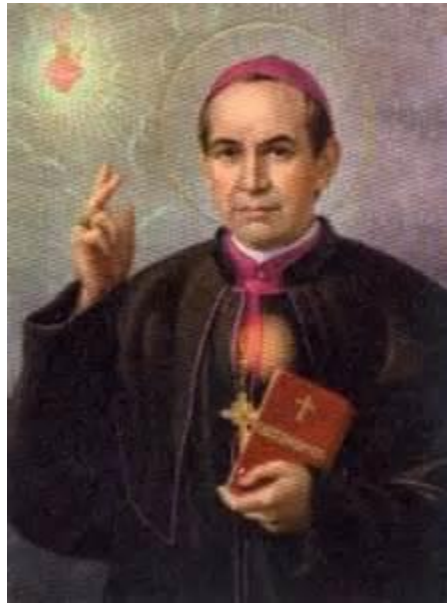


The Angelic Trisagion of St.

Anthony Mary Claret



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Foreword

The exquisitely beautiful Trisagion Prayers, intoned by the nine choirs of Holy Angels

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Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels and Angels

“Give endless praise To the Holy Trinity in Heaven. This devotion to the Blessed Trinity is the official prayer of the Order of the Blessed Trinity, otherwise known as the Trinitarians. The devotion has been recited by them and their affiliates for centuries in praise of the Trinity. Throughout man's history these prayers were transmitted by the Persons of the Holy Trinity to various saintly people such as Isaias, John the Apostle and Evangelist and St. Anthony Mary Claret. When these prayers were given to St. Anthony Claret who lived from 1807 to 1870, he was informed by the Holy Ghost, Third Person of the Holy Trinity, that many chastisements due to mankind because of its fallen nature, would be considerably mitigated for those persons who would pray the Trisagion Prayers entirely. Since our world is sinking very rapidly in its attitudes toward Almighty God, so as to almost obliterate His being, this laxity thus causing diminishing morals and lessened reverence for holy persons and things so that sin and vice prevail everywhere, mankind falls deeper and deeper into a dark pit of its own making, thereby meriting many punishments and chastisements from God for its errant ways. Unlike the angels, man is not inclined to give Almighty God endless praise”

He spends little time in prayer and his slight offering is usually given amid countless distractions. It would be wise, for those who fully comprehend the need to make suitable reparation to the Most Holy Trinity Who is so greatly maligned and offended in these days of great spiritual darkness. What more effective way can be found to please the Holy Trinity than to use the prayers of the angels and the other prayers so greatly esteemed and desired by Heaven? Remember that prayer is essential to life. In a letter to Mother Maria Antonia de San Pedro, Saint Anthony Claret

writes, *“God, Our Lord, has made known to me in a very clear way the necessity that we have to pray and to promote the devotion of the Trisagion, and of the Most Holy Rosary and devotion of our Lord in the*

Blessed Sacrament, frequently visiting Him and receiving Him in Most Holy Communion.”

In particular, the Trisagion is as Saint Anthony Claret says,

“An Impenetrable shield against all the evils that God has sent on earth as a Chastisement for our sins.”

Our Lord enlightened me in regard to the three evils menacing Spain, which are:

[1] Protestantism; or rather the decrease of the Catholic spirit

[2] The Republic, and

[3] Communism. In order to counteract these evils, Our Savior made me understand that three devotions had to be intensified, namely, the Trisagion of the Holy Trinity, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and devotion to the Holy Rosary. The Trisagion is to be said daily. The Blessed Sacrament should be honored by hearing Mass, receiving Communion frequently, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and making spiritual communions. The three parts of the Rosary should be said every day, or at least one part, while meditating on the mysteries for each decade, and applying the prayers to the needs of the times.”

-Autobiography of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Chapter 18 of Part III

THE ANGELIC TRISAGION

Offering to Gain the Indulgences

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to hear and grant the needs of our Holy Mother the Church and the State: for the exaltation of the Holy Catholic Faith; the extirpation of heresies; peace and unity among Christian rulers; the conversion of infidels, separated brethren and sinners; for prisoners, the sick, the dying, those who are traveling; for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and for all the pious works of our Holy Mother Church. Amen.

Invocation

V. Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and always, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, open my lips.

