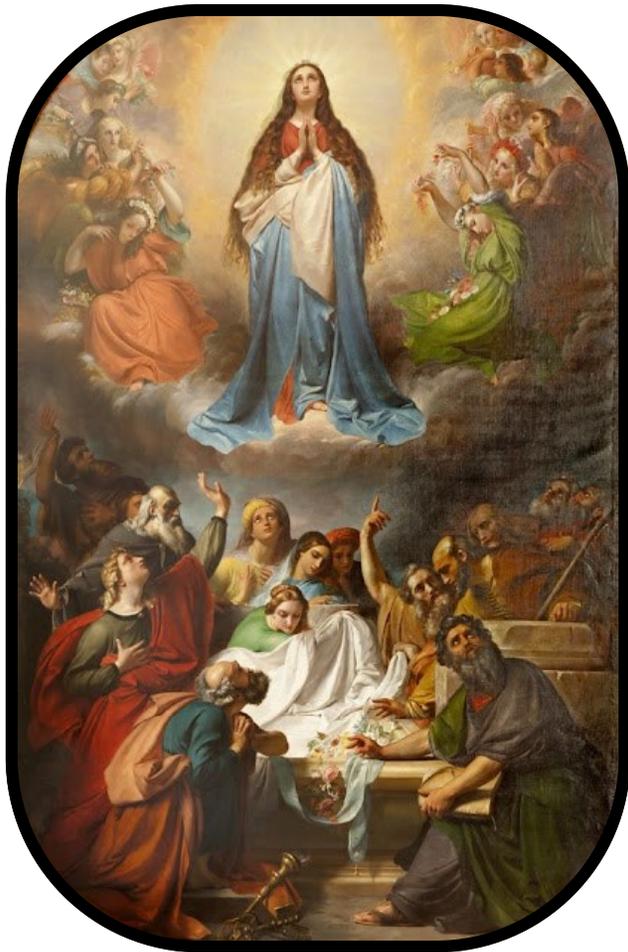


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**PRAYER TO OBTAIN
ASSISTANCE IN THE
HOUR OF DEATH**
— *Saint Mechtilde*



*We read in the book
on spiritual graces, written
by St. Mechtilde (iii., 88):*

*“A person who thus recommends
her faith to God, will at the end of
her life obtain the grace to remain
free from every temptation
against the true faith.”*

O my sovereign, holy Mary,
Mother of God, as God the
Father in the greatness of His
omnipotence hath exalted thee
and given thee power
above all creatures, be with
me, I beseech thee, in the hour
of my death, and drive far
from me all the snares and
craft of my enemies. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace!
The Lord is with thee. Blessed
art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

O my sovereign, holy Mary,
Mother of God, as God the Son

in the excellence of His
unsearchable wisdom hath
endowed thee with such great
knowledge, and filled thee
with such great light that thou
knowest the Most Holy Trinity
more truly and intimately
than all the saints, do thou
so enlighten my soul
in the hour of my death with
the knowledge of the faith,
that no error or ignorance
may lead it astray. Amen.
Hail Mary, etc.

O my sovereign, holy Mary,
Mother of God, as the Holy
Spirit hath poured into thee
the sweetness of His love
with such abundance,
that thou art after God
the sweetest and most benign
of beings, do thou pour into
my soul at the hour of my
death the sweetness of divine
love, that all its bitterness
may be rendered sweet to me.
Amen.

Hail Mary, etc.

Short Aspirations for the Dying

—*Father von Cochem*

Jesus, Mary!

Jesus, be gracious unto me!

Jesus, be merciful unto me!

Jesus, pardon me my sins!

O most bountiful Jesus, have mercy upon me for the sake of Thy bitter suffering; and through Thy bitter death grant me a happy end.

Jesus, for Thee I live!

Jesus, for Thee I die!

Jesus, Thine I am, living or dead!

Jesus, in Thee I believe!

Jesus, in Thee I hope!

Jesus, Thee do I love from the bottom of my heart!

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; into Thy faithful Heart I consign my feeble heart; to Thy bitter death I unite my own death!

O Jesus, do not abandon me!

O Jesus, do not reject me!

O Jesus, do not condemn me, because Thou didst redeem me at the cost of such great pain!

O heavenly Father, Thou hast created me for Thy greater glory!

O Christ Jesus, Thou hast redeemed me through Thy bitter suffering!

O Holy Ghost, Thou hast sanctified me by Thy grace!

Ah, do not permit my soul to fall a prey to the evil one.

I hope in Thy goodness, O benevolent Father!

I hope in Thy suffering,

O Christ Jesus!

I hope in Thy mercy,

O Holy Spirit!

I believe whatsoever the Catholic Church believeth, and in this faith will I live and die.

I firmly hope through Thy grace and my own co-operation to obtain everlasting bliss, and in this hope will I live and die.

I love Thee, O my God, from the bottom of my heart, and in this love will I live and die!

I repent of my sins from the bottom of my heart, and in this repentance will I live and die.

I hide myself in the wounds of Jesus Christ, and in these wounds will I live and die.

Jesus, through Thy crimson blood, do not forsake me in my last hour!

Through Thy bitter death, I beseech Thee to grant me a happy death! O Jesus, into Thy gentle Heart receive all my pains and bitter anguish!

Holy Mary, assist me!

O Mary, do not forsake me!

O Mary, pray for me.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me, a poor sinner, now and at the hour of my death.

O my most beloved advocate, turn thy merciful eyes towards me, and after this exile show unto me Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb!

Through the bitter Passion of thy Son assist me in my suffering, and through His most bitter death obtain for me a blessed end.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; into thy maternal heart, my parting soul!