

OREMUS

LATIN PRAYERS FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS



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For my godchildren -
SGB, AJS, GRS, CFIS
- KW

For Claire,
my "Little Bear"
- MW





A NOTE TO READERS

"The Roman Church has special obligations towards Latin, the splendid language of ancient Rome, and she must manifest them whenever the occasion presents itself"
(*Dominicae cenae*, 10).

This book began as an idea to translate our First Faith Treasury board book, *Let Us Pray: A Child's First Book of Prayers* (TAN Books, 2019), into Latin, the official language of the Church. It grew into the beautiful treasury you have in your hands today, thanks to the creative inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We pray this collection helps children of all ages to fall more in love with the prayers of the Mass and other beloved Catholic prayers, while learning them both in English and in Latin; the language that Pope Saint John Paul II called "an expression of the unity of the Church" and a language which "through its dignified character elicited a profound sense of the Eucharistic Mystery" (*Dominicae cenae*, 10).

In addition to learning sacred prayers in Latin and using this compendium while participating in the liturgy, we want families to become more familiar with some of the great artistic masterpieces that reflect the mysteries of our faith. We hope that Meg Whalen's studies of great master works will draw hearts and souls to the divine in an even deeper way. More practically, we also wish this book to serve as a launching point for exploring religious art and learning the practice of *visio divina* ("divine seeing"), an ancient form of prayer in which art is used to open one's heart to meditation and conversation with God.

Perhaps your children will further be encouraged to do their own master studies, copying the artwork in their own drawings and paintings, or as a family, you may be inspired to learn more of the history, details, and symbolism behind the pieces chosen for the book (you can find a list of the names and artists in the back).

May this book be a blessing to your family's life of prayer and experience of the Mass, the highest form of prayer! May it help you develop a greater appreciation for the use of Latin in the life of the Church, as well as a greater love for the beauty and spiritual growth that visual art can bring to the faithful.

To God be the glory!
Katie Warner



SIGN OF THE CROSS

In nomine Patris,
et Filii,
et Spiritus Sancti.

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

Amen.

Amen.



CONFITEOR

ORDINARY

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti,
et vobis fratres,
quia peccavi nimis
cogitatione, verbo,
opere
et omissione:
mea culpa, mea culpa,
mea maxima culpa.
Ideo precor beatam Mariam
semper Virginem,
omnes Angelos et Sanctos,
et vos, fratres,
orare pro me
ad Dominum Deum nostrum.
Amen.

*I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me
to the Lord our God.
Amen.*

EXTRAORDINARY

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti,
beatae Mariae semper Virgini,
beato Michaeli Archangelo,
beato Ioanni Baptistae,
sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo,
et omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, Pater,
quia peccavi nimis cogitatione,
verbo et opere:
mea culpa, mea culpa,
mea maxima culpa.
Ideo precor beatam Mariam
semper Virginem,
beatum Michaellem Archangelum,
beatum Ioannem Baptistam,
sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum,
et omnes Sanctos, et te, Pater,
orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.
Amen.

*I confess to almighty God,
to blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
to blessed Michael the Archangel,
to blessed John the Baptist,
to the holy apostles Peter and Paul,
and to all the Saints, and to you, Father,
that I have sinned exceedingly
in thought, word, and deed,
through my fault, through my fault, through
my most grievous fault.
Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
blessed Michael the Archangel,
blessed John the Baptist,
the holy apostles Peter and Paul,
and all the saints, and you, Father,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Amen.*

