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## Prayer to blessed Kateri

Lord God, you called the virgin, blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to shine among the Indian people as an example of innocence of life. Through her intercession, may all peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation, having been gathered into your church, proclaim your greatness in one song of praise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever!

R Amen.

## Why we pray the Saints

In their lives on earth, you give us an example. In our communion with them, you give us their friendship. In their prayer for the Church, you give us strength and protection. This great company of witnesses, spurs us on to eternal victory.

You renew the Church in every age by raising up men and women outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of your unchanging love. They inspire us by their constant prayers to be the living sign of your saving power.

Their glory fills us with joy and their communion with us in your Church gives inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith eager to meet the them.

*You give the Church this feast in honour of Saint N.; you inspire us by his holy life, instruct us by his preaching, and give us your protection in answer to his prayers.*

You are glorified in your saints, for their glory is the crowning of your gifts. In their lives on earth you give us an example. In our communion with them, you give us their friendship. In their prayer for the Church you give us strength and protection. This great company of witnesses spurs us on to victory, to share their prize of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we keep the festival of your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother. Around your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing your praise for ever. Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your Church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them.

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