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PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*With Nine Exhortations for the
Priest to Give to the Dying
before the Last Blessing*

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**A PRAYER BEFORE EXTREME
UNCTION [Anointing of the Sick].**
LORD, Who hast mercifully provided
remedies for all our necessities; grant
me Thy grace so to use them that my
soul may receive all those good effects
which Thou didst intend in their
institution. I desire now to be anointed,
as Thou hast commanded by Thine
Apostle. Grant, I beseech Thee, that by
this holy Unction, and the prayers of
the Church, I may partake of that spirit
with which Christ suffered on the
Cross, for Thy glory, and for the
destruction of sin. Give me true
patience to support all the pains and
trouble of my sickness; give me an
inward strength to resist all the
temptations of the enemy; give me
grace for the pardon of all my failings;
give me that true light, by which I may
be conducted through the shadow of
death to eternal happiness; and if my
health be expedient for Thy glory,
let this be the means to restore it.
Behold, I approach to this holy
Ordinance with a firm faith and
confidence in Thy goodness, that Thou
wilt not forsake me in this time of my
distress; but that Thou wilt fortify me
with Thy grace, and defend me from
all evil, and prepare my soul for a
happy eternity. Amen.

**A PRAYER AFTER EXTREME
UNCTION [Anointing of the Sick].**
O GOD, by whom I have been created,
redeemed, and sanctified; who hast
preserved me from many dangers, both
of soul and body; who hast nourished

me with the adorable Sacrament of Thy
Body and Blood, and granted me the
grace to receive the Rites of Thy
Church, in preference to so many
others who are carried off by sudden
death; for these and all other blessings
which I have received from Thee, I give
Thee most humble and hearty thanks.
And I beseech Blessed Mary, and all
the Saints and Angels, with me and for
me, to give thanks unto Thee for all
Thy mercies.

To Thee I resign my heart. Into Thy
hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Receive me, O dear Jesus, in Thy
mercy, into those loving arms, which
were extended on the Cross for my
Redemption, and admit me into the
embraces of Thine infinite love. I desire
not to be freed from my pains, since
Thou knowest what is best for me.
Suffer me never to murmur; but grant
me patience to bear whatever Thou
wilt, and as long as Thou wilt. Should
it be Thy Will to inflict greater
punishments on my weak body and
languishing soul than those which I
now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord,
to accept them, and to suffer in
whatever manner and whatever
measure may be most conformable to
Thy divine Will. This one grace I most
humbly beg of Thee, that I may die the
death of the just, and be admitted, after
the sufferings and tribulations of this
transitory and sinful life, into the
Kingdom of Thy Glory, there to see and
enjoy Thee in the company of the
Blessed for a never-ending eternity.
Amen.

THE LAST BLESSING AND PLENARY INDULGENCE

As the hour of death approaches—that hour on which: so much depends—the pious Christian should fervently prepare to receive the Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence granted to those who are near their end. For our Lord Jesus Christ promised to St. Peter (Matt. xvi. 19) the keys of the kingdom of heaven, assuring him that whatever he should bind on earth should be bound also in heaven, and whatever he should loose on earth should be loosed also in heaven. By this power of binding and loosing, derived from St. Peter to his successors, and by them specially communicated to the pastors of souls, the latter are authorized to grant a Plenary Indulgence, together with a solemn Blessing, to all such as are in or near their last agony. But then the dying Christian should remember well that, in order to receive the benefit of this Plenary Indulgence and blessing, it is requisite that he concur on his part, by renouncing and detesting all his sins, both known and unknown, mortal and venial; by accepting with patience and resignation whatever he may have yet to suffer, and offering up his pains and death, in union with the sufferings and death of his Redeemer, in satisfaction for his sins. To this end the Church directs the Priest who ministers to the sick person to put him in mind frequently to invoke the name of Jesus, and to exhort him:

1. That he firmly believe all the articles of the Faith, and what ever the holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church believes and teaches.

2. That he confidently hope that our Lord Jesus Christ, in His boundless compassion, will have mercy on him and that, by the merits of His most holy Passion, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, he will obtain everlasting life.

3. That he love the Lord God with all his heart, and that he desire to love Him more and more perfectly, with that love where with all the Saints and Blessed in heaven love Him.

4. That, for the love of God, he grieve from the heart for all offences whatsoever that he has committed against God and his neighbor.

5. That, for the love of God, he forgive from the heart his enemies, and all that have in any way injured him and done him wrong.

6. That he beg forgiveness of those whom he has at any time offended in word or deed.

7. That he patiently endure all the pains and discomfort of sickness, for God's sake, in penance for his sins.

8. That if God shall vouchsafe to restore him to his bodily health, he resolve henceforth, to the best of his power, to guard against sin, and to keep His commandments.

9. That, as far as he is able, he should say such prayers as these:

—Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

—In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: let me never be confounded.

—Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

—Come unto my help, O God: O Lord, make haste to help me.

—O Lord, be Thou unto me a God, a Protector.

—O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

—O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of Thy most holy Passion, receive me into the number of Thine Elect.

—O Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit.

—O Mary, Mother of Grace, Mother of Mercy, do thou protect me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of death.

—O holy Angel of God, assist me as my Guardian.

—O all ye holy Angels, and all ye Saints, intercede for me, and hasten to my aid.

