

Prayer Against Sorcery

How to Use the Prayer Against Sorcery

In order that every pious Christian might have direct assistance in difficulties that he may confront owing to demonic influence and sorcery, he should have the following indispensable spiritual items available:

- a) the small book about our Holy Patrons, Sts. Cyprian and Justina;
- b) an Icon of the Saints;
- c) holy oil from the perpetual vigil lamp of the Saints;
- d) Holy Water from the Monastery *Phiale*.

Daily use of these items, by the Grace of our Lord, will provide effective help and relief for anyone suffering from demonic influence.

When the need arises, the believer should cense his house and light a pure beeswax candle in front of the Icon of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, while he ought to keep a vigil lamp burning at all times in the Icon corner of his home.

He should then kneel and read the Prayer against Sorcery with particular attention and reverence. At the end, he should make the sign of the Cross over himself with holy oil from the vigil lamp of the Saints.

If it is morning and the believer has not eaten, it is good for him to drink a little Holy Water from the Monastery *Phiale*, something which can be done at any other time during the day when necessary, if one experiences some particular difficulty as a result of Satanic influence.

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The Prayer against Sorcery may be supplemented by other prayers of our Church, and especially the service that is most pertinent and suitable in a case like this, namely, the Paraklesis of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, which is contained in this book.

All of these devotions should be practiced daily with faith, patience, and reverence, and in particular when we have a serious case of persistent demonic vexation.

Moreover, the believer can read the Prayer against Sorcery for the benefit of his relatives, and also, if the need arises, for friends, acquaintances, and other people not known to him by name, who, for a variety of reasons, do not want to do it or are unable to do so.

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However, neither the sufferer nor one who is interested in using the Prayer against Sorcery should ever forget that it does not bring immediate benefit simply or fortuitously, since it presupposes the following essential points.

The Prayer must be combined with genuine repentance, regular and forthright Confession, frequent communion of the Immaculate Mysteries, humility, love, purity of body and soul, fasting, almsgiving, and unceasing prayer.

And all of these things, of course, should always be done in conjunction with the guidance of an Orthodox spiritual Father and the study of Holy Scripture and of other sacred texts of our Church (Lives of Saints and the writings of the Holy Fathers), through which we are taught how to dwell within the love, the light, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, safeguarded against every dark activity of the unclean spirits.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Master Lord Jesus Christ, our God and Savior Who lovest mankind, with confidence in Thine immeasurable goodness, we fall down before Thee in repentance and from the depths we beseech Thee, by the intercessions of Thy Holy glorious Martyrs Cyprian and Justina, to annul, uproot, and scatter like smoke and destroy every satanic bond from every place of Thy dominion, and to free this Thy servant from all wrath and illness, from sorcery and satanic influence, from all suffering and misfortune, from all sorcery and witchcraft, divination and bewitchment, which some have effected with the coöperation of the ancient serpent.

Thou, O All-Good One, in Thine omniscience knowest the ways of the deviser of evil, and the places wherein he hath brought this to pass: Wherefore, we beseech Thee, speedily hearken unto us Thine unworthy children and through Thy Holy Martyrs Cyprian and Justina, grant this Thy servant swift deliverance from the power of the Devil and his works.

For Thou art the Physician, the Restoration, and the Consolation of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and to Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine All-Holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Him flee from before Him.

May all the adverse powers be crushed beneath the sign of Thy precious Cross.

O invincible and indestructible and Divine power of the precious and life-giving Cross, forsake not us sinners.

O Lord, Thou gavest us Thy Cross as a weapon against the Devil; for he quaketh and trembleth, unable to bear the sight of its strength; for it raiseth up the dead and hath abolished death; wherefore, we worship Thy Burial and Arising.

By Thy Cross, O Christ Savior, guide us to Thy Truth and deliver us from the snares of the enemy; O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, raise us up who have fallen into sin, stretching forth Thy hand, O Lord Who lovest mankind, by the intercession of Thy Saints.

The Cross is the guardian of the whole inhabited earth; the Cross is the beauty of the Church; the Cross is the strength of kings; the Cross is the

support of the faithful; the Cross is the glory of Angels and the wounding of demons.

By the intercession, O Lord, of all the Saints and of the Theotokos, grant us Thy peace, and have mercy on us, for Thou alone art compassionate.

Apolytikion of Sts. Cyprian and Justina
Third Tone. Of Divine Faith.

By the gift of the Divine Spirit thou didst receive the light of Divine knowledge, O Cyprian, and didst put the serpent to shame; and thou didst accomplish the course of martyrdom together with the godly-minded Justina; together with her, intercede with the all-compassionate Trinity that He grant us great mercy.

Kontakion
Fourth Tone. O Thou Who wast lifted up.

Let me hymn the great Cyprian, who shone forth out of error as a star and from a sorcerer became a sacred revealer of God; and with him let the holy Justina be honored, for they contended together in the arena of piety; and now together they intercede with Christ, that He grant us forgiveness of offenses.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.