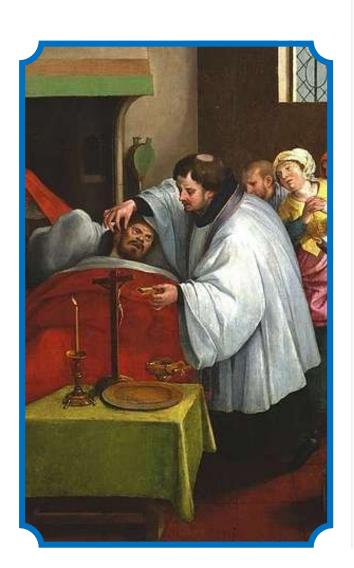
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## PRAYER OF A SICK PERSON WHO HAS NO OPPORTUNITY OF RECEIVING THE LAST SACRAMENTS



Almighty, eternal and merciful God, Who didst say: "Invoke Me in the hour of need," and didst utter this consoling promise: "As I live, I will not the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live." Behold, I, a poor, miserable sinner, stricken with illness and oppressed with the heavy load of innumerable misdeeds, come to Thee in this my utmost need, reminding Thee, O bountiful Father, of Thy promise, which is the only consolation left to my afflicted soul, and imploring Thy grace and mercy.

See, O Lord, my heart is sorely afflicted and my strength has left me. But Thou, all-wise God, Who searchest the reins and the heart, Thou knowest the desire of my oppressed soul and how gladly and willingly I would make use of the salutary means of reconciliation, which Thou has left us in the

sacraments. But being now deprived of the opportunity of receiving them, I beseech Thy infinite goodness and mercy graciously to accept my good will and heartfelt desire, to confess my sins, as also to receive the holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction. Alas, most merciful Lord, cast me not from before Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

I confess to Thee, almighty God, all the sins of my life, and I repent with all my heart for ever having offended Thee, my supreme Good, Who art worthy of all love. I am firmly resolved, provided that Thou shouldst grant me some time more to live, to amend my sinful life and at the first opportunity to confess my sins and to do penance for them. O benevolent Father, fulfil this my desire!

Rev. J.A. Krebs, C.SSR., *Devotions and Prayers for the Sick-Room*, Benziger Brothers, New York 1889, pp. 129-134, Available at Archive.org.

## Aspirations at the approach of Death

I believe in Thee, my God, Who art the very Truth itself.

I hope in Thy boundless mercy. I love Thy infinite goodness.

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped. I shall not be confounded forever.

May I die, O Lord, for the love of Thee Who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Suffer me not, O my God, to be separated from Thee. Thee only do I desire.

O infinite Goodness, I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee.

My Jesus, Thou art about to judge me. Spare and pardon, before Thou judgest me. I love Thee, and because I love Thee I am sorry that I have offended Thee.

My sweetest Jesus, suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

Blood of Jesus, wash me. Passion of Jesus, save me. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I desire to die, O Lord, in order to see Thee. Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for me. Turn thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Mary, now is the time to help thy servant.

My Mother, forsake me not.

O paradise, O beautiful country, O country of love, when shall I see thee? My God, when shall I behold Thee face to face?

When, O my Jesus, shall I be secure of never losing Thee again?

My God, and my All.

I willingly give up all in order to gain Thee, my God.

O happy suffering, to suffer for God! happy death, to die in the Lord!

O my God, for the love of Jesus have mercy on me. Send me, O Lord, to purgatory for as long as Thou pleasest, but do not send me to hell, where I cannot love Thee.

O eternal God, I hope and desire to love Thee forever in heaven. My Love is crucified. Jesus, my Love, died for me.

O eternal Father, for the love of Jesus Christ, give me Thy grace. I love Thee, I am sorry for having offended Thee.

How can I thank Thee, O my God, for all the blessings Thou hast

bestowed upon me?

I hope to thank Thee for all eternity in heaven.

Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, pray for me.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

My Jesus, I commend to Thee my soul, which Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood.

Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

My God, help me, allow me to come and love Thee for all eternity in heaven.

Jesus, my love, I love Thee, I am sorry for having offended Thee.

O Mary, my hope, help me, pray to Jesus for me.

By Thy Passion, O Jesus, save me.

My Mother Mary, help me in this hour. St. Joseph, assist me. St. Michael the archangel, defend me. My angel guardian, protect me. My patron saint, N. N., commend me to Jesus Christ.

All ye saints of God, intercede for me.

Jesus, Jesus!
Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul.