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PRAYERS TO THE MOST HOLY NAME



The Golden Arrow

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

This prayer is said to have been revealed by Jesus Himself to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy. "This Golden Arrow will wound My Heart delightfully," He said, "and heal the wounds inflicted by blasphemy."

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—St. Alphonsus

O my Jesus, thou art the Savior
who hast given Thy Blood
and Thy Life for me,
I pray Thee to write Thy
adorable name on my poor
heart; so that having it
always imprinted in my heart

by love, I may also have it
ever on my lips, by invoking
it in all my necessities.
If the devil tempts me,
Thy name will give me
strength to resist him.
If I lose confidence,
Thy name will animate me
to hope.
If I am in affliction,
Thy name will comfort me,
by reminding me of all
Thou hast endured for me.
If I find myself cold in Thy love,
Thy name will inflame me
by reminding me of the love
Thou hast shown me.
I have fallen into so many sins,
because I did not call
on Thee;
from henceforth Thy name
shall be
my defense,
my refuge,
my hope,
my only consolation,
my only love.
Thus do I hope to live, and
so do I hope to die, having
Thy name always on my lips.

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— *St. Bernardine of Siena*

Jesus, Name Full of Glory,

Grace, Love and Strength!

You are the Refuge

of those who repent,

our Banner of Warfare

in this life,

the Medicine of souls,

the Comfort of those who morn,

the Delight

of those who believe,

the Light of those who preach

the True Faith,

the Wages of those who toil,

the Healing of the sick.

To You our devotion aspires;

by You our prayers are received;

we delight

in contemplating You.

O Name of Jesus,

You are the Glory of all

the saints for eternity. Amen.

WHAT DOES THE NAME OF JESUS MEAN?

The name Jesus comes from the Greek *Iesous* which was derived from the Aramaic, Yeshu. It means "Yaweh is salvation." The name was not unique, even in biblical times,

and today it is common in Arabic-speaking East and in Spanish-speaking countries. From apostolic times the name has been treated with the greatest respect, as honor is due the name which represents Our Lord, himself.

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that whatever we ask the Father in His Name we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word.

When, therefore, we say, "Jesus," let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard. For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words, "through Jesus Christ," which gives the prayer a new and Divine efficacy.

But the Holy Name is something still greater.

Each time we say, "Jesus," we give God infinite joy and glory, for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the Name Jesus by His Passion and Death.

Each time we say "Jesus," let us clearly wish to offer God all the Masses being said all over the world for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of Masses.

Each time we say "Jesus," we gain indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, thus relieving and liberating very many of these holy souls from their awful pains. Thus they may be our best friends and pray for us-----they cannot pray for themselves, however.

Each time we say "Jesus," it is an act of perfect love, for we offer to God the infinite love of Jesus.

The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm.

The Holy Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and joy we never had before.

The Holy Name of Jesus gives us strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.

—Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, *The Wonders of the Holy Name*.