



THE PRAYER CRUSADE FOR THE CONVERSION OF ENGLAND

## Prayers for UK Residents

St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionists, prayed for fifty years for the conversion of England and he left this devotion to the Passionist Order.

St. Paul was comforted in the last years of his life by a vision of his religious working in England. This would be fulfilled in the person of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The following prayers are recommended for those wishing to imitate St. Paul and pray for the conversion of England back to the true Faith:

**O Jesus, convert England,  
O God have mercy on our country!**



### Prayer to Blessed Dominic Barberi, Apostle of England

Heavenly Father, through Mary, Mother of God we thank you for the life and witness of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Passionist and Apostle of Christian unity and of England.

You gave him a great love for this land, the Dowry of Mary, as the Christian churches pray and work towards greater unity we ask blessed Dominic to show us the way through mutual prayer reparation and love.

Through his intercession grant also the grace for which we now pray.

### Dedication of England to the Mother of God (formerly recited on Rosary Sunday every year after Mass)

O IMMACULATE Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mother of Grace, and Queen of the kingdom of thy Son, humbly kneeling before thee, we offer thee this country in which we live. It once was thine. Before it was robbed of the holy Faith all its children were thy children, and thou wast honoured throughout its length and breadth as its Protectress and its Queen.

Again do we consecrate it to thee; again do we dedicate it as thine own Dowry. We offer our own hearts, that their love and service may ever grow and increase. We offer all our brethren those multitudes who know thee so little or know thee not at all. May thy prayer bring back the country's ancient faith. May thy intercession lead us to a closer union with thy divine Son. We consecrate ourselves to Him through thee.

Obtain for us, and for England thy Dowry, every grace and blessing, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Holy Mother of God, Virgin ever blest, O Mary Immaculate, pray for us, intercede for us, disdain not to help us. For we are confident and know for certain that thou canst obtain all thou wiliest from thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, God Almighty, the King of ages, who liveth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Dedication of England to St. Peter

(to be renewed in every public church within  
 the octave of St. Peter's feast)

O BLESSED Prince of Apostles, Vicar of Christ, Shepherd of the whole flock, Rock on whom the Church is built, we thank the Prince of Pastors, who in the ages of Faith, did bind this country so sweetly and strongly to thee and to that holy See of Rome from which her conversion came.

We praise and bless our Lord for those steadfast Confessors who laid down their lives for thy honour and prerogative in the hour when schism and heresy broke upon the land. We desire to revive the zeal, the devotion and the love of ancient days. We consecrate our country, as far as in us lies, fervently and lovingly to thee. We offer thee our homage. We renew our loyalty to the Pontiff, thy successor, who now fills the Apostolic See.

Do thou confirm and strengthen, by thy powerful intercession, the faith of the Pastors and people who invoke thee, save us from apostasy, from disunion, from religious indifference, and from the losses to which ignorance and temptation expose our little flock. O most sincere and most humble penitent, obtain for us tears of true repentance for our sins, and a strong personal love for our divine Master; O Key bearer of the Heavenly Kingdom, open to us the gate of Heaven, that we may enter into the joy of the King of Glory.

Remember this realm of England, which grew in grace and unity under thy blessed apostolic influence for nigh a thousand years. Pray to Jesus that all may see the and be brought back to thy Fold, which is the One Fold of Christ. Amen.

V. Thou art Peter.

R. And upon this rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray.

Raise us up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the apostolic might of Thy blessed Apostle, Peter; that the weaker we are in ourselves, the more powerful may be the assistance whereby we are strengthened through his intercession; that thus, ever fortified by the protection of Thine Apostle, we may never yield to sin nor be overwhelmed by adversity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LITANY OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CONVERSION OF ENGLAND

Remember not, O Lord, our Offences, nor those of our Parents; neither take thou Vengeance of our Sins.

Lord, have Mercy on us.  
 Christ, have Mercy on us.  
 Lord, have Mercy on us.

Jesus, receive our Prayers.  
 Lord Jesus, grant our Petitions,

O God the Father, Creator of the World,  
*Have Mercy on England.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,  
 O God the Holy Ghost, Protector of the World,  
 O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God,

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
*Pray for England.*

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels, whose powerful  
 Intercession destroys Heresies, "  
 Holy Mary, Virgin of Virgins, whose eminent Sanctity  
 our Lord hath honoured with so many Miracles,  
 St. Michael, Prince of the Church,  
 St. Gabriel, glorious messenger of our Saviour's  
 Incarnation,  
 St. Raphael, faithful guide of those that have lost their  
 Way,

Holy Angel, to whose pious custody this Province is  
 committed,

All Holy Angels, and blessed Spirits, of Heaven, who  
 celebrate with Joy the Conversion of Sinners,  
 St. John Baptist, Precursor of the Messiah, and great  
 Example of Penance,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, Friends of God,  
 and Advancers of his Truth,  
 St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Supreme Pastor  
 of Christ's Sheep,

St. Paul, Doctor of the Gentiles, who of a Persecutor  
 became a Preacher,

St. Andrew, first Disciple of Christ, and constant  
 Lover of the Cross,

All holy Apostles and Evangelists, chief Planters of  
 the Christian Faith, and zealous Maintainers of  
 Catholic Unity,

St. George, our principal Patron, whose Courage  
 remained invincible in the midst of so many  
 Torments,

St. Alban, our first Martyr, who, for the generous  
 charity of harbouring a Priest, was put to Death,

St. Thomas of Canterbury, who, as a faithful Shepherd,  
 laidst down thy Life in Defence of thy Flock,  
 All holy Martyrs of this Nation, who voluntarily lost  
 your Lives here, to find them again in a joyful  
 Eternity,  
 St. Gregory, most vigilant Bishop of the universal  
 Church, whose pious Zeal sent Missionaries from  
 Rome for the conversion of our Ancestors,  
 St. Augustine, peculiar Apostle of this Nation, by  
 whom our Forefathers were reclaimed from  
 Paganism and Infidelity,  
 St. Bede, most venerable Confessor, by whose  
 religious Life, and learned Writings, the Catholic  
 Faith was eminently propagated amongst us,  
 All holy Bishops and Confessors, by whose Wisdom  
 and Sanctity this Island was once a flourishing  
 Seminary of Religion,  
 St. Helen, most holy Queen, and happy Mother of the  
 first Christian Emperor,  
 St. Ursula, most blessed Martyr, who died in the  
 glorious Defence of Faith and Chastity,  
 St. Winefred, most admirable Virgin, even in this  
 unbelieving Generation still miraculous,  
 All holy Saints of this Nation, who, amidst the  
 innumerable Joys of Heaven, still retain a  
 particular Charity for the Conversion of your  
 country,  
 All holy Saints of all Places, who, though divided here  
 in several Regions, were united in the same Faith,  
 and now enjoy one common Felicity,

Be merciful, O Lord, and spare us.  
 Be merciful, O Lord, and hear us.

From the Dangers most justly threatening our Sins,  
*Deliver England, O Lord.*

From the Spirit of Pride, Rebellion, and Apostacy,  
 From the Spirit of Hypocrisy, Prophaneness, and  
 Sacrilege,  
 From Schism, Heresy, and all Blindness of Heart,

From Gluttony, Drunkenness, and the false Liberty of  
 an undisciplined Life,

*We Sinners beseech thee hear us.*

That it will please thee to hasten the Conversion of  
 this, our miserable country, and re-unite them to  
 the ancient Faith and Communion of thy Church,

*We Sinners beseech thee hear us.*

That it would please thee particularly to have Mercy  
 on our Kinsfolks, Friends, and Benefactors, and  
 open their Eyes to see the Beauty of thy Truth,  
 and embrace it,

That it would please thee to incline the Hearts of all

the Magistrates rightly to understand our  
 Religion, and impartially consider our Sufferings;  
 and how hardly soever they may deal with us,  
 make us till with exact Fidelity to perform our  
 Duties toward them,

That it would please thee to comfort and strengthen  
 thy Servants who suffer for the Catholic Faith,  
 and not permit the weakest of us, by any  
 Temptation whatsoever, to fall away from thee  
 and thy Truth,

That it would please thee to assist with thy special  
 Grace those good Pastors who venture their Lives  
 for their Flock, and daily augment in them the  
 Fire of thy Love, and the Zeal of gaining Souls,

That it would please thee to preserve the Catholics of  
 this Land from all Sin and Scandal, and to adorn  
 our Lives with solid Piety, that our Enemy, seeing  
 our good Works, may glorify thee our heavenly  
 Father,

That it would please thee to grant us the grace of  
 improving the Restraints and temporal  
 Disadvantages we fall under, into an Occasion of  
 Retiredness and Christian Severity; supplying our  
 Want of public Assemblies by a greater diligence  
 in private Devotions,

