome all the wiles of Satan and be filled with the love of God and neighbor. Do not fail, O my amiable Mother, to implore for me from divine Providence all the help I need through life. May I receive from thy bounteous hand means sufficient not only to answer my own wants, but also to enable me through thy goodness to help the poor and contribute to the good works of our holy religion.

Dear Good St. Anne, obtain for me, from our merciful Lord, health of body and soul, freedom from every misfortune, and peace of heart. Assist me at the hour of my death that I may depart this life with a heart truly repentant, filled with a lively faith, a firm hope, and an ardent love, and fortified by the last Sacraments of holy Church. With thy holy daughter Mary, do thou, O St. Anne, protect me in my last moments; shield me from the snares of the evil one and of his bad angels; secure for me at the judgment seat of God a favorable sentence, and, lastly, grant me a happy admission into the company of the Blessed, into the ever-enduring kingdom of heaven, there to glorify and thank the adorable Trinity, thy Grandson Christ Jesus, thy glorious daughter Mary, and thyself, O dear St. Anne, during endless ages. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death.

*Practice.*—As the concluding act of the Novena, I will perform some good work in honor of St. Anne.

*Ejaculation.*—Good St. Anne, by thy motherly intercession lead me to Paradise, where thou art, there to praise and thank thee forever.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS TO ST. ANNE



### The Little Rosary of St. Anne

This little rosary consists in reciting three times the following group of prayers: *Our Father* once, *Hail Mary* five times, and after each *Hail Mary* the invocation: *Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and St. Anne, grant me the favor I ask.*

Let the first group be said in honor of Jesus, the second in honor of Mary, and the third in honor of St. Anne.—  
(Taken from *Manual of Devotion to St. Anne.*)



## Pious Practices in Honor of St. Anne

(a) The faithful who devoutly say some prayers in honor of St. Anne, on Tuesday of any week, are granted:

An indulgence of 7 years;

A plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions.

Those who perform such a devotional exercise on nine successive Tuesdays are granted:

A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (S. C. of the Holy Office, Aug. 22, 1912; S. P. Ap., Nov. 15, 1927, and March 18, 1932).

(b) The faithful who offer their devout supplications in honor of St. Anne with the intention of so continuing for nine successive days are granted:

An indulgence of 7 years, once a day;

A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, at the completion of the novena (Holy Office, Aug. 22, 1912; S. P. Ap., Nov. 15, 1927, and March 18, 1932).

## A Cry for Help

We fly to thy patronage, holy Mother of the Virgin Mary; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Mother, Good St. Anne. Amen.

## Remember

Remember, O St. Anne, thou whose name signifieth grace and mercy, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, good and kind Mother; before thee I kneel sinful and sorrowing. O holy Mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, despise not my petitions, but hear me and answer my prayer. Amen.

## The Pilgrim's Prayer

O Good St. Anne, I have come from afar to honor and invoke thee in this hallowed shrine, where so oft the pious pilgrim has felt the effects of thy kindness and thy power. Gladly have I traveled the distance that separated me from this holy place and have come to ask favors of thee. I hope thou wilt vouchsafe to show thyself gracious toward me as thou hast done to all who have come here with confidence. Yes, I hope that each hour of this day will bring a new blessing. But thou knowest the special grace which I implore of thee from the depths of my heart, and which has been the aim of my prayer and the aspiration of my soul in repairing hither. I conjure thee to hear my entreaty; do not, Good Saint, permit any of thy children to say to thee, "I

have invoked thee in the place where thou hast been pleased to display thy wonders, and thou hast had no blessing for me." No, no, thou wilt hear my prayers, and I shall return with a new benefit to publish, a new motive to confide in thy bounty, and a new bond of love to attach me to thee. Amen.

