

PRAYER TO ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

To St Paul the Apostle

1. I bless you, Jesus, for the great mercy granted to St. Paul in changing him from a bold persecutor to an ardent apostle of the Church. And you, great saint, obtain for me a heart docile to grace, conversion from my principal defect and total configuration with Jesus Christ.

St. Paul, the Apostle, pray for us.

2. I bless you, Jesus, for having elected the Apostle Paul as a model and preacher of holy virginity. And you, St. Paul, my dear Father, guard my mind, my heart, and my sense in order that I may know, love and serve only Jesus, and employ all my energies for his glory.

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3. I bless you, Jesus, for having given through St. Paul examples and teachings of perfect obedience. And you, great saint, obtain for me a humble docility to all my superiors, for I am sure that in obedience I shall be victorious over my enemies.

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4. I bless you, Jesus, for having taught me, by the deeds and by the words of St. Paul, the true spirit of poverty. And you, great saint, obtain for me the evangelical spirit of poverty, so that after having imitated you in life, I may be your companion in heavenly glory.

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5. I bless you, Jesus, for having given to St. Paul a heart so full of love for God and for the Church, and for having saved so many souls through his zeal. And you, our friend, obtain for me an ardent desire to carry out the apostolate of the media of social communication, of prayer, of example, of activity and of word, so that I may merit the reward promised to good apostles.

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Holy Apostle who, with your teachings and with your charity, have taught the entire world, look kindly upon us, your children and disciples.

We expect everything from your prayers to the Divine Master and to Mary, Queen of the Apostles. Grant, Doctor of the Gentiles, that we may live by faith, save ourselves by hope, and that charity alone reign in us. Obtain for us, vessel of election, docile correspondence to divine grace, so that it may not remain unfruitful in us. Grant that we may ever better know you, love you, and imitate you; that we may be living members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. Raise up many and holy apostles. May the warm breath of true charity permeate the entire world. Grant that all may know and glorify God and the Divine Master, Way and Truth and Life.

And, Lord Jesus, you know we have no faith in our own powers. In your mercy grant that we may be defended against all adversity, through the powerful intercession of St. Paul, our Teacher and Father.

To Obtain Patience

Glorious St. Paul, from a persecutor of Christianity, you became a very ardent and zealous apostle, and suffered imprisonment, scourging, stoning, shipwreck and endured persecutions of every kind, in order to make the Savior Jesus Christ known to the farthest bounds of the world. In the end you shed your blood to the last drop. Obtain for us the grace to accept the infirmities, afflictions and misfortunes of the present life as favors of the divine mercy, so that the vicissitudes of this our exile may not make us grow cold in the service of God, but may make us ever more faithful and more fervent. Amen.

For Our Nation

Saint Paul, teacher of the Gentiles, watch over with love, this nation and its people. Your heart expanded so as to welcome and enfold all peoples in the loving embrace of peace.

Now, from heaven, may the charity of Christ urge you to enlighten everyone with the light of the Gospel, and to establish the kingdom of love.

Inspire vocations, sustain those working for the Gospel, render all hearts docile to the Divine Master.

May this nation ever more find in Christ the Way and the Truth and the Life. May its light shine before the world, and may it always seek the kingdom of God and his justice.

Holy Apostle, enlighten, comfort and bless us all. Amen.

Litany in Honor of St. Paul

Charity of the Father,	<i>save us.</i>
Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,	<i>animate us.</i>
Communication of the Holy Spirit,	<i>sanctify us.</i>
Blessed Paul,	<i>pray for us</i>

You who obtained the mercy of God,
You in whom the Son of God was revealed,
You who were a vessel of election for Christ,
You who were made preacher, apostle and doctor of the gentiles in truth,
You whose apostolate was confirmed by marvels and wonders,
You who were a most faithful minister of the Church,
You who gave the nations the Gospel of Christ and your very life,
You who bore the faithful in your heart and in your chains,
You who were crucified with Christ,
You in whom Christ lived and spoke,
You whom nothing could separate from the love of Christ,
You who underwent imprisonment and toil,
You who suffered wounds and dangers,
You who were taken up into heaven while still living on earth,
You who glorified your ministry,
You who awaited the crown after completing your mission,
Lamb of God, who converted the persecutor Paul, spare us.
Lamb of God, who crowned the Apostle Paul, graciously hear us.
Lamb of God, who glorified the martyr Paul, have mercy on us.

V. You are a vessel of election, St. Paul the Apostle.

R. Preacher of truth throughout the world.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation. Fill the entire world with the faith he carried to so many peoples and nations, that your Church may continue to grow. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.