#### Prayers which are special to Blessed James Alberione

I believe, my God, that I am in your presence, that you watch over me and that you hear my prayer.

You are so great and so holy: I adore you.
You have given me everything: I thank you.
You have been so offended by me: I ask
your pardon with all my heart.
You are so merciful: I pray you for all the
graces useful for me.



#### To Jesus Master

"I am here before your Tabernacle To give you an account of my life Of my particular mission. You have conquered me as You conquered St Paul I surrender . . . Everything and always be in you And for you alone. Forgive me, Master! Do not be silent. I feel you have brought me to this Solitude to speak to me, to enlighten me. Rebuild me in yourself Be free to do what you will in me. Work in me . . . 'Until Christ is formed . . .' (Gal 4:19) I trust in you."

#### **Prayer for Patience**

O most glorious saint Paul, from a fierce persecutor of the Christians you became the most ardent Apostle, and in order to bring the knowledge of Jesus to the farthest bounds of the world, you suffered imprisonments, scourging, stoning, shipwrecks and persecutions of every kind and finally shed your blood up to the last drop. Obtain for us the grace to receive from the hands of God as heavenly favours the trials and sufferings of this life, so that they may not make us cold in the service of God, but make us cold in the service of God, but make us more and more faithful and fervent. Amen.



#### Prayer for a Happy Death

O Lord, my Creator and Redeemer, in a spirit of adoration I wholeheartedly accept your sentence of my death, according to your will.

I intend to die a devoted child of the Church and to pass to eternity with the best dispositions of faith, hope charity and repentance of my sins, renewing my baptismal promises and my religious commitment.

I offer you, Lord, all the circumstances, even if painful, which will accompany my passage to eternity, in reparation for my sins and to better merit heaven.

I invoke the great models of a happy death: Jesus crucified, with whom I intend to repeat, Father, into your hands I commend my spirit; the Virgin Mary, so that she may pray for me now and at the hour of my death; St Joseph, that he may obtain for me a holy life so as to deserve a death like his.

Jesus in agony, my suffering mother, Saint Joseph, I ask you for these graces:

To live a good life, observing faithfully the commandments and all the duties of my state of life, which will assure me a good death.

To be able to receive, in case of grave illness, the Sacraments of Confession, viaticum and the Anointing of the sick, and also the plenary indulgence.

To be faithful to my vocation, according to the graces bestowed on me, so that my life may be most fruitful for God's glory and my eternal well-being.

The grace to say my daily prayers and to do everything for my salvation; in particular the frequent reception of the sacraments of confession and communion, following the liturgy.

Jesus Master, I believe in you. Jesus Master, I hope in you. Jesus Master, I love you. Jesus Master I beg for your mercy. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

#### Prayer for Ecumenism

Hail, O Mary, our mother, teacher and queen! Graciously listen to the prayers we present to you according to the wish of Jesus: "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send good workers into the vineyard."

Turn your merciful gaze upon the millions of people. Many of them live in darkness without a father, a shepherd, a teacher. The Lord made you an apostle to give to the world Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life. By having recourse to you they will be able to find their way to Jesus.

Through you may all Catholics work with all their strength for all vocations, for all apostolates. Through you, may all the faithful work for all unbelievers, all the fervent for all the indifferent, all the Catholics for all non-Catholics.

Through you, may all those called correspond, may all apostles be holy, may all races welcome them.

O Mother, beneath the cross your heart expanded in order to embrace us all as your children. Obtain for us an apostolic heart modelled on your heart and on that of Jesus and St Paul, so that one day we may form a glorious crown before you in Heaven.

Bless us, O mother, teacher and queen.



#### Prayer for Our Nation

O Saint Paul, teacher of nations, watch over with love our nation and our people. Your heart was large enough to welcome and embrace all nations in an embrace of peace. Now, in heaven, the charity of Christ urges you to enlighten all with the light of the Gospel and to seek to establish the kingdom of love.

Raise up vocations; strengthen apostolic workers; make all hearts docile to the divine Master.

May this great nation find in Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life. May its light shine over the world; and may it search always for the kingdom of God and his justice.

