

The prayer to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who are in utmost need,
who shinest as a star of hope in the midst of darkness,
glorious and blessed St. Rita,
bright mirror of the Catholic Church,
in patience and fortitude as the patriarch Job,
scourge of devils, health of the sick,
deliverer of those in extreme need,
admiration of Saints, and model of all states;
with my whole heart and soul
prostrated before and firmly united
to the adorable will of my God,
through the merits of my only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
and in particular through the merits
of His patient wearing of that torturing crown of thorns,
which thou, with a tender devotion, didst daily contemplate;
through the merits of the most sweet Virgin Mary
and thine own excellent graces and virtues,
I implore thee to obtain my earnest petition—
provided it be for the greater glory of God
and my own sanctification
(here mention your request),
and herein do thou guide and purify my intention,
O holy protectress and most dear advocate,
so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins
and grace to persevere daily, as thou didst,
in walking with courage and generosity
and unwavering fidelity through the heavenward path
in which the love of my sweet Lord desires to lead me.
Amen.

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