## Litany in Honor of St. Anne

*(For private use only.)*

St. Anne, Grandmother of our Saviour,	} <i>Pray for us</i>
St. Anne, Mother of Mary, the di- vine Virgin and Mother,	
St. Anne, Ark of Noah,	
St. Anne, Ark of the Covenant,	
St. Anne, Root of Jesse,	
St. Anne, Fruitful Vine,	
St. Anne, Issue of a Royal Race,	

St. Anne, Joy of Angels,  
 St. Anne, Daughter of the Patri-  
     archs,  
 St. Anne, Filled with Grace,  
 St. Anne, Mirror of Obedience,  
 St. Anne, Mirror of Patience,  
 St. Anne, Mirror of Mercy,  
 St. Anne, Mirror of Piety,  
 St. Anne, Bulwark of the Church,  
 St. Anne, Liberator of Captives,  
 St. Anne, Refuge of Sinners,  
 St. Anne, Mother of Widows,  
 St. Anne, Mother of Virgins,  
 St. Anne, Mother of the Sick,  
 St. Anne, Harbor of Salvation,  
 St. Anne, Light of the Blind,  
 St. Anne, Speech of the Dumb,  
 St. Anne, Hearing of the Deaf,  
 St. Anne, Consolation of the Af-  
     flicted,  
 St. Anne, Help of all who have  
     recourse to thee,

Pray for us

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*  
 V. God has loved St. Anne.  
 R. And delighted in her beauty.

### PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, who didst  
 vouchsafe to choose St. Anne to be  
 Mother of the Mother of Thine only  
 Son, grant, we beseech Thee, that we,  
 who keep her in remembrance, may  
 through her prayers attain everlasting  
 life, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
 Amen.

### A Mother's Prayer

Holy St. Anne, *Patroness of Chris-  
 tian Families*, I present my children to  
 thy care. I know that I received them  
 from God and that it is to Him they be-  
 long; therefore I beg of thee the grace



ever to submit cheerfully to whatever divine Providence may decree concerning them. Vouchsafe to bless them. In their behalf, I ask, above all, for the kingdom of God and His justice, and to thee, good Mother, I leave the care of providing us with what is necessary and befitting to our state of life.

Impress the hearts of my children with a great horror for sin; keep them aloof from all evil, preserve them from being contaminated by the world; may all their actions be inspired by Christian principles; grant them simplicity and uprightness of heart; teach them to love God alone, even as thou didst teach, from her earliest years, thy holy and immaculate daughter Mary to love Him.

St. Anne, thou art the *Mirror of Patience*; obtain for me the grace of patiently and lovingly surmounting the

difficulties inseparable from the task of bringing up children. Bless me and my children; watch over us, good Mother, obtain for us the grace of always loving thee together with Jesus and Mary, so that we may live conformably to the spirit of God and, when this life shall be ended, may have the happiness of being united to thee for all eternity! Amen.

### Prayer to Obtain Some Special Favor

O Glorious St. Anne, thou art filled with compassion for those who invoke thee and with love for those who suffer! Heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I therefore cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take under thy special protection the present affair which I recommend to thee.

Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all obtain for me the grace one day to behold my God face to face, and with thee and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen.

### Prayer to Recommend Oneself to St. Anne

Hail, illustrious St. Anne, be thou blessed among women, because thou didst have the happiness of bearing in thy womb the holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We participate in the joy thou didst experience on giving birth to her and offering her

in the Temple to the Eternal Father. I pray thee, good Mother, to present me to thy well-beloved daughter, and to her Son Jesus; be thou my advocate and protectress with Jesus and Mary; for if I am fortunate enough to find grace before thee, O holy Mother Anne, I may expect everything from thy intercession. Such is my hope. Amen.

### Prayer for the Conversion of One Dearly Beloved

Good St. Anne, consoler of the afflicted, my heart is heavy with grief on beholding the evil course of one so dear to me. This beloved soul is dead, dead to God and to heaven, dead to a happy eternity. Dear Good St. Anne, I rely on thy powerful intercession. Alas! one day this soul may be buried

in the depths of hell and we can then never have the consolation of being together in heaven. This terrible thought is present to me day and night, and I weep incessantly when I think of our being eternally separated from each other. Dear Mother St. Anne, have pity on this beloved soul; remind thy Grandson Jesus of how much He has suffered for it, and then certainly He will bring it forth from the depths of indifference and sin. Good St. Anne, I humbly beseech thee, obtain me this favor. Amen.