O holy Apostle, enlighten us, strengthen us and bless us. Amen.



#### **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the Vineyard and the harvest. You give each one a just reward for work done. In your design of love, call men and women to work with you for the salvation of the world.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, your living Word, who has redeemed us from our sins. Guide the flock to the kingdom you have promised. Send new workers into your harvest and give them perseverance in their vocation and holiness of life.

Christ Jesus, you called the Apostles and made them the foundation of the Church and bearers of your Gospel. Give Courage to those whom you call to follow you, and make them docile instruments of your love in the everyday service of their brothers and sisters.

Holy Spirit, Lord, help young people to discover the beauty of the divine call. Teach them the true way of prayer. Help them to read the signs of the times, and make them faithful interpreters of your Gospel and bearers of salvation.

Mary Queen of the Apostles, pray for us. St Paul the Apostle, pray for us. Blessed James Alberione, pray for us. Blessed Timothy Giaccardo, pray for us.



#### A Worker's Prayer

O Jesus, divine Master and Friend of workers, cast your loving gaze upon the working classes. We present to you the needs of all those who do intellectual, moral or material work. You see the many labours, fatigues, sufferings, and deceit which fill these difficult days in which we live. Be merciful, O Lord, at the physical and moral sufferings; repeat the words of tenderness of your Divine heart: "I have compassion on this people." Comfort us; we beseech you, through the intercession of St Joseph, the model of workers.

Give us the wisdom, the virtue and the love which animated you during your laborious days. Inspire us with thoughts of faith, of peace, of moderation so that we may always seek together with our daily bread eternal goods, and paradise. Deliver us from the deceitful who seek to deprive us of the gift of faith and of trust in your divine providence. Deliver us from those who do not acknowledge human rights and dignity.

Inspire social laws in conformity with the papal teachings; permit that all may become members of the Christian organizations of workers, and that charity and justice together with a sincere spirit of cooperation may reign among the social classes.

May all the selfish exploiters who take advantage of the poor workers be converted. May all people respect the vicar of Christ, the teacher of the only social doctrine which assures, protects and elevates the worker to the kingdom of heaven, the eternal reward of the poor Amen.



# Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed James Alberione

Most Holy Trinity, you wanted to rekindle in the Church the apostolic charism of Saint Paul by revealing yourself to Blessed James Alberione, Founder of the Pauline Family, through the light of the Eucharist. Grant that the presence of Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life, radiate itself in the world through Mary, Queen of the Apostles. Glorify in your Church this apostle of the new evangelization and inspire men and women open to the "signs of the times" and who, following his example, may work with the modern means of communication to bring to you the whole of humanity. Through the intercession of Blessed James Alberione, grant me the grace I now ask... Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be....

### Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Thecla Merlo

Most Holy Trinity, I thank you for the singular gifts of light, grace and virtue granted to Venerable Sister Thecla Merlo, and for having chosen and made her a mother and confident guide of the Daughters of St Paul. Through her intercession, grant me to live out those which she greatly loved: Jesus Master, the Eucharist, the Church, and the Gospel announced to all with the instruments of social communication to the point of great sacrifice. O Lord, if it is in accord with the designs of your divine wisdom, exalt this faithful Servant of yours, to the joy of the Church, to the good of humanity and grant me, through her intercession, the grace I ask of you ... Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be....

## Act of Conformity to God's Will

O my God, I do not know what will happen today, but it is enough for me to know and to believe that nothing will happen to me that is not permitted by You from all eternity for my greater good.

I adore Your holy and eternal dispositions. I surrender myself with all my heart to Your fatherly love. I make of everything a loving sacrifice in union with that of my divine Saviour.

I ask, in his name and through the merits of his passion, the grace of patience and perfect submission to You in all my sufferings, so that whatever you permit to happen may be for Your greater glory and my sanctification.



#### Prayer for the Missions

Most lovable Lord Jesus, who at the price of your precious Blood have redeemed the world, look with your eyes of pity on unhappy human race, so large a portion of which still lies in error. Grant that the light of truth may shine upon them in the fulness of its splendour.

