

ANGELIC PSALTER FOR EASTERTIDE

The following exercise is meant to serve as a devotion to hallow each of the forty days of the presence of Jesus among us on earth from the time of the Resurrection. Because this period began at sunrise on the first day of Easter, Day One of this devotion should be prayed on Easter Sunday. The last day, therefore, will be Ascension Thursday. The devotion might be prayed after the evening Regina Cœli each day except that, on Ascension Thursday, it should be prayed in the morning (perhaps to close morning prayer), as noon is regarded as the time of the Ascension (for the sun [Christ] is highest in the sky at that time).

This devotion is directly angelic in character because it is divided into nine petitions in each of which a category of angels is invoked. We pledge to adore God with that choir and for a specific purpose.

1. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the moment of His Resurrection, admiring the splendour of His glorified humanity, devoutly kissing His five gracious Wounds, and profoundly adoring the hypostatic union of His divine and human natures. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Angels, and beg of Him the grace to arise from our sins and worldliness, and by fervour and detachment from creatures, to imitate His risen life on earth.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

2. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the moment of His apparition to our dear lady, blessing Him for the joy He then infused into her heart, and for all the sweet communications He had with her, and all He said or did for her sake during those forty days. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the the Archangels, and beg of Him an increased love of His glorious and immaculately-conceived mother, and a special devotion to her joys.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

3. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in all the course of those forty days, adoring with the profoundest adoration all the mysterious actions of God made Man during that time, whether revealed or hidden from us. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Principalities, offering up all our thoughts, words and deeds to God, in union with the thoughts, words and deeds of Jesus in the forty days of His risen life on earth.

Pater. Ave. Glory..

4. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the charity with which He delayed His Ascension for forty days, devoutly admiring the long delay by which He seemed to defer the exaltation of His Sacred Humanity because of His joy in being on earth with those whom He had chosen and whom He had loved, especially to enjoy the sweet virtues of His most holy mother. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Powers, and let us beg of Him the grace, in all our conversation with men, to unite ourselves with His interior dispositions during the forty days of His risen life on earth.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

5. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in the gracious words of wisdom and divine instructions by which He taught His apostles His blessed will about His Church; instituted the Sacraments in matter and form; interpreted to them Heavenly mysteries; and illuminated them with the doctrines of the Faith: preparing them to receive the Holy Ghost during those forty days. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Virtues, and let us ask of Him a lively faith in the teaching and a devout observance of the precepts and ceremonies of the Holy Church.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

6. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in His various apparitions after His Resurrection, especially admiring the sweet charity and divine winningness of His conduct in them, and the gifts of His glorified Body manifested in them. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Dominations, and let us ask of Him the grace to make fervent Communion, to entertain Him in our hearts in purity of love, and to be ever watching for all His appearances to us in the interior of our souls or in the mystery of the Altar.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

7. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ with His retinue of holy souls, liberated from the Limbus of the Fathers, blessing Him for the vision He gave them of His glorious soul beneath the earth, of the act of His Resurrection, of His apparition to our blessed lady, and all their other joys. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Thrones, and let us ask of Him the grace to follow Him, like those holy souls, whithersoever He leads us, and to love and minister to Him with purity of intention and devout worship.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

8. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in all His unknown and sacred operations during the forty days of His risen life on earth, when He was not manifest to His creatures, admiring at the same time all the hidden secrets and ineffable love of the sweet mystery of the Incarnation. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Cherubim to beg of Him the understanding of the saints and grace of patient and tender meditation on the mysteries of His three-and-thirty years.

Pater. Ave. Glory.

9. Let us contemplate our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the pomp and glorious pageant of His Ascension, adoring the power of His Godhead, and thanking Him with profoundest humility for the exaltation of His sacred Humanity, and for His condescending still to wear His five benignant Wounds. Let us join our worship with that of the Choir of the Seraphim, begging Him to melt our hearts within us, to inflame us with the fires of His blessed love, and to impart unto us a special and discerning devotion, with sweet compunction and deep awe, to the mystery of the Most Holy and undivided Trinity.

Pater, Ave, Glory.

✠ He shall come again to judge the world, alleluia.

✠ In like manner as He ascended from Mount Olivet, alleluia.

✠ Pray for us, O holy apostles of our Lord, alleluia.

✠ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O most blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who, in various ways and places during the forty days of Thy risen life on earth, didst vouchsafe to appear to Thy mother and thine apostles: vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to manifest Thy will to us on earth, so that, by the help of Thy grace, following Thy divine vocation in this life, we may come to see Thee in the unfading vision of Thy glory in the life to come.

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Shepherd of Thy chosen flock, desert not Thy Church, which Thou hast gathered out of the nations and redeemed by Thy Precious Blood: but for the sake of the joyous and glorious mysteries of Thy risen life, vouchsafe to grant unto her in all lands an increase of the peace of Thy Resurrection and the sevenfold gifts of Thy blessed Spirit, that she may grow in holiness before Thee until Thou comest to judge the world; and we also beseech Thee, for her sake, to pour down most abundantly the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon Thy vicar, the sovereign pontiff, that the spirit of St. Peter may rest upon him, as the double spirit of Elias rested upon Eliseus, and that, by Thy clemency, he may come, with flock committed to his care, to the blessed vision of Thy glory in Heaven. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

One *Pater* and one *Ave* for the release of the soul in Purgatory who is most devoted to the mysteries of Jesus Risen.

This devotion may be followed by the Litany of the Resurrection.