

Blessing of St. Clare

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He show His face to you and be merciful to you.
May He turn His countenance to you, and give peace to you.

May our Heavenly Father, through His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the intercession of His Holy Mother Mary, St. Michael the Archangel, and all the angels of God, our blessed Father Francis, and all men and women saints, give you and confirm for you this most holy blessing in heaven and on earth. On earth, may He multiply you in His grace and His virtues among His servants in His Church Militant. In heaven, may He exalt you and glorify you among the men and women saints in His Church Triumphant.

Always be lovers of your souls and those of your sisters and brothers. And may you always be eager to observe what you have promised the Lord.

May the Lord always be with you, and may you always be with Him.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

Final Hymn

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve,
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, beneditum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

Depart in Silence ...

*"Go forward ... in the pursuit of that perfection to which
the Spirit of the Lord has called you."
- St. Clare of Assisi*

St. Clare of Assisi



Transitus & Night Prayer

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Introduction : Taken from The Legend of St. Clare (1st Reading)

Opening Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul, Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults, as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well, In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, Let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek, Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst, dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His body joined, We are in him made one.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

O saving Victim, op'ning wide/The gate of heaven to all below,
Our foes press on from ev'ry side/Thine aid supply, thy strenth bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend/Forevermore, blest One in Three,
O grant us life that shall not end/In our true native land to be. Amen.

Adoration

Meditations taken from St. Clare's letters to Agnes of Prague (2nd Reading)

Benediction

Let us humbly voice our homage / For so great a sacrament;
Let all former rites surrender / To the Lord's New Testament;
What the senses fail to fathom / Let us grasp through faith's consent.

Glory, honor, adoration / Let us sing with one accord!
Praised be God, almighty Father / Praised be Christ, his Son, our Lord;
Praised be God the Holy Spirit / Triune Godhead, be adored! Amen.

V. You have given them Bread from heaven.
R. Having within it all sweetness.

Foundress of the Poor Clares " "
Strong in Faith, Unwavering in Hope " "
Resplendent in Charity " "
Obedient and Humble " "
Poor with the Poor Christ " "
Woman of Prayer and Model of Virgins " "
Ardent Lover of the Most Blessed Sacrament " "
Devoted to the Infancy and Passion of Jesus " "
Fearless in Difficulties " "
Patient and Persevering in Trials " "
Peaceful, Kind, Gentle and Strong " "
Gifted with Miraculous Powers " "
Universal Patroness of Television " "
Zealous in Penance " "
Heroic in Suffering " "
Serene in Death " "

Lamb of God, Who takes away
the sins of the world Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away
the sins of the world Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away
the sins of the world Have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, St. Clare
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer

Cantor:

Let us pray. St. Clare, Radiant Light, shining in splendor, help us to walk "with swift pace and light step" in the footprints of the "Poor Crucified and His Most Holy Mother." Protect our lives, our homes, and our cities from violence, as you once protected your Sisters and the city of Assisi. Through your powerful intercession, obtain many graces for the Church, each person here, and the whole world.

R. Amen.

For all who are in the process of discovering a call to follow the Lord in Religious life, that they may have the courage and generosity to respond as Clare did, we humbly pray:

R. Through the intercession of St. Clare, hear us, Lord.

For all the faithful departed, especially our brothers and sisters, our families, and friends, that Sister Death lead them to the Most High, all-powerful, and all-good Lord, we humbly pray:

R. Through the intercession of St. Clare, hear us, Lord.

Father of Mercies, you led St. Clare to follow the Gospel Way. May St. Clare intercede for all who come to You in their need. We ask that you grant a favorable response to the Glory of Your Holy Name, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Litany to St. Clare

(Acclamation and response are chanted)

Cantor:

Lord, have mercy on us,
Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, hear us,

All:

Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven	Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world	"
God, the Holy Spirit	"
Holy Trinity, One God	"

Holy Mary, conceived without original sin	Pray for us.
Holy Mary, Queen of the Franciscan Order	"
St. Clare, Daughter of the Most High God	"
St. Clare, Chaste Spouse of Christ	"
St. Clare, Imbued with the Holy Spirit	Pray for us.
St. Clare, Loving daughter of the Glorious Virgin Mary	"
St. Clare, Brilliant Light of Holy Mother Church	"
True Witness to Gosepl Living	"
Faithful follower of St. Francis	"

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen**

Reposition - The Divine Praises

Blessed be God. Blessed be his holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. Blessed be his most Sacred Heart. Blessed be his most Precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception. Blessed be her glorious assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen

Night Prayer & Transitus

Introduction

Leader : God, come to my assistance.
All : Lord, make haste to help me.
Leader : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
All : As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

(Please sit)

Psalmody

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Psalm 27

**Right Side: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?**

Left Side: One thing I ask of the Lord;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of
the Lord.

**Right Side: Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me and answer me.**

Left Side: Of you my heart speaks: you my glance
seeks; your presence, O Lord, I seek.

**Right Side: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit,**

Left Side: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader : The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Narration of St. Clare's Passing: Taken from The Legend of St. Clare

*The light from the Clare Candle is now spread to the candles of each
participant, representing Clare's passing into the splendor of heaven.*

(Please stand)

Responsory

Leader : Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
All : **Into your hands, Lord I commend my spirit.**

Leader : You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
All : **I commend my spirit.**

Leader : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
All : **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Antiphon

Leader : Go in peace my blessed soul for you will have
a good journey.

Gospel Canticle

**Right Side: Lord, now let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:**

Left Side: My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight
of every people:

**Right Side: A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Leader : Go in peace my blessed soul for you will have
a good journey.

(Extinguish Candles)

Intercessions

Leader : We have remembered the passing of St. Clare to the glory
of God. Mindful of the wonders the Lord has worked in
her, we confidently approach the Father in prayer:

For all God's people, that they hold fast to the words, the
life, the teaching, and the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ, we humbly pray:

R. Through the intercession of St. Clare, hear us, Lord.

For leaders of peoples, that they seek the counsel of God,
and pursue the way of peace, justice, harmony, and the
common good, we humbly pray:

R. Through the intercession of St. Clare, hear us, Lord.

For all men and women, that they honor and praise the
Most High and Good Lord in all of His creatures, we
humbly pray:

R. Through the intercession of St. Clare, hear us, Lord.

For the followers of Sts. Clare and Francis, that they live
according to the poverty, humility, and Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:

R. Through the intercession of St. Clare, hear us, Lord.