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PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE HELP OF THE SAINTS

—*Old English Prayers*



Assist me, I pray,
all ye Saints of God
to whose protection I fly,
assist me before death
lays its hand on me;
before the wrath of God
strikes me,
before the grave
closes over me.

O holy Mary,
Virgin Mother of Christ
the Son of God,
hear me, succour me,
protect me:
obtain for me
true faith, perfect charity,
humility, chastity,
and self-control.

Do thou, O holy Michael,
with all the army of
Angels, pray for me.
Snatch me from the power
of my adversaries:

help me to love my God,
to possess purity of heart
and a strong faith.

O holy Patriarchs
and Prophets,
do you too assist me
to obtain the gifts
of kindness to others,
patience, constancy,
and holy perseverance.

O ye blessed Apostles,
free me from my bondage,
defend me in peril,
strengthen me
in the hour of trial,
and bring me at length
into the kingdom of life.

May holy charity
and true peace,
may purity of soul
and body,
be granted to me

through your intercession,
O holy Martyrs.

O glorious Confessors
of God, pray for me,
through your merits
and help may I obtain
a yearning
after heavenly things,
may I possess a love
for uprightness of life,
may I ever strive to keep
the commandments
of God.

O all ye holy Virgins,
to you do I turn,
help me to have
good will to all,
obtain for me
health of soul and body,
brotherly love, prudence,
and the spirit of justice,
fortitude, and temperance.

Again and again,
yea always,
will I turn to you,
O all ye holy Saints:
come to my aid,
take pity on me;
raise me up when I fall;
correct me when I err.
Through your intercession
may I be granted
a pure conscience,
a salutary sorrow,
an upright life,
and an ending precious
in God's sight;
that through you
I may come
to the company of the
blessed through the mercy
of Him who reigns,
one God
and three Persons,
for ever and ever. Amen.

O all ye holy Saints,
in God's name
I pray
and beseech you
to remember me in your
prayers, that my enemy
and adversary may never
be able to harm me.

O Lord, I have sinned
before Thee
and Thy angels.
Shew me, Lord,
Thy mercy.

Heal me
and I shall be healed,
for Thou, O Lord,
art my Saviour;
let my prayer come
to Thy holy temple.
To Thee, O Lord,
be honour and power
unto endless ages.
Amen.