

An Exorcism Prayer - Warning: To be said by a Priest only



About:

This is a prayer against Satan and his rebellious angels. It was published by the Order of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII.

This simple prayer must be said by a priest only.

The term "exorcism" does NOT always denote a solemn exorcism involving a person possessed by the devil. In general, the term denotes prayers to "curb the power of the devil and prevent him from doing harm." As St. Peter had written in Holy Scripture, "your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour."

[1 St. Pet. 5:8] The Holy Father exhorts priests to say this prayer as often as possible, as a simple exorcism to curb the power of the devil and prevent him from doing harm.

The faithful also may say it in their own name, for the same purpose, as any approved prayer. Its use is recommended whenever action of the devil is suspected, causing malice in men, violent temptations and even storms and various calamities. It could be used as a solemn exorcism (an official and public ceremony, in Latin), to expel the devil. It would then be said by a priest, in the name of the Church and only with a Bishop's permission.

An Exorcism Prayer - Warning: To be said by a Priest only



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Most glorious Prince of the
Heavenly Armies,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in "our battle against
principalities and
powers, against the rulers of
this world of darkness,
against the spirits of wickedness
in the high places"[Eph., 6:12].

Come to the assistance of
men whom God has created to
His likeness and whom
He has redeemed at a great
price from the tyranny
of the devil. The Holy Church
venerates you as her guardian
and protector; to you,
the Lord has entrusted the
souls of the redeemed
to be led into heaven.
Pray therefore the
God of Peace to crush Satan
beneath our feet, that he
may no longer retain men
captive and do injury to the
Church.
Offer our prayers to the
Most High, that without delay
they may draw His mercy down
upon us; take hold of "the
dragon, the old serpent, which
is the devil and Satan,

"bind him and cast him into the
bottomless pit "that he may no
longer seduce the nations."
[Rev. 20:2-3]

Exorcism

In the Name of Jesus Christ,
our God and Lord,
strengthened by the
intercession of the Immaculate
Virgin Mary, Mother of
God, of Blessed Michael the
Arch angel, of the
Blessed Apostles Peter and
Paul and all the Saints.
and powerful in the holy
authority of our ministry,
we confidently undertake to
repulse the attacks adduce its of
the devil. God arises;
His enemies are scattered
and those who hate Him flee
before Him. As smoke is driven
away,
so are they driven;
as wax melts before the fire, so
the wicked perish at the
presence of God.

V. Behold the Cross of the Lord,
flee bands of enemies.

R. The Lion of the tribe of Juda,
the offspring of David, hath
conquered.

V. May Thy mercy, Lord,
descend upon us.

R. As great as our hope in Thee.

We drive you from us,
whoever you may be,

unclean spirits,
all satanic powers,
all infernal invaders,
all wicked legions,
assemblies and sects.

In the Name and by the power
of Our Lord Jesus Christ, +
may you be snatched away and
driven from the Church of
God and from the souls
made to the image and
likeness of God and redeemed
by the Precious Blood of the
Divine Lamb. assemblies and
sects.

+ The Most High God
commands you, + He with
whom, in your great insolence,
you still claim to be equal.

+ Most cunning serpent, you
shall no more dare to deceive
the human race, persecute the
Church, torment God's elect and
sift them as wheat.

"God who wants all men to be
saved and to come to the
knowledge of the truth." [1 Tim.
2:4).

"God the Father commands you.
+ God the Son commands you. +
God the Holy Ghost commands
you.

"+ Christ, God's Word made
flesh, commands you; +
He who to save our race
outdone through your envy,

An Exorcism Prayer – Warning: To be said by a Priest only



"humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death"
[Phil. 2:8];"

He who has built His Church on the firm rock and declared that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Her, because He will dwell with Her "all days even to the end of the world." [Mt. 28:20]

The sacred Sign of the Cross commands you, + as does also the power of the mysteries of the Christian Faith.

+ The glorious Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, commands you;
+ she who by her humility and from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception crushed your proud head.

The faith of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of the other Apostles commands you.

+ The blood of the Martyrs and the pious intercession of all the Saints command you. +

Thus, cursed dragon, and you, diabolical legions, we adjure you by the living God,
+ by the true God,
+ by the holy God,
+ by the God "who so loved the world that He gave up His only Son, that every soul believing in Him might not perish but have life everlasting;" [St. Jn. 3:16]

stop deceiving human creatures and pouring out to them the poison of eternal damnation; stop harming the Church and hindering her liberty.

Begone, Satan, inventor and master of all deceit, enemy of man's salvation.

Give place to Christ in Whom you have found none of your works; give place to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church acquired by Christ at the price of His Blood.

Stoop beneath the all-powerful Hand of God; tremble and flee when we invoke the Holy and terrible Name of Jesus, this Name which causes hell to tremble, this Name to which the Virtues, Powers and Dominations of heaven are humbly submissive, this Name which the Cherubim and Seraphim praise unceasingly repeating:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord, the God of Hosts.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. May the Lord be with thee.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

God of heaven, God of earth,

God of Angels, God of Archangels, God of Patriarchs, God of Prophets, God of Apostles, God of Martyrs, God of Confessors, God of Virgins, God who has power to give life after death and rest after work: because there is no other God than Thee and there can be no other, for Thou art the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, of Whose reign there shall be no end, we humbly prostrate ourselves before Thy glorious Majesty and we beseech Thee to deliver us by Thy power from all the tyranny of the infernal spirits, from their snares, their lies and their furious wickedness.

Deign, O Lord, to grant us Thy powerful protection and to keep us safe and sound. We beseech Thee through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

V. From the snares of the devil,
R. Deliver us, O Lord.
V. That Thy Church may serve Thee in peace and liberty:
R. We beseech Thee to hear us.
V. That Thou may crush down all enemies of Thy Church:
R. We beseech Thee to hear us.

(Holy water is sprinkled in the place where we may be.)