

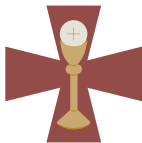


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V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who didst reveal Thine infinite love and compassion for sinful man through the pierced Heart of Thy Son, and Who didst sanctify the sign of the Cross by His precious Blood, redeeming man from the hands of the ancient enemy through the power of the same venerable Cross; we humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst deign in Thy Fatherly goodness to bless + this medal [these medals] and impart to it [them] the power and grace of heaven; so that whoever shall wear it [them] as a sign of the Cross and Eucharistic Heart of Thine Only-Begotten Son to safeguard body and soul, may receive the protection of Thy blessing.

As Thou didst bless the rod of Aaron to drive away the faithlessness of the rebels, so also do Thou bless + this medal [these medals] with Thy right hand to strengthen the zeal of the faithful. Lay upon it [them] the power of Thy defense against all snares of the devil, that it [they] may confer upon the bearer great courage and endurance in soul and body, increasing in him [them] the gifts of the Spirit, that his [their] acts of reparation may be multiplied and united to those of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The priest sprinkles the medal[s] with holy water, and then says the following prayer over the recipient[s]:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who art the true and almighty God, splendor and image of the Father, truly, really, and substantially present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar; Who proclaimed to Thy disciples that whoever would come after Thee must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Thee; we ask of Thy boundless clemency that Thou protect always and everywhere this [these] Thy servant[s] who, according to Thy word, desires [desire] to deny himself [themselves], take up the cross, and follow Thee. Strengthen his [their] resolve to expiate offences to Thy Divine Majesty, and empower him [them] to effectively oppose all enemies of our salvation. Deliver him [them] from all dangers, forgive his [their] sins, receive his [their] vow and bring it to the desired effect.

Do Thou, O Lord, Who art the way, the truth and the life, and the strength of them that hope in Thee, guide well his [their] way, and free him [them] from all danger; so that amid the many difficulties of this present age, he [they] may be ever directed by Thine aid.

Send to him [them], O Lord, Thine angel Raphael, who was the companion of Tobias on his journey, and delivered his father from bodily blindness; in all his [their] efforts, may he be his [their] defender against the cunning of all enemies, both visible and invisible, and drive from him [them] all blindness of body and mind, especially any that may be caused by impurity or the bondage of human respect.

The priest sits, and the recipient kneels before him to receive the medal, as he says:

Receive this medal in the name of the Fa + ther and of the + Son, and of the Holy + Ghost, as a figure of the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Christ, for the strength and defense of thy body and soul in this Crusade of Eucharistic Reparation.

R. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the recipient with holy water, who then kisses the priest's hand and departs.

**English text adapted from the rite of imposition of a Crusading Cross, as found in the Clementine Pontificale (1595) and approved for use by any priest by Most Rev. Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan*