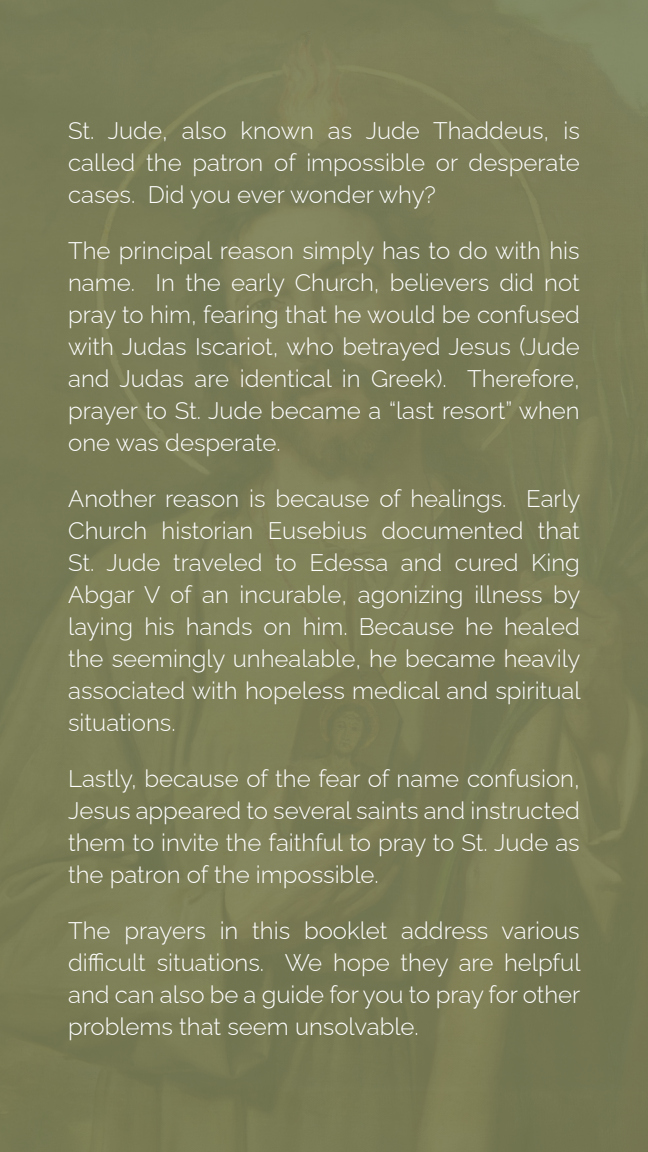




PRAYERS TO

St. Jude

IN TIMES OF GREAT NEED



St. Jude, also known as Jude Thaddeus, is called the patron of impossible or desperate cases. Did you ever wonder why?

The principal reason simply has to do with his name. In the early Church, believers did not pray to him, fearing that he would be confused with Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus (Jude and Judas are identical in Greek). Therefore, prayer to St. Jude became a “last resort” when one was desperate.

Another reason is because of healings. Early Church historian Eusebius documented that St. Jude traveled to Edessa and cured King Abgar V of an incurable, agonizing illness by laying his hands on him. Because he healed the seemingly unhealable, he became heavily associated with hopeless medical and spiritual situations.

Lastly, because of the fear of name confusion, Jesus appeared to several saints and instructed them to invite the faithful to pray to St. Jude as the patron of the impossible.

The prayers in this booklet address various difficult situations. We hope they are helpful and can also be a guide for you to pray for other problems that seem unsolvable.

Prayer for One's Illness

Dear St. Jude,
You are the Saint known to intercede
in desperate cases.
I ask you now to plead with the Father
for healing from my illness.
Guide the hands and the minds
of those who care for me,
doctors, nurses and other caregivers.
And, great St. Jude, ask the Father
that, if it be His Will
not to grant physical healing,
that I may be granted spiritual strength
to endure this illness
joining my suffering to Christ's
for the salvation of the world.
I pray through the same Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Illness of a Loved One or Loved Ones

O powerful St. Jude,
I come now before you
requesting that you intercede
for my loved one(s)
(here insert the name(s)).

Ask our dear Lord that He send healing and peace
during this time of illness.

St. Jude, you are there in the most desperate
of cases.

I come before you now, desperate but trustful.

Give my loved one(s) strength and courage
to face whatever may be in store.

I ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Employment

O Great St. Jude,
You were a coworker of Jesus
while He was on earth.
I come to you now with a heart full of trust.
I am in need (or name a loved one in need)
of employment
so that I (they) might use the gifts and talents
the Lord has given me (them)
and care for the needs of myself (themselves)
and my (their) family.
Your intercession in difficult cases
is powerful, St. Jude.
Please go before the Lord and ask Him
to provide this great need.
May my use of what God has given me
give Him glory and honor.
I pray in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Financial Difficulties

St. Jude,

Great intercessor of difficult situations,

I come before you in my need.

I ask that you intercede with God

for me that the financial difficulties

I am experiencing might be eliminated.

Direct my heart and my mind

that I may find a way to earn what I need

to care for my needs

and the needs of those I love.

I ask this through Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Family Harmony

Dear St. Jude,

I come to you in great need.

My family is experiencing difficulties
and we are not united.

I ask you to pray for us,
that we may come together as one
leaving behind all anger, bitterness and strife.

Family is the foundation of society,
so I ask that you would plead
with Our Heavenly Father
to heal the brokenness that
separates us from one another.

Help us to once again be a sign
of unity to the world.

I ask this in the mighty Name of Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer for Loved Ones to Return to the Faith

O lovable St. Jude,
You were a great evangelist,
Bringing many souls to Christ.
I ask you now to intercede for my loved ones
(here you can mention names)
who have abandoned the practice of their faith.
May they, through your intercession,
come home to the Church
and the Sacraments.
And, dear St. Jude,
help me to be a loving example,
guiding them with gentleness
and not judgment as Jesus did.
I pray through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Marital Healing

St. Jude,

Great Saint of desperate cases,

I come to you for help.

I ask that you would intercede for myself

and my spouse

who are experiencing difficulty.

Ask the Lord to give us ears to hear one another,

gentle words to speak to one another,

and hearts open to forgiveness and healing.

God has placed us in this Sacrament of Marriage.

Ask Him for His grace

that we might live it out in generosity and faith.

I ask this in the Name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

Prayer to Discern God's Will

Mighty St. Jude,
As one of the Apostles,
you heard the call of Jesus
to go out into the world
and spread the Good News.
I ask you now to pray to God for me.
I am trying to discern God's Will for my life
but I am not hearing it clearly.
Please plead with Our Heavenly Father
to make known to me
how He would like me to serve Him.
And, dear St. Jude,
ask that I may have the grace
to follow whatever His path for me is.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for a Happy Death

O great St. Jude,
You gave your life for the faith,
suffering martyrdom with St. Simon.
I ask you now to pray to the Lord
for me (or name a loved one),
that I (they) may have a happy death,
reconciled to the Lord and ready to see His face.
Etern al life is the ultimate goal of this life,
and so, St. Jude, I ask that,
through your intercession,
I (they) may remain faithful in this life
and so attain to the life that has no end.
I pray through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Grace during Suffering

Dear St. Jude,
Jesus told you and the disciples
that you must pick up your cross and follow Him.
This is the call of all Christians.
O powerful Saint,
I ask you to intercede with God for me
that I may endure the sufferings
that He allows in my life
with grace and peace.
May I join these sufferings to those of Christ
for the salvation of the world.
Though I am unaware of who I might help
with my patience and perseverance,
I know that the grace of God can do wonders.
Help me to serve Him in good times and in bad.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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