Multiply, O Lord, the messengers of the Gospel; with your grace strengthen, bless and reward their labours, so that by them all unbelievers may come to know and follow you, their Creator and their Redeemer.

Recall to your fold the sheep that have strayed; lead back the rebellious to your one true Church. Hasten, O most adorable Jesus, the joyful coming of your kingdom upon earth.

Draw all people to your most sweet Heart, that all may share in the priceless gifts of your redemption, in the eternal happiness of heaven. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

# Act of Consecration of the Human Race

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before your altar. We are yours, and yours we wish to be. But to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself/herself today to your most sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart.

Be you King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you. Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be you King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to your Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm. Give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation. To it be glory and honour for ever. Amen.



#### A Communicator's Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your grace. Where there is ignorance, let me bring inspiration; Where there is prejudice, understanding; Where there is weariness, strength; where there is ugliness, beauty; where there is loneliness, companionship; Where there is sadness, joy; where there is fear, courage; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is hatred, love; Lord, fill my mind with your truth; My heart with your love; My whole being with your spirit. Grant me the supreme gift of forgetfulness of self in service to others, And make your mission mine.

# Consecration to Mary, Queen of the Apostles

Receive me, O Mary, mother, teacher and Queen, among those whom you love, nourish, sanctify and guide, in the school of Jesus Christ the Divine Master.

You see in the mind of God the children whom He calls to Himself, and for them you

pray, for grace and light and consolation. My Master Jesus Christ entrusted himself to you, from the incarnation to the ascension; this is for me a lesson and an example.

I too place myself in your hands. Obtain for me the grace to know, love and imitate Jesus Christ, my divine Master who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and offer me to Jesus.

I am an unworthy sinner, having no other claim to be received into his school than your recommendation. Enlighten my mind, strengthen my will, sanctify my heart in this

spiritual work, that 1 may reap the benefits of his great mercy, and be able finally to say: I live now not I, but Christ lives in me.

St Paul the Apostle, my father and faithful disciple of Jesus, strengthen me; I desire to spend myself and be spent till Jesus Christ is formed in me.



#### Prayer for Mary's Protection

I thank you, merciful Jesus, for having given Mary as our mother. I thank you, O Mary, having given Jesus, the divine Master, the Way, the Truth and the Life to human kind and having accepted us on Calvary as your children.

You work with Jesus in his mission of saving what was lost. Oppressed by my many sins and infidelities, I take refuge in you, o mother, as my supreme hope. Turn your compassionate gaze on me. Extend your maternal solicitude to me, your needy child.

I expect everything—forgiveness, conversion, sanctity—from you. Form among your children a new group, that of the most needy who will move your heart to compassion, and include me among them. Perform a great miracle by changing a great sinner into a holy apostle. It shall be a new glory for Jesus, your Son, and for you, my dear mother.

I hope for everything from your loving heart, O Mother, teacher and queen of Apostles.

#### **Prayer for Peace**

Give peace, O Lord, in our day, for there is none other who fights for us, but only you. O God, source of all good, look with kindness on your servants in a world where wars and anger erupt around and within us. You have warned us repeatedly, and especially through the virgin Mary at Fatima, that we must pray for peace. Fervently we offer these prayers for our beloved nation and for all nations. Grant, O Lord, peace in our day: peace to souls and peace to families. Cause us to strive daily toward a lasting peace based on justice and love.

O King of Peace, you shed your precious blood that everyone might live as brothers and sisters in loving harmony. We humbly implore you to teach us to observe your commandments and the teachings of your gospels. Inspire our rulers to heed the wise and fatherly counsels of our Holy Father, the Pope, your representative on earth, so that peace may again be enjoyed by all people of good will and greater glory be given to you.

O God, from whom all holy desires, right counsels, and just works proceed, give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be disposed to obey your commandments, and the fear of enemies being thus removed, our days, by your protection, may be peaceful, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Invocations to the Divine Master

Jesus Master, sanctify my mind and increase my faith.