### Prayer in Behalf of a Sick Person

Beloved St. Anne, so justly called *the Mother of the Afflicted*, turn thine eyes of pity toward the dear infirm one in whom I take so deep an interest.

Deign, in thy motherly bounty; to lessen the sufferings of illness; vouchsafe to implore from God complete restoration to health, and with health also the holy resolution henceforth to honor Jesus, Mary, and thyself by the faithful observance of all Christian duties. Amen.

### The Invalid's Prayer

Merciful and beloved St. Anne, being by the grace of God a Christian, I know I should ask, and by this prayer I sincerely do ask the health of my soul rather than that of my body, convinced as I am that this transitory life is only given us to secure for us a better one hereafter, to which we can only arrive by the grace of God. This grace, together with the grace of patiently bearing my sufferings, I ear-



nestly beg to obtain through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of His Immaculate Mother, and through thy powerful mediation, O glorious and good St. Anne. But not in vain, O beloved Patroness, has the Almighty bestowed upon thee the power to work wonders. Wherefore I beseech thee, O kind Mother, to restore me to health, if it be God's holy Will. Amen.

May it be so for thy own greater glory.

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Important Requests to  
St. Anne

A PRAYER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Good St. Anne, obtain for me ardent love of my God and of thy daughter, the Most Holy Virgin Mary.

Good St. Anne, obtain for me lively faith and unbounded confidence in the Divine Goodness.

Good St. Anne, obtain for me the spirit of compunction, and the sanctifying courage of holy penance.

Good St. Anne, beloved protectress, obtain for me from Jesus the gift of prayer. (*Hail Mary, three times.*)

St. Joachim and St. Anne, pray for me, that through patience in trials I may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, obtain for me the grace to love Mary above all things after Jesus.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, obtain for a vile sinner the grace of a complete conversion.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, obtain for me the grace to sanctify every instant of my life by purity of intention, prayer.

and fidelity to my obligations. (*Hail Mary, three times.*)

O dear St. Anne, holy Mother of Mary, be my refuge and my consolation.

Great St. Anne, be forever the consolation and support of mothers, and the protection of their children.

Good St. Anne, obtain for me generosity in the service of God.

Good St. Anne, obtain for me, from Jesus crucified, the grace always to pardon my enemies. (*Hail Mary, three times.*)

Good St. Anne, recommend me to Mary.

O Mary, with thy holy Mother, obtain for me the grace of purity and a sincere desire to master my wicked passions.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, obtain for me the grace of graces, that of a good death.

Good St. Anne, by thy motherly intercession lead me to heaven. Amen.

### PRAYER

O St. Anne, who received the glorious privilege of giving life to her who was to become the beloved daughter of the heavenly Father, the mother of His adorable Son, and the co-redemptress of the human race; glorious mother of that daughter of heaven, from whom was to be born the divine Saviour of men; by that sublime dignity which renders thee so august to Christians and so dear to our hearts, deign to receive under thy protecting mantle this poor sinner prostrate before thee; deign to show thyself through the whole course of my life my tender protectress, my mother, and my advocate with God and Mary. Amen. (*Hail Mary, nine*

*times with the invocation: O Good St. Anne, pray for me!)*

### Petitions to St. Anne

O Mary, St. Anne, and St. Joachim, obtain for us the most exact fidelity to the commandments of God and of the Church, and to all the duties of our state.

St. Anne and St. Joachim, models of fervor, patience, and submission to the will of God, obtain for us the gift of prayer with the gift of resignation in all the trials which may come upon us. (*Hail Mary, nine times.*)

O blessed St. Anne, O glorious St. Joachim, obtain for us from God zeal for His glory, holy liberality for the splendor of His sanctuary, and charity toward the poor.

St. Anne and St. Joachim, true

models of reverence in the Temple, obtain for us the piety and fervor we ought to bring to the foot of the holy altar.

By your great reverence for God, deliver our country from the hateful sin of blasphemy.

St. Anne and St. Joachim, obtain for us humility, obedience, and submission to all our rightful superiors.

Holy Mary, St. Anne and St. Joachim, extend your powerful protection over all children, since they are images of the living God.

