

Litany of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Lord, have mercy...
Christ, have mercy...
Lord, have mercy...
Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Holy St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us
Holy young virgin...
Spouse of Christ...
Daughter of Mary, Mother of God...
Lily of purity...
Consoler of the heart of Jesus...
Lover of the cross of Jesus...
Great servant of God...
Courage of the afflicted...
Leader of the true faith...
Servant to the sick...
Great servant of God...
Spiritual sister...
Guardian of chastity...
Help in time of temptation...
Imitator of our Lord in prayer...
Deliverer of the persecuted...
Virgin of patience...
Virgin of penance...
Virgin most obedient...
Virgin most humble...
Virgin, St. Kateri Tekakwitha...
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of...graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Pray for us O holy daughter of the Mother of God, that we may find Christ through you, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Lead us on the road to heaven without ever abandoning us, through your eternal spouse, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for the Intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha



St. Kateri Tekakwitha, you experienced pain, sorrow, and hardship in your life. Yet in all things you found joy in believing in Jesus, present to us in the Eucharist and in his love expressed to us on the cross. Ask Jesus, our loving Savior, to bring healing to those who are heavily burdened. Through your intercession, may this favor _____ be granted if it is according to the will of God. By your prayer, help us always to remain faithful to Jesus and to his Holy Church.

Loving Creator, I acknowledge your power and presence in the four directions of your vast and beautiful universe. Help me to turn my back on all evil and walk in St. Kateri's footsteps, sharing love and Christian concern with others. Let me reverence your mystical presence in the poor and suffering and share your healing and peace with my family, friends and the sick who we commend to your care.

St. Kateri, maiden so pure, Christian so faithful, lover so kind, I call on you with faith and hope to intercede with our Lord Jesus to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to _____, my family and friends. Inspire me to believe as you have believed in the presence and power of Our Lord.

Bright star of love and faith be my guide and guardian always.
Follower of purity and prayer, be my advocate before God. Amen.

Spirituality of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

1. Surrender

The struggle in our hearts between having our way and letting God have God's way challenges us daily. St. Kateri tended to the needs of others before her own because it was part of her upbringing and part of her kind and gentle nature. This led her to freely surrender her own will to the will of God. May we imitate her virtue and give ourselves completely to following Christ Jesus, trusting in God's care for us.



2. Silence

St. Kateri would leave the business of the village to pray in the quiet forest, either in the chapel or before a wooden cross she carved into a tree. In her native culture, a person spoke until finished while the other person listened without interruption. Then the listener responded without interruption. May we imitate her virtue of listening without interruption to the voice of God in prayer.

3. Learning

St. Kateri was an eager learner with an incredible memory capacity. She learned in a few short months what took years for others to understand. May we fill our minds with learning that is good and true.

4. Simplicity

St. Kateri was content with her Native American way of life. May we be content with what we have and turn away from the temptation of always wanting more.

5. Prayer

When St. Kateri realized what Christ had done for her in his suffering, she was very moved and rose early to spend much time in devotion to him in prayer. She participated in the daily Sacrifice of the Mass. May we find fulfillment in who we are by spending time in communion with God in prayer.

6. Penance

If we are to become holy, we must be honest about our faults and do penance for them. May we confess our sins with sorrow and correct our lives with penance through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7. Reparation for the sins of the world

St. Kateri was deeply upset over the sins of her people. She wanted to make reparation. Pray the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*. "Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

8. Sincerity

St. Kateri was a truthful person who was filled with an eagerness to please the Lord that was contagious. Like her we are called to reflect the goodness of Christ to those around us.

9. Union with Christ

St. Kateri was able to keep her eyes focused on Jesus through the difficulties that she faced. In taking a vow of virginity her sole focus was to be united forever with Christ. Nothing else mattered to her. May we be so in love with Christ that all else pales in comparison.

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Suggestion:

Pray the Prayers of Intercession each day.
Practice **one** of St. Kateri's spiritual practices during the day.
On the last day of the novena end with the Litany.

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