That it may please thee to govern us by thy good  
 Spirit, that we may accept such Ease and Liberty,  
 as thou vouchsafest to bestow on us, with  
 Gratitude, use it with Modesty, and give others to  
 understand by our Behaviour, that nothing is  
 pleasing to us, but so far as it tends to thy Honour  
 and our Neighbour's Good,

That it would please thee to illuminate the Hearts of all  
 Schismatics, who live out of the Church,  
 seriously to apprehend the danger of their State,  
 and the great Importance of eternal Salvation,

That it would please thee to look mercifully down  
 from Heaven on the Tears of the Afflicted, and  
 the Blood of so many Martyrs, who have spent  
 their Lives and suffered Death to convert us to  
 thee,

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the  
 World, Spare us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the  
 World, Hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God that takest away the Sins of the World,  
 Have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.  
 Christ, have Mercy on us.  
 Lord have Mercy on us.

Our Father...

V.: And lead us not into Temptation.  
 R.: But deliver us from Evil. Amen.  
 V.: O Lord, hear our Prayers.  
 R.: And let our supplications come unto thee.

Let us Pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose Judgments are righteous, and Counsels unsearchable, who visitest the Iniquities of the Parents upon the Children, to the third and fourth generation, and yet at length rememberest Mercy: Forgive, we beseech thee, the Sins of our Forefathers, and turn away thy Wrath from their Posterity; deliver the Ignorant from being seduced by false Teachers, and the Learned from being abused by their Passions, and the whole Nation from the Spirit of Contradiction, Licentiousness, and Discord; that instead of many Divisions and Changes in Religion, under which they labour, they may again be restored to that Unity of Mind, Steadiness of Faith, and Tranquillity of Conscience, which is no where to be sought but in the Communion of thy Church, nor possible to be found but by the Conduct of thy Grace.

O eternal God, who in this great Deluge of Heresy, which wholly overflows, and almost covers the Face of this Land, hast vouchsafed to select a small Number for thyself, and save them in thy Holy Ark from the common Inundation; we praise and glorify thy infinite Goodness, by which alone we enjoy the Comfort of a firm and settled Belief, free from the Inconstancy of those, who, having no Support but their own Fancies, float up and down awhile, and sink at last into the Gulf of Infidelity; make us sensible, O Lord, of these thy unspeakable blessings, that as we know thee by a sure Faith, we may love thee with a perfect Charity; and fixing all our hopes on the joys of a future Life, patiently suffer what thou permittest here, and still press on to what thou promisest hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and only Saviour.

Amen.

## Prayers to be said after Benediction on the Second Sunday of the month

O MERCIFUL God, let the glorious intercession of Thy saints assist us, particularly the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy only-begotten Son, and Thy holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, to whose patronage we humbly recommend this country. Be mindful of our fathers, Eleutherius, Celestine, and Gregory, bishops of the Holy City; of Augustine, Columba, and Aidan, who delivered to us inviolate the faith of the Holy Roman Church. Remember our holy martyrs, who shed their blood for Christ: especially our first martyr, Saint Alban, and Thy most glorious bishop, Saint Thomas of Canterbury. Remember all those holy confessors; bishops, and kings, all those holy monks and hermits, all those holy virgins and widows, who made this once an island of saints, illustrious by their glorious merits and virtues.

Let not their memory perish from before Thee, O Lord; let their supplication enter daily into Thy sight; and do Thou, who didst so often spare Thy sinful people for the sake of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, now, also, moved by the prayers of our fathers, reigning with Thee, have mercy upon us, save Thy people, and bless Thy inheritance. Suffer not those souls to perish, which Thy Son hath redeemed with His own most Precious Blood, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

O most loving Lord Jesus, Who, hanging on the Cross, didst commend us all in the person of Thy disciple John, to Thy most sweet Mother, that we might find in her our refuge, our solace, and our hope. Look graciously upon our beloved country, and on those who are bereaved of so powerful a patronage; that, acknowledging once more the dignity of this holy Virgin, they may honour and venerate her with all affection of devotion, and own her as Queen and Mother. May her sweet name be lisped by the little ones, and linger on the lips of the aged and the dying; and may it be invoked by the afflicted, and hymned by the joyful; that this Star of the Sea being their protection and their guide, all may come to the harbour of eternal salvation. Who livest and reignest, world without end.

Amen.