

## The Universal Prayer

By Pope Clement XI

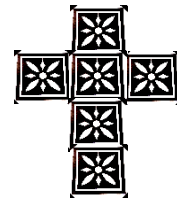
Lord, I believe in you: increase  
my faith.  
I trust in you: strengthen my  
trust.  
I love you: let me love you  
more and more.  
I am sorry for my sins: deepen  
my sorrow.



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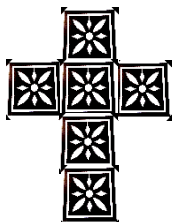
I worship you as my first  
beginning,  
I long for you as my last end,  
I praise you as my constant  
helper,  
And call on you as my loving  
protector.



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Guide me by your wisdom,  
Correct me with your justice,  
Comfort me with your mercy,  
Protect me with your power.



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I offer you, Lord, my  
thoughts: to be fixed on  
you;  
My words: to have you for  
their theme;  
My actions: to reflect my love  
for you;  
My sufferings: to be endured  
for your greater glory.



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I want to do what you ask of  
me:

In the way you ask,  
For as long as you ask,  
Because you ask it.

Lord, enlighten my  
understanding,  
Strengthen my will,  
Purify my heart, and make me  
holy.

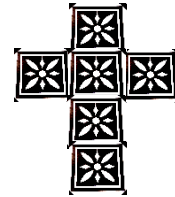
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Help me to repent of my past  
sins

And to resist temptation in  
the future.

Help me to rise above my  
human weaknesses  
And to grow stronger as a  
Christian.



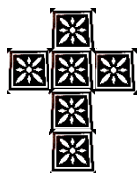
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Let me love you, my Lord and  
my God,

And see myself as I really am:  
A pilgrim in this world,  
A Christian called to respect  
and love

All whose lives I touch,  
Those under my authority,  
My friends and my enemies.



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Help me to conquer anger  
with gentleness,

Greed by generosity,  
Apathy by fervor.

Help me to forget myself  
And reach out toward others.

Make me prudent in planning,  
Courageous in taking risks.

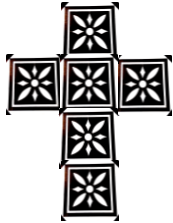
Make me patient in suffering,  
unassuming in prosperity.



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Keep me, Lord, attentive at  
prayer,  
Temperate in food and drink,  
Diligent in my work,  
Firm in my good intentions.



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Let my conscience be clear,  
My conduct without fault,  
My speech blameless,  
My life well-ordered.  
Put me on guard against my  
human weaknesses.  
Let me cherish your love for  
me,  
Keep your law,  
And come at last to your  
salvation.

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Teach me to realize that this  
world is passing,  
That my true future is the  
happiness of heaven,  
That life on earth is short,  
And the life to come eternal.



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Help me to prepare for death  
With a proper fear of  
judgment,  
But a greater trust in your  
goodness.  
Lead me safely through death  
To the endless joy of heaven.  
  
Grant this through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