R. And my mouth shall proclaim Thy praise.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Preparatory Act

O Most Merciful God, Unity in Essence and Trinity in Persons, behold here one of Thy humble creatures, who recognizes within itself the venerable image of Thy Most Holy Trinity. I confess that I have not fulfilled my obligations with the honor to which this divine likeness obliges me. I have sinned, my God, but I never denied Thy Trinity. Rather, I have firmly believed in the Father, in the Son, and in the Holy Ghost: that the Father has no beginning; that the Son is begotten of the Father, with Whom He is consubstantial; and that the Holy Ghost is the object of the reciprocal love of the Father and Son, from Whom He proceeds and with Whom He is consubstantial; and the Father is not superior to the Son, nor are they superior to the Holy Ghost. I adore the Father as God, the Son as God, and the Holy Ghost as God; nevertheless, in the Three I believe and adore only a Single God. I do not understand this mystery, O Lord, by my understanding is fascinated by virtue of Faith, for Thy greater glory and my merit. I offer these most profound sentiments of piety, of reverence

and of love, as most pleasing supplications of Thy sanctity, so that through them Thou mayest forgive so many offenses committed by me against Thy uncreated majesty. O Most Blessed Trinity! The miserable trinity of my faculties sighs for Thee: my memory, tainted by weakness; my understanding, infected by ignorance; my will, perverted by the inclination to evil. Heal me, sanctify me, and give me help so I may never lack the intentions with which Thou hast deigned to inspire me; for I promise to dedicate myself, from now on, to upholding the dignity of the practices that correspond to Thy own character, with which Thou hast sealed me; to appreciate it as fully as I possibly can with Thy grace; and to avail myself of Thy grace to preserve in devotion and in the mystery of Thy Most August Trinity, in Whom I hope to find mercy, compassion and benevolence forever. Amen.

Hymn

Fire that burns and never dies, Perpetual light, Thy Unity; Fill our minds, our hearts and souls With Thy love, Oh Trinity. Take us to our Heavenly Home, Night and day we pray to Thee. Take us there to sing Thy praise With sacred hymns eternally.

(All bow)

To the Father, to the Son, To the Holy Ghost - all One. Let glory ever be given Thee, Now - and in eternity. Amen.

In honor of God the Father

All: Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

1 Our Father

The following is repeated 9x in union with the nine choirs of angels:

V. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

R. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

At the end:

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In honor of God the Son

All: Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

1 Our Father

The following is repeated 9x in union with the nine choirs of angels:

V. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

R. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

At the end:

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In honor of God the Holy Ghost

All: Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

1 Our Father

The following is repeated 9x in union with the nine choirs of angels:

V. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

R. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

At the end:

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon

And there are three who give testimony in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. And these three are one.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise God and extol Him forever and ever.

Let us pray

O Most High and incomprehensible God Who, within the sanctuary of Thy nature, where no one enters, hast enclosed the mystery of Thy Most Holy Trinity, Whose veil no one can rend to see fully; rather, all creatures must adore it profoundly from without: deign to accept our humble supplications that we reverently present at the foot of the throne of Thy ineffable majesty, through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Joys to the Triune God

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R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing:

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(Repeat the R. above after every stanza)

1. O Trinity Divine. One in Essence most supreme, Font from where all good things stream Solely through Thy generosity; And Thy tender clemency Ends our weeping and our woe.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

2. O Deity most pleasing, With humility we praise Thee, And for Thy pardon we beg Thee, For our evil and our blindness Through Thy graciousness, In this hymn of mysteries.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

3. The Trisagion that Isaias Wrote, consumed with burning zeal, When he heard from Heaven voices peal As angelic hierarchies Sang their golden melodies Praising God harmoniously.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

4. The Apostle St. John Heard mystic creatures singing, Joyfully their voices ringing To a rhythm unceasing And with voices untiring, Without toil, weakness or pain.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

5. By its grace, the Trisagion, With the strength of God's Divine arm, Shields us mightily from all harm, From lightning and from all plague, And from sudden death and 'quake, Freeing us from every calamity.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

6. Of Justice Divine The emblem most glorious With which Christians victorious Overcome all evil infernal And the malice of the devil, Who, in awe and fright, quickly flees.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

7. Like the rainbow in the sky Over land and over sea, God's pledge to set us free Manifest for all to see; It protects us to such a degree. By its grace divine and singular.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

8. Holy God, strong and immortal, In Thy patronage I confide So that when in Heaven I abide, I will sing with all Thy choirs This great hymn that so much inspires Glory, honor and praise to Thee.

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

V. To our God three times Holy, Cherubim and Seraphim,

R. Angels chant in endless hymn, singing: Holy, Holy, Holy.

Antiphon

Blessed be the Most Holy Trinity and undivided Unity of God. We confess this Most August Mystery of Thy Being with as much reverence as we can, because Thou dost not cease to exercise Thy mercy with us.

V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the vault of heaven.

R. And the earth is filled with Thy glory.

Let us pray

Almighty and Eternal God, Who has granted to Thy servants the grace of knowing, through the confession of the true faith, the glory of the Eternal Trinity of Thy persons, and of adoring in the power of its Majesty, the Unity of Thy incomprehensible nature: we implore Thee, that by our fidelity in that same faith we may be freed from all types of adversities. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Praise

(To be recited in a low voice with heads bowed down)

Blessed and praised be the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; blessed be the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar; and the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mary, our protector, our refuge and our Mother, conceived without stain of Original Sin, from the first moment of her coming to life. Amen