Holy Mary, St. Anne and St. Joachim, grant your protection to all Christian mothers.

Holy Mary, St. Anne and St. Joachim, preside at the birth of all children of Christian mothers.

Holy Mary, St. Anne and St. Joachim, obtain abundant light for all who



have to make choice of a state of life.  
(*Hail Mary, nine times.*)

St. Anne and St. Joachim, pray for the Church and her august Head.

St. Joachim, perfect model of husbands and fathers, St. Anne, perfect model of wives and mothers, obtain for all Christian families that union and peace which are the fruits of patience and humble forbearance.

O Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Anne, and Joachim, help us, we conjure you! We desire to devote ourselves to your service and to invoke you every day, that we may escape the woes of a lost eternity.

O glorious St. Joseph, St. Anne and St. Joachim, deign to assist me at the decisive moment when my soul shall be on the point of breaking the bonds which attach it to my body to take its flight into eternity; obtain for me that

I may expire in your presence in the arms of my divine Jesus and of His most holy Mother. Amen.

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### Pledge of Devotion to St. Anne

O good and merciful St. Anne, I purpose to serve thee with singular devotion, to consecrate myself to thy service, and to gain the hearts of others to thy worship and to that confidence in thee which thou dost merit. I choose thee, after the Blessed Virgin, as my spiritual mother and protectress before God; I consecrate myself to serving thee faithfully. To thee I confide my body, my soul, all my spiritual and

temporal interests, as well as those of my family. To thee I consecrate my mind that in all things it may be enlightened by faith; my heart, that thou mayest keep it pure and filled with love for Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and thyself; my will, that, like thine, it may always be in union with the will of God. Obtain for me, O powerful St. Anne, victory over my passions, avoidance of all occasions of sin, the grace of never offending God, of fulfilling the duties of my state of life, and of exercising all those virtues which are needful for my salvation.

Like thee, may I be all God's in life and in death; and after having loved and honored thee on earth, beloved good St. Anne, like a truly faithful and devoted child, may I one day be admitted to glorify thee in heaven, with the angels and the saints. Amen.

## Prayer to St. Anne

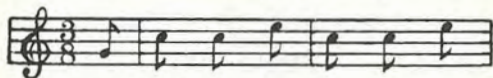
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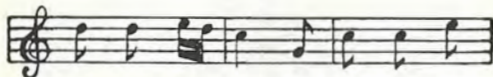
Beloved of Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Mother of the Queen of Heaven, take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy special care. Obtain for us the virtues thou didst instill into the heart of her who was destined to become the Mother of God, and the graces with which thou wast endowed. Sublime model of Christian womanhood! pray that we may imitate thy example in our homes and families. Listen to our petitions, and grant our requests. Guardian of the infancy and childhood of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain the graces necessary for all who enter the marriage state, that imitating thy virtues they may sanctify their homes, and lead the souls entrusted to their cares to eternal glory. Amen.

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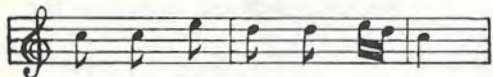
# Hymn to St. Anne.



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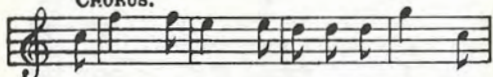


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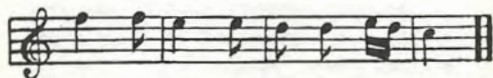


Ma - ry, thy daugh - ter so dear.

CHORUS.



O Good St. Anne! we call on thy name, Thy



prais - es loud, thy chil - dren pro - claim.

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# HYMN TO ST. ANNE

## Hymn to St. Anne

2. To all who invoke thee thou lendest thine ear,  
Thou soothest the sorrows of all who draw near.—CHORUS.
3. The sailor, the trav'ler whom storms make afraid,  
Find safety and calm when they call on thine aid.—CHORUS.
4. The weary, despondent, or sorrowful here,  
Find help in their sadness, a balm for each tear.—CHORUS.
5. The sick, the afflicted, the lame and the blind,  
The suff'ring, the erring all solace here find.—CHORUS.
6. As Pilgrims we come here to kneel at thy feet;  
O, grant what we ask thee, if for us 'tis meet.—CHORUS.
7. St. Anne, we implore thee to list to our pray'r,  
In time of temptation, take us in thy care.—CHORUS.
8. In this life obtain for us that which is best,  
And bring us at length to our heavenly rest.—CHORUS.



