SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SOCIETY HOLY HALF HOUR



The Basilica of Saint Mary Alexandria, Virginia



Prayer for the Intercession of Saint Katharine Drexel

All: God of love, you called Saint Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Native American and African American peoples; by her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and the oppressed, and keep us undivided in love in the Eucharistic community of your Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Divine Mercy Chaplet



You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The "Eternal Father," which is prayed on each of the five "Our Father" beads of the rosary:

V. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

The following is prayed on each of the ten "Hail Mary" beads:

- V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,
- R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

(Repeat three times) Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.



Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy*. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy*. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy*.

God our Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin

Mother, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, well-spring of all virtue, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, treasure-house of wisdom and knowledge,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

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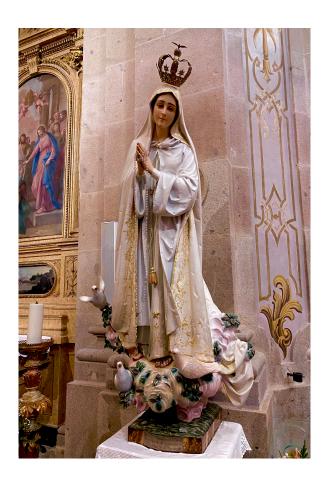
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, touch our hearts and make them like your own.

Let us pray:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reparation Prayer of Fatima:

All: Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.



Benediction



Priest or Deacon: You have given them Bread from heaven.

All: Having all sweetness within it.

Priest or Deacon: Panem de caelo praestitisti eis. All: **Omne delectamentum in se habentem.**

Priest or Deacon: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Amen

Priest or Deacon: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti. Tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus, qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

All: Amen

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 Saint 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 of the Altar be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, now and until the end of time. Amen.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



About the Saint Katharine Drexel Society

The Saint Katharine Drexel Society at the Basilica of Saint Mary was founded in June of 2020 in response to recent events of racial injustice. The society prays for the healing of our nation, especially for the healing of historical wounds inflicted by slavery that continue to affect our populace. We pray in reparation for sins of racism, past and present; for the sacredness of every human life to be protected and upheld, both in law and in culture; and for the unity of human society under the peaceful Lordship of Jesus Christ. The group prays during the Basilica's Holy Half Hour on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00 p.m. and meets at other times for prayer and fellowship.

Catholic teaching encourages reparations not only for our own sins, but through the virtue of the Communion of the Saints and the oneness of the mystical Body of Christ, to also make reparation for the sins of others. Through our prayers, we ask God to heal our community, our state, our country, and the world.

The patroness of the society, Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), was the second American-born Saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Born in Philadelphia and raised in a wealthy family, she gave up her affluent lifestyle to enter religious life. She used her inheritance to minister to the poor and oppressed. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which went on to establish over 100 schools that served Native American reservations and Southern African American inner city and rural communities. The Sisters never wavered in their mission, even when they received threats and their buildings were vandalized.

Saint John Paul II canonized Katharine Drexel in 2000. In his homily during the canonization Mass, he said, "She taught a spirituality based on prayerful union with the Eucharistic Lord and zealous service of the poor and the victims of racial discrimination. Her apostolate helped to bring about a growing awareness of the need to combat all forms of racism through education and social services. Katharine Drexel is an excellent example of that practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, which has long been the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."

Saint Katharine's love for the Eucharist, her spirit of prayer, and her Eucharistic perspective on the unity of all peoples are key inspirations for our holy hour.

Saint Katharine Drexel, Patron Saint of Racial Justice, pray and intercede for us!

