

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

**Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.**

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,  
From thy bright heav'nly throne,  
Come take possession of our souls,  
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand  
His promise teaching little ones  
To speak an understand.

O guide our minds with thy blessed light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength, which never decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,  
Through thee the eternal Son,  
And thee, the Spirit of them both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With his coequal Son;  
The same to thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

Ÿ. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall  
be created:  
R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:  
O Lord, with suppliant humility, we entreat  
Thee, that in Thy boundless mercy Thou  
wouldst grant the most holy Roman Church a  
pontiff, who by his zeal for us, may be  
pleasing to Thee, and by his good government  
may ever be honoured by Thy people for the  
glory of Thy name. Through Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with  
Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for  
ever and ever. Amen.



## A Litany for the Election of a Pope

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity One God,

Holy Mary, *pray for us,*  
Holy Mother of God,  
Holy Virgin of Virgins,  
Holy Mary, Mother of the Church,  
Holy Mary, Queen of Apostles,

St Michael, Protector of the Church,  
*pray for us.*  
St Joseph, Guardian and Patron of the Church,

St Peter, who was made Prince of the  
Apostles, *pray for us.*  
St Peter, first Vicar of Christ,  
St Peter, who professed the divinity of Christ,  
St Peter, who was made the Rock on which the  
Church is built,  
St Peter, to whom were given the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven,  
St Peter, who was invested with authority for  
binding and loosing,  
St Peter, who was so ardent in a love  
of Christ,  
St Peter, who was made a fisher of men,  
St Peter, who was devoted to the conversion  
of sinners,  
St Peter, who, by miracles and preaching,  
enlightened so many nations,

St Peter, who denied Christ and repented,  
 St Peter, who was confirmed in the love of  
 Christ three times,  
 St Peter, who was commanded to feed the  
 sheep of Christ's fold,  
 St. Peter, who was bound in chains for Christ,  
 St. Peter, who was delivered from prison  
 by an Angel,  
 St Peter, made bishop of Antioch,  
 St Peter, first bishop of Rome,  
 St. Peter, who rejoiced to suffer for Christ,  
 St Peter, whose life was crowned by the  
 martyrdom of the cross,

We sinners, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
 That it may please Thee to save and protect  
 Thy Holy Church,  
*we beseech Thee, hear us.*  
 That it may please Thee to raise up for us a  
 Holy Pontiff,  
 That he shall be a faithful Pontiff who shall  
 act according to Thy heart and mind,  
 That by his life and teaching he may be a  
 wholesome example to the people  
 committed to his charge,  
 That we, who are Thy sheep and the flock of  
 Thy pasture, may remain steadfast in our  
 faithfulness to Thy Church,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the  
 world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the  
 world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the  
 world, *have mercy on us, O Lord.*

Ÿ. Christ, hear us.  
 R. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

Ÿ. Let the mercies of the Lord give  
 glory to him,  
 R. And His wonderful works to the  
 children of men.  
 Ÿ. Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy  
 right hand.  
 R. And upon the son of the man Thou hast  
 confirmed for Thyself.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, raise up for Thyself a servant  
 as Supreme Pontiff, and direct him according  
 to Thy loving mercy in the way of eternal  
 salvation, that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire  
 that which is pleasing unto Thee, and may  
 accomplish Thy will with all his might.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.



## PRAYERS FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram  
 aedificabo Ecclesiam meam,  
 et portae inferi non praevalent  
 adversus eam.



*‘That thou art Peter, and upon this  
 rock I will build my church; and the  
 gates of hell shall not prevail  
 against it.’*

*Mt 16:18*