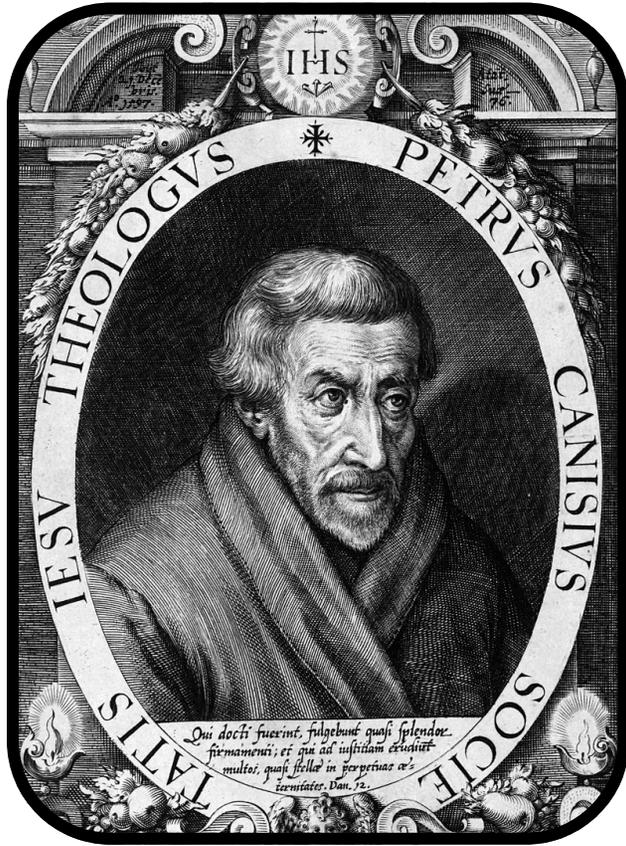


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# THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER OF SAINT PETER CANISIUS

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Almighty, eternal God,  
Lord, heavenly Father,  
look with Your eyes of undeserved  
compassion on our sorrow,  
misery and need.

Have mercy  
on all the Christian faithful,  
for whom Your only-begotten Son,  
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
was content to give Himself  
into the hand of sinners  
and shed His precious Blood  
on the wood of the Holy Cross.

For the sake of the Lord Jesus,  
most gracious Father,  
avert our well-deserved punishments,  
present danger and future threats,  
harm and outrage,  
arms and warfare,  
dearth and misfortune,  
sickness and sorrowful,  
miserable times.

Enlighten and strengthen  
in all goodness  
our spiritual leaders  
and earthly rulers,  
that they may do  
everything to further  
Your honour as God,  
our salvation,  
the common peace,  
and the welfare of all Your people.

Grant us, O God of peace,  
a true unity in faith,

free of all division and separation.  
Convert our hearts to true repentance  
and amendment of life.

Kindle in us the fire of Your love;  
give us hunger and zeal  
for justice in all things,  
so that we, as obedient children  
through life unto death,  
may be pleasing  
to You and find favour  
in Your sight.

We also pray, O God, as You willed  
that we should pray,  
for our friends and enemies,  
for the healthy and the sick,  
for all Christians  
in sadness and distress,  
for the living and the dead.

To You, O Lord, be entrusted  
whatever we do,  
whatever our path,  
our work and our dealings,  
our living and dying.

Let us delight in Your grace  
here in this world,  
and attain the next  
with all Your chosen ones,  
to praise, honour and extol You  
in unending joy and blessedness.

Grant us this, O Lord,  
heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ, Your beloved  
Son, Who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## NIGHT LITANY FOR THE WORLD

O God, our Father, *hear us.*

*We intercede before You, through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for all who tonight in this world stand in most need of Your merciful love and protection.*

On souls beset by temptation,  
*have mercy.*

On those who have fallen into sin,  
*have mercy.*

On those who are given up to  
worldliness and are forgetful of  
You, *have mercy.*

On those who are at this moment in  
danger of losing You forever,  
*have mercy.*

**By Your agony,** *save them, Jesus.*

On those who are carrying on wicked  
trades and profit by sin, *have mercy.*

On the victims of sin, *have mercy.*

On those indulging in sinful  
amusements, *have mercy.*

On all who are imperiling their souls  
by self-indulgence and luxury,  
*have mercy.*

On all frequenting haunts of sin,  
*have mercy.*

**By Your scourging,** *save them, Jesus.*

On all who are out tonight, the  
homeless, the weary, the starving,  
those tempted to suicide, the  
intemperate, *have mercy.*

On those who are out for sin,  
*have mercy.*

To those who are out to rescue  
others, *grant help and protection.*

For those who work at night, *let Your  
presence be with them, Jesus.*

For the sick and suffering and all who  
are enduring any agony of mind or  
body, *comfort them, Jesus.*

For all undergoing operations,  
*strengthen them, Jesus, and help them  
in body and soul.*

For the sleepless and lonely,  
*be near them.*

For those in anxiety, nervous or  
mental distress, *calm them.*

For the mentally ill,  
*keep them under Your protection.*

For those who attend upon the  
mentally ill, *make them tender-  
hearted and compassionate.*

For night nurses,  
*give faithfulness and sympathy.*

For priests and doctors called out this  
night, *reward them.*

**By Your crown of thorns,**  
*deliver them, Jesus.*

For those who this night must suffer  
bereavement, *visit and sustain them.*

For those for whom this will be their  
last night on earth, *deepen their  
contrition and receive their souls.*

For those whom sudden death  
summons before Your  
judgment, *have mercy.*

For those dying alone without priest  
or sacrament, *have mercy.*

For those dying, rejecting the ministry  
of Holy Mother Church,  
*have mercy.*

On those dying unconscious,  
*have mercy.*

On those dying blind to their sin,  
*have mercy.*

On the souls of unbelievers who are  
near death, *have mercy.*

On those who are trying to turn to  
You even in their last hour,  
*have mercy.*

For those who are afraid to die,  
*turn their heaviness into joy.*

For dying priests and religious,  
*have mercy on them and receive them  
to Yourself.*

For the faithful departed,  
*grant them light and peace.*

For ourselves in our last hour,  
*grant pardon of our sins, our  
negligences and our ignorances.*

**By Your holy death,**  
*deliver us all, O Jesus.*

On behalf of those who neglect to  
praise God and thank Him, let us  
say: *Blessed be God. Blessed be His  
Holy Name.*

On behalf of those who blaspheme  
and neglect the Blessed Sacrament,  
let us say:

*Blessed, praised, worshipped and  
adored be Jesus Christ on His Throne  
of Glory and in the Most Holy  
Sacrament of the Altar.*