



The Cloud of Witnesses

a pocket deck of thirty-six holy cards

twenty-four saints · twelve prayers

How to print it

1. **Card stock.** 65 lb cover or heavier, US Letter. Plain paper works and will not last a pocket.
2. **Print double-sided**, and set the flip to **long edge** — the setting that turns the page like a book. The backs of these sheets are already mirrored for it. Short-edge flip will put every saint's words on a stranger's card.
3. **Scale: 100%, actual size.** Not “fit to page.” Fit-to-page shrinks the sheet a few percent and the cards come out under size, which no sleeve or wallet forgives.
4. **Cut on the marks.** Four sheets, nine cards each. The marks in the margins give you the four vertical and four horizontal cuts; a guillotine trimmer beats scissors, and a straightedge and blade beat both.

What you get

4 sheets → 36 cards at 2.5 × 3.5 inches — poker size, so they fit any card sleeve, box, or snap wallet you already own.

Each card names a saint on the front — years, standing, feast day, and what they are asked for — and carries their own words on the back, with the source printed under them. The twelve prayer cards carry the prayer entire.

Freely you have received; freely give. This deck may be printed, cut, copied and handed on without asking us.

Where the words come from

The **prayers** are the Chapel's own texts, printed here exactly as the Chapel prays them at **oliveandflame.org**.

The **feast days** are the General Roman Calendar, the same calendar the Lantern's daily Lectern and its sanctoral read from.

The **witness line** on each saint's back carries its source beneath it. Where the tradition attributes a saying rather than documents it, the source says *attributed* — a card in your pocket should not be more confident than the record behind it. Six of the saints left no words of their own that we could honestly print; those cards quote Scripture or the antiphon of their feast, and say so.

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Saint Thomas Aquinas

1225–1274

Dominican friar · Doctor of the Church

JANUARY 28

Students · Scholars · Booksellers



Saint Patrick

c. 385–461

Bishop · Apostle of Ireland

MARCH 17

Ireland · Engineers · Travellers



Saint Joseph

first century

Husband of Mary · Guardian of the Redeemer

MARCH 19

Workers · Fathers · A happy death



Saint Catherine of Siena

1347–1380

Dominican tertiary · Doctor of the Church

APRIL 29

Europe · Nurses · Those in conflict



Saint Rita of Cascia

1381–1457

Wife, mother, widow, Augustinian nun

MAY 22

Impossible causes · Difficult marriages · Reconciliation



Saint Anthony of Padua

1195–1231

Franciscan priest · Doctor of the Church

JUNE 13

Lost things · The poor · Travellers



Saint Benedict of Nursia

c. 480–547

Abbot · Father of Western monasticism

JULY 11

Europe · Students · Against temptation



Saint Ignatius of Loyola

1491–1556

Soldier turned priest · founder of the Society of Jesus

JULY 31

Retreats · Soldiers · Discernment



Saint Clare of Assisi

1194–1253

Foundress of the Poor Clares

AUGUST 11

Eye trouble · Television · Poverty embraced

SAINT JOSEPH

“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.”

Matthew 1:24 — Joseph leaves no recorded words

Saint Joseph,
pray for us.

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SAINT PATRICK

*“Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.”*

The Breastplate of Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick,
pray for us.

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SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

“All that I have written seems to me like straw compared to what has been revealed to me.”

said after Mass, 6 December 1273

Saint Thomas Aquinas,
pray for us.

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SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”

attributed — long linked to his Sermons

Saint Anthony of Padua,
pray for us.

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SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

Matthew 5:9 — the beatitude her life is remembered by

Saint Rita of Cascia,
pray for us.

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SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

“All the way to heaven is heaven, because He said, ‘I am the Way.’”

Letters

Saint Catherine of Siena,
pray for us.

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SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

“Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him.”

Second Letter to Agnes of Prague

Saint Clare of Assisi,
pray for us.

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SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will.”

The Spiritual Exercises, §234

Saint Ignatius of Loyola,
pray for us.

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SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA

“Listen carefully, my son, to the master’s instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart.”

The Rule of Saint Benedict, Prologue

Saint Benedict of Nursia,
pray for us.

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Saint Maximilian Kolbe

1894–1941

Franciscan priest · martyr of Auschwitz

AUGUST 14

Prisoners · The addicted · Families



Saint Monica

331–387

Mother of Augustine · widow

AUGUST 27

Mothers · Wives · Difficult children



Saint Augustine of Hippo

354–430

Bishop of Hippo · Doctor of the Church

AUGUST 28

Theologians · Converts · Restless hearts



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

1887–1968

Capuchin priest · confessor

SEPTEMBER 23

Civil defence · The suffering · Stress relief



Saint Vincent de Paul

1581–1660

Priest · founder of the Congregation of the Mission

SEPTEMBER 27

Charities · The poor · Hospital workers



Saint Michael the Archangel

the heavenly host

Archangel · prince of the heavenly hosts

SEPTEMBER 29

Soldiers · Police · The dying



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

1873–1897

Carmelite nun · Doctor of the Church

OCTOBER 1

Missions · Florists · The little way



Saint Francis of Assisi

1181–1226

Founder of the Friars Minor

OCTOBER 4

Animals · Ecology · Merchants



Saint Teresa of Ávila

1515–1582

Carmelite reformer · Doctor of the Church

OCTOBER 15

Those who pray · The sick · Spain

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

*“You have made us for Yourself,
O Lord, and our heart is
restless until it rests in You.”*

Confessions I.1

Saint Augustine of Hippo,
pray for us.

