

The prayer to St. Anne

With deep and heartfelt veneration I prostrate myself
before thee, O glorious St Anne.

Thou art that creation of privilege and predilection,
who through thy extraordinary virtues and sanctity wast
worthy to receive from God
the supreme grace of giving life to the treasure-house of
all graces,
blessed among women, Mother of the Word Incarnate, the
most holy Virgin Mary.

Deign, therefore, O most compassionate saint, for the
sake of this lofty privilege,
to receive me into the number of thy true followers,
for such I protest I am and desire to remain so long as I
may live.

Surround me with thy powerful patronage,
and obtain for me from God the grace to imitate those
virtues with which thou wast so abundantly adorned.
Grant that I may know and bitterly lament my sins.
Obtain for me a most lively affection for Jesus and Mary,
and fidelity and constancy in the practice of the duties
of my state.

Preserve me from every danger in life, and assist me in
the moment of my death,
so that, safe in Paradise, I may unite with thee, most
blessed Mother,
in praising the Word of God made man in the bosom of thy
most pure child, the Virgin Mary. Amen.