

maranatha

Prayers

Rooted in God

*Some prayers of the early saints and martyrs
of the Christian Church*



*O God, make us children of quietness and
heirs of peace. (St. Clement)*

Almighty God, Father of Jesus Christ our
Lord, establish and confirm us in your truth
by your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Reveal to
us what we do not know, replenish in us
what we lack, enrich in us the knowledge we
have, and keep us faultless in your service,
through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

We ask you, Lord and Master, to be our
help and defence, Relieve the oppressed,
raise the fallen, comfort the lonely, heal the
sick, feed the hungry, be merciful to the
ungodly, and convert
your wandering people.

(Clement – c.100)

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Father, make us more like Jesus. Help us to
bear difficulty, pain, disappointment and
sorrow, knowing that in your perfect
working and design you can use such bitter
experiences to shape our characters and
make us more like our Lord. We look with
hope for that day when we shall be wholly
like Christ, because we shall see him as he is.

Amen.

(Ignatius of Antioch d.107)

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We pray that God the Father, and the
eternal High Priest Jesus Christ, may
nurture us in faith, truth and love, and
grant us our portion among the saints and
all who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We pray for all the people of Christ, for
rulers and leaders, for all the enemies of his
cross, and for ourselves that our fruit may
increase, and we be made perfect in Christ

Jesus our Lord.

(Polycarp c.69-c.155)

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You are infinite in mercy, and it is your will
that we should learn to know you. You
created heaven and earth, and rule over all.
You are the only true God, and there is no
other God above you. Grant, through our
Lord Jesus Christ, and the working of the
Holy Spirit, that all may come to know you,
for you alone are God.

May all draw strength from you,
and all be kept from teaching that is untrue
or Godless.

(Irenaeus c.130-c.200)

You who are truly all in all...The joy, the
Honour, the food and the delight of every
creature; through you the shadows of death
have fled away and life is given to all, the
gates of heaven are flung open..the lamps of
our souls will no more burn out. The flame
of grace, divine and spiritual burns in the
body and soul, nourished by the
resurrection of Christ.

(Hippolytus d.235)

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Let us beg the Lord with all our hearts that
we may fight for the truth, body and soul, to
the very end...may we show what love we
have for God and Christ Jesus.

(Origen 185-254)

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Let us pray for those who have fallen away,
that they may recover their footing. Let us
pray for those standing firm,
that they may not be tempted to
their downfall.

Let us ask him to help us, because he loves
us as a Father loves his children.

(Phyprian d.258)

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To all who were tossed by the sea, you are
the calm of the harbour; you are the hope of
the hopeful; you are the health of the sick,
the relief of the needy, the guide of the blind.

To those exposed to punishment on every
count,
you are merciful;
to the weary a wall; in darkness, light.

(Severus d.304)

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Guide my feet along God's path and may
the royal Christ, who wards off ills from
mortal man, lead me to the Father's will.

(Gregory d.320)

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We praise you, O unseen Father, giver of
immortality. You are the fount of life, the
fount of light, the fount of all grace and all
truths. O lover of men, O lover of the poor,
you reconcile yourself to all and draw all to
yourself through the coming of your beloved
Son.

(Serapion d.c.339)

May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the
friend of that which is eternal and abides.
May I never quarrel with those nearest me;
and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly.
May I love, seek, and attain only that which
is good. May I wish for all men's happiness
and envy none. May I never rejoice in the
ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. May
I win no victory that harms either me or my
opponent. May I reconcile friends who are
angry with one another. May I, to the extent
of my power, give all needful hope to my
friends and all who are in want. May I
never fail a friend who is in danger. May I
respect myself.

(Eusebius d. c.340)

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Lord and master of my life, take from me
the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of
power and idle talk. Give me rather the
spirit of chastity, humility, patience and
love. Grant me my Lord and King to see my
own errors and not to judge my brother, for
you are blessed

for ever and ever.
(Ephren Syrus 306-373)

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Guide the vessel of our life, toward yourself,
you tranquil haven of all storm-tossed souls.
Show us the course in which we should go.
Renew a willing spirit within us. Let your
spirit curb our wayward senses and guide
and enable us, into that which is our true
good.

(Basil c.330-79)

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O Lord who has mercy on all, take away
from me sins, and mercifully rekindle in me
the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away
from me the heart of stone and give me
heart of flesh, heart to love and adore you,
heart to delight in you, to follow and enjoy
you for Christ's sake.

(Ambrose 339-397)

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