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SAINT MONICA

*“Lay this body anywhere; do
not let care of it disturb you.
Only this I ask: remember
me at the altar of the Lord.”*

her last words, in Confessions IX.11

Saint Monica,
pray for us.

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SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

*“I am a Catholic priest. I
wish to die in his place — he
has a wife and children.”*

Auschwitz, July 1941, offering his life for Franciszek
Gajowniczek

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
pray for us.

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*“Then war broke out in
heaven: Michael and his angels
fought against the dragon.”*

Revelation 12:7

Saint Michael the Archangel,
pray for us.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

*“It is not enough to do
good; it must be done well.”*

attributed, in the Vincentian tradition

Saint Vincent de Paul,
pray for us.

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SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA

*“Pray, hope, and don't worry.
Worry is useless. God is merciful
and will hear your prayer.”*

attributed — counsel to his spiritual children

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina,
pray for us.

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SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA

*“Let nothing trouble you, let nothing
frighten you. All things pass. God
does not change. God alone suffices.”*

found written in her breviary

Saint Teresa of Ávila,
pray for us.

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SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*“Praised be You, my Lord, with
all Your creatures, especially Sir
Brother Sun, who brings the day.”*

The Canticle of the Creatures

Saint Francis of Assisi,
pray for us.

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SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

*“My vocation is love. In
the heart of the Church,
my mother, I will be love.”*

Story of a Soul, Manuscript B

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux,
pray for us.

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Pope Saint John Paul II

1920–2005

Bishop of Rome, 1978–2005

OCTOBER 22

Young people · Families · World Youth Day



Saint Jude Thaddeus

first century

Apostle · martyr

OCTOBER 28

Impossible causes · Hospitals · Lost hope



Saint Martin de Porres

1579–1639

Dominican lay brother of Lima

NOVEMBER 3

Mixed-race people · Barbers · Public health



Saint Cecilia

d. c. 230

Virgin · martyr of Rome

NOVEMBER 22

Musicians · Church music · Poets



Saint Lucy of Syracuse

d. 304

Virgin · martyr of Sicily

DECEMBER 13

The blind · Eye trouble · Writers



Saint John of the Cross

1542–1591

Carmelite reformer · Doctor of the Church

DECEMBER 14

Mystics · The dark night · Poets



Our Father

Pater noster

The prayer the Lord Himself gave



Hail Mary

Ave Maria

The bead of the Rosary



Glory Be

Gloria Patri

The doxology that closes a decade, a psalm, an hour

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

*“Compassion, my dear Brother,
is preferable to cleanliness.”*

attributed, on nursing the sick in his own bed

SAINT JUDE THADDEUS

*“But you, beloved, build yourselves
up in your most holy faith, and
keep yourselves in the love of God.”*

Jude 20–21 — the apostle’s own letter

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

*“Be not afraid! Open
wide the doors to Christ.”*

inaugural homily, 22 October 1978

Saint Martin de Porres,
pray for us.

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Saint Jude Thaddeus,
pray for us.

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Pope Saint John Paul II,
pray for us.

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SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

*“In the evening of life, we
will be judged on love alone.”*

Sayings of Light and Love, 60

SAINT LUCY OF SYRACUSE

*“Those who live chastely are
temples of the Holy Spirit.”*

the Acts of Saint Lucy

SAINT CECILIA

*“While the instruments
played, Cecilia sang in her
heart to the Lord alone.”*

antiphon for her feast — she leaves no writings

Saint John of the Cross,
pray for us.

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Saint Lucy of Syracuse,
pray for us.

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Saint Cecilia,
pray for us.

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GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee; blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



The Apostles' Creed

Credo in Deum

The faith, in the form the baptised profess it



The Jesus Prayer

Kyrie Iesou Christe

Prayed on the breath, as often as the breath comes



Hail, Holy Queen

Salve Regina

Sung at the close of the day



The Memorare

Memorare

For the hour when nothing else is left to try



Soul of Christ

Anima Christi

After Communion



Prayer to Saint Michael

Sancte Michael Archangele

For protection, and after Mass in many parishes



Queen of Heaven

Regina Caeli

In place of the Angelus through Eastertide



The Hour of Mercy

Hora Misericordiae

At three in the afternoon



Eternal Rest

Requiem aeternam

For the dead — at a grave, or at the name of one

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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SOUL OF CHRIST

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come unto thee, that with thy saints I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

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THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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ETERNAL REST

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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THE HOUR OF MERCY

At three o'clock, the hour of great mercy, Christ died on the cross for the salvation of the world. Immerse yourself, if only briefly, in his Passion, and especially in his abandonment at the moment of his agony.

— St. Faustina, Diary §1320

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. Amen.

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QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,
V. Has risen as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ have deigned to give joy to the world, grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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