# Blessed Anna.

## CHORUS.

1. Bless-ed An-na Jud-a's glo-ry, Thro'the

church from East to West, Ev'ry tongue proclaims thy

glo-ry, Ho-ly Ma-ry's Mother blest.

## SOLO.

Saint-ly kings and priest-ly sires Blended

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in thy sa-cred line: Thou in vir-tue all be-

fore thee, Didst ex-cel by grace Di-vine.

2. Link'd in bands of purest wedlock,  
Thine it was for us to bear,  
By the favor of high heaven,  
Our immortal Virgin star.—CHORUS.
3. From thy stem in beauty budded  
Ancient Jesse's mystic rod,  
Earth from thee received the Mother  
Of the eternal Son of God.—CHORUS
4. All the human race benighted  
In the depths of darkness lay,  
When in Anne it saw the dawning  
Of the long expected day.—CHORUS.
5. Honor, glory, virtue, merit,  
Be to thee, O Virgin's Son,  
With the Father and the Spirit  
While eternal ages run.—CHORUS.

## Short Life of St. Anne



(FEAST, JULY 26)

St. Anne, of the royal house of David and spouse of St. Joachim, was chosen by God to be the Mother of Mary. St. Joachim and St. Anne were wholly occupied in prayer and good works. One thing only was wanting to their union — they were childless, and this was held as a bitter misfortune among the Jews.

At length, when Anne was an aged woman, Mary was born, the fruit rather of grace than of nature, the child more of God than of man. With the birth of Mary, the aged Anne began a new life; she watched her every movement with reverent tenderness, and felt herself

hourly sanctified by the presence of her immaculate child.

But she had vowed her daughter to God; and to God this privileged child willingly consecrated herself. Mary was three years old when Anne and Joachim led her up the Temple steps, saw her pass by herself into the inner sanctuary, and then saw her no more.

Thus was Anne left childless in her lone old age, and deprived of her purest earthly joy just when she needed it most. She humbly adored the Divine Will, and began again to watch and pray, till God called her to unending rest with the Father and the spouse of Mary, in the home of Mary's child.

*Reflection.* — St. Anne is glorious among the Saints, not only because she is the mother of the Blessed Virgin, but because she gave Mary to God. Learn from her to reverence a divine vocation

as the highest privilege, and to sacrifice every natural tie, however holy, at the call of God.

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### A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, singular Mother of the Son of God, still remaining a Virgin, assist me in *this my necessity*. O Star of the Sea, help me, and show me thereby that you are *my Mother*.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power. *O show me thereby that you are my Mother.*

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

(3 times.)

Sweet Mother, I place *this intention* in your hands.

(3 times.)

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### Prayer to Good St. Anne

With a heart full of sincere, filial veneration, I prostrate myself before thee, O blessed St. Anne! Thou art that beloved and privileged creature who, because of thy extraordinary virtue and sanctity, didst deserve of God the ineffable grace of giving life to the treasury of grace, the blessed among women, the Mother of the Incarnate Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ah! in consideration of such exalted favors, deign, O most tender Saint, to receive me among the number of thy devoted servants, for such I protest my-



self to be, and wish to remain for the rest of my life. Surround me with thy efficacious patronage, and obtain for me, from God, the imitation of those virtues with which thou were so profusely adorned.

Obtain for me a knowledge of my sins, and sorrow for them; an ardent love for Jesus and Mary; a faithful and constant observance of the duties of my state of life. Save me from all dangers in life, and assist me at the hour of my death, that I may safely reach Paradise, there to praise with thee, most happy mother, the Word of God made man in the womb of thy most pure daughter the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, three times.

An indulgence of 300 days, once a day. A plenary indulgence once a month, under the usual conditions, for the daily repetition of this prayer (S. C. Ind., March 20, 1886; S. P. Ap., Oct. 10, 1934).