

# Prayers by St. Catherine of Siena



*St. Catherine (1347-1380) lived in Siena, Italy. She joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and spent her short life in praying, writing, and serving the poor, the sick, and the Church. Her feast day is April 29, and she is patroness against fire, miscarriages, illness, and sexual temptation.*

Holy Spirit, come into my heart;  
draw it to Thee by Thy power, O my God,  
and grant me charity with filial fear.  
Preserve me, O beautiful Love, from every evil thought;  
warm me, inflame me with Thy dear love,  
and every pain will seem light to me.  
My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all my actions.  
Jesus, love, Jesus, love. Amen.

Eternal God, eternal Trinity,  
You have made the Blood of Christ so precious  
through His sharing in Your Divine nature.  
You are a mystery as deep as the sea;  
the more I search, the more I find,  
and the more I find, the more I search for You.  
But I can never be satisfied;  
what I receive will ever leave me desiring more.  
When You fill my soul, I have an ever greater hunger,  
and I grow more famished for Your light.  
I desire above all to see You,  
the true Light, as you really are. Amen.