- O Jesus, teaching in the Church, attract all to your school.
- Jesus Master, deliver me from error, from vain thoughts, and from eternal darkness.
- O Jesus the Way that leads to the eternal Father, I offer myself entirely to you, and I expect everything from you.
- O Jesus the Way to sanctity, make me your faithful follower.
- O Jesus the Way, make me perfect as your heavenly Father desires me to be.
- O Jesus the Life, live in me so that I may live in you.
- O Jesus the Life, do not permit me to be separated from you.
- O Jesus the Life, make me live forever the joys of your love.

- O Jesus the Truth, grant that I may be the light of the world.
- O Jesus the Way, grant that I may be an example to souls.
- O Jesus, grant that wherever I go my presence may bring grace and consolation.



#### Secret of Success

Jesus Master, accept this pact we present to you through the hands of Mary, queen of the apostles, and our holy Father St Paul.

We must correspond to your holy will, reach the degree of perfection and heavenly glory which you have destined for us, and apply ourselves zealously to the apostolate of social communications.

But we find ourselves weak, ignorant, incapable, insufficient in all things: in spirit, in knowledge, in zeal, in poverty. You instead are the Way, the Truth and the Life, the resurrection, our only and highest good. We trust only in what you have said: 'Whatever you ask the Father in my name, you will receive.'

On our part we promise and we bind ourselves to seek eagerly in all things, in our lives and in the apostolate, only and always your glory and peace to humanity. We trust that you will grant us goodwill, grace, knowledge and the means of doing good. According to your immense goodness and the needs of our special vocation, multiply the fruits of our spiritual labour, our study, our apostolate and our poverty. We do not doubt you, but we fear our inconstancy and weakness.

Therefore, O good Master, through the intercession of our mother Mary, please treat us with the mercy you showed to the Apostle Paul, so that faithful in imitating our Father on earth we may be his companions in the glory of heaven.



# Consecration to the Most Holy Trinity

O Divine Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, present and active in the Church and in the depths of my soul, I adore You, I thank You, I love You! And through the hands of Mary most holy, my Mother, I offer, give, and consecrate myself entirely to You for life and for eternity. To You, heavenly Father, I offer, give and consecrate myself as your child.

To You, Jesus Master, I offer, give and consecrate myself as your brother/sister and disciple.

To You, Holy Spirit, I offer, give and consecrate myself as 'a living temple' to be consecrated and sanctified.

O Mary, Mother of the Church and my mother, you who dwell in the divine Trinity, teach me to live, through the liturgy and the sacraments, in ever more intimate union with the three Divine Persons, so that my whole life may be a "glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit." Amen.

#### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O divine Holy Spirit, eternal love of the Father and of the Son, I adore You, I thank You, I love You, and I ask You pardon for all the times I grieved You in myself and in my neighbour.

Descend with many graces during the holy ordination of bishops and priests, during the consecration of men and women religious, during the reception of confirmation by all the faithful; be light, sanctity and zeal.

To You, O Spirit of Truth, I consecrate my mind, imagination and memory; enlighten me. May I know Jesus Christ our Master and understand His Gospel and the teaching of the Church. Increase in me the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and counsel.

To You, O sanctifying Spirit, I consecrate my will. Guide me in your will, sustain me in the observance of the commandments, in the fulfilment of my duties. Grant me the gifts of fortitude and holy fear of God. To You, O life-giving Spirit, I consecrate my heart. Guard and increase the divine life in me. Grant me the gift of piety. Amen.



#### Prayer to St Joseph

We come to you, O Blessed Joseph, in our distress. And having sought the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently implore your assistance too. We humbly beg you to remember the dutiful affection which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and your fatherly love for the child Jesus. Watch over the souls which Jesus Christ bought with his blood, and with your strength and power help us in our urgent need.

O most provident guardian of the divine family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Drive far from us, most loving father, every pest of error and corrupting sin.

From your place in heaven, most powerful deliverer, graciously come to our aid in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And as you delivered the child Jesus from great perils of life, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from

all adversity. Have each of us always in your keeping, that following your example and borne up by your strength, we may be able to live holily, die happily and so enter into the everlasting bliss of heaven. Amen.



#### Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Lord God, Father of all, in many parts of our country and elsewhere our brothers and sisters in Christ are enduring enormous sufferings for the sake of his holy name. We remember those who are in prison as though you were in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated as though you were ill-treated as they are, since we are in the same body (Heb 13:3). Send Your Holy Spirit on them that they may have the strength to hold on to the faith and bear their pains and at the same time forgive those who inflict such suffering on them.

We thank You for Your promise, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Josh 1:5). Dispose all governments and persons in authority to work for justice, righteousness and peace. Grant that world leaders may use their influence to end or at least reduce religious persecution wherever it takes place. Touch the hearts of those who persecute our brethren in the faith, and bring

them to the knowledge and love of Jesus as he did to Saul of Tarsus. We pray You, Lord, grant relief and comfort and the necessary help to those who are suffering under persecution. Loving Father, give the spirit of patience and love to those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. Hear the cry of Your children and hasten to their help. Strengthen them and alleviate their sufferings. We ask this through Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen.



# To Queen of the Apostles, for the World

Immaculate Mary, coredemptrix of the human race, look upon the people redeemed by the Blood of your divine Son, and yet steeped in error and vice. The harvest is always great but the labourers are too few. Have pity, mother, on your children, whom the dying Jesus recommended to you from the cross.

Multiply religious and priestly vocations; give us new apostles full of wisdom and zeal. Sustain with your motherly care those who consecrate their lives for the good of their neighbour. Recall the care you had for Jesus and for the Apostle John; recall your sweet insistence with our Lord for obtaining the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Apostles. You were the counsellor of the first Apostles and of the apostles of all time.

With your all powerful intercession, renew again the divine Pentecost on all those called to the apostolate. Sanctify them. Fill them with holy zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Guide them in all their efforts. Help them with your holy grace. Sustain them in moments of discouragement; crown their zeal with success.

Grant, O Mary, that all people everywhere may accept the divine Master, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and may become docile children of the universal Church. May the earth resound with your praise and your honour, as mother, teacher and queen. Thus may we all pass to the happy home of eternal blessedness.

Hail Mary...

Queen of the Apostles: Pray for us



# Litany for the Formation of the Promoters of Social Communications

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God the Father of heaven: Have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world God the Holy Spirit Holy Trinity, one God Jesus, Word of the Father Jesus, Good Master Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life Jesus, Expectation of the prophets Jesus, Master of the Apostles

Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists
Jesus, Light of the Fathers and Doctors
Jesus, Exemplar of the saints
Jesus, Life of hearts
Jesus, Fountain of the Holy Spirit
Mother of Christ and our mother:

pray for us.

Mother of divine grace

Mother of good counsel

Queen of Apostles

Seat of wisdom

Saint Moses

Saint David

Saint Isaiah

All you holy Prophets

Saint Mark

Saint Matthew

Saint Luke

Saint John

Saint Paul

Saint Peter

Saint James

Saint Thaddeus

All you holy Apostles and Evangelists

All you holy apostolic Fathers

Saint Athanasius

Saint Basil

Saint Jerome

Saint Ambrose

Saint Augustine

Saint John Chrysostom

Saint Gregory the Great

All you holy Fathers

Saint Bernard

Saint Albert

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Saint John of the Cross

Saint Francis of Sales

Saint Alphonsus

All you holy Doctors

Saint Teresa of Avila

Saint Catherine

Blessed Timothy Giaccardo

Blessed James Alberione

All you holy men and women of God:

Intercede for us.

From all evil and from all error:

Deliver us, Lord.

From the neglect of divine wisdom

Through the mystery of your blessed incarnation

Through your preaching

Through your most divine life

Through your passion and cross

Through your resurrection and ascension

Through the coming of the Holy Spirit the

Paraclete

Through the infallibility and stability of the Church

That there may be one flock and one shepherd:

We pray you, hear us.

That you may deign to comfort and conserve us in your holy service:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.* 

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Jesus Master, the Way, the Truth and the Life: *Show us the way of your truth and sanctity.* 

Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, you deigned to send your only begotten Son as the Teacher of the world. Mercifully grant that, being filled with his doctrine, we may understand better the divine truths. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

