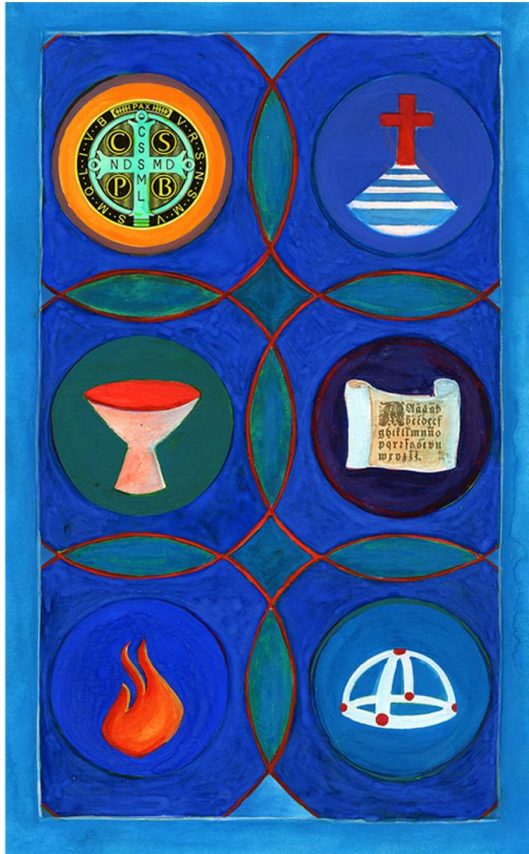


PRAYER FOR EUROPE

“Se sarete quello che dovete essere,
metterete il fuoco dell’amore in tutto il mondo.”

“If you are what you ought to be, you will set the world alight with the fire of love”

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, LETTER 368



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*through the intercession of Saint Catherine of Siena
and of our continent's other patron saints,
we lift up our prayer to the Lord our God.*

O Father, the fount of justice, strengthen our will to build justice for all those whose paths we cross, in particular the poorest among the poor.

FOR THIS WE PRAY. LORD, HEAR US.

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, give us all peace of heart, and help us to work for peace in Europe and in the world today.

FOR THIS WE PRAY. LORD, HEAR US.

O Father who sent the Holy Spirit, may your divine wisdom be with those who have political, economic and cultural responsibilities in Europe. Bless all those implicated in international institutions. May they be channels of peace and of justice in the service of your Kingdom.

FOR THIS WE PRAY. LORD, HEAR US.

O Father of the Son who asks us to be one, as He was one with you, help us to build unity and concord in our families, our communities, our work-places, our cities, our countries and all over the world.

FOR THIS WE PRAY. LORD, HEAR US.

O Father, the Face of mercy and good will, render us capable, in a spirit of mutual respect, to discover the richness of diversity through imitating your love.

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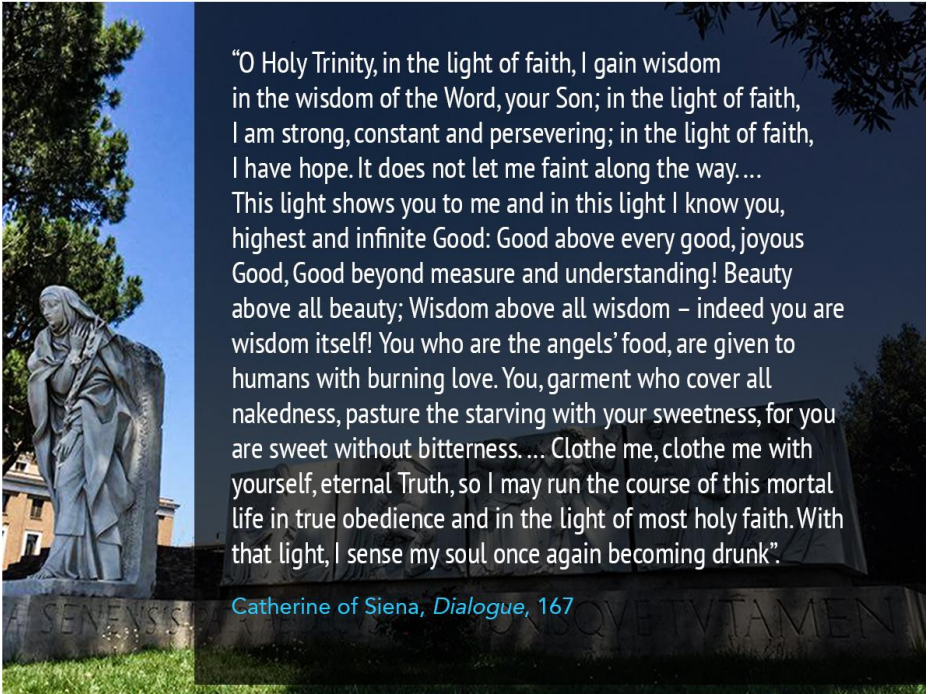
O Father, the fount of all love, infuse in us the courage to imitate in our daily tasks your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself to the cross for our sake, that a culture of love might grow in our society.

FOR THIS WE PRAY. LORD, HEAR US.

From turning in on ourselves, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From fear of the diverse and the unknown, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From the spirit of division, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From lies and falsehood, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From disinterest in the common good, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From indifference, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From refusing dialogue, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From disdain for life, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From the lack of respect for Creation, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From the lack of hope, **deliver us, O Lord.**

With Saint Catherine of Siena, let us pray:

O Holy Spirit, come into my heart,
by your power, O God, draw me to you
and give me charity with right fear.
Protect me, Christ, from every evil thought,
warm me, enflame me with your most sweet love,
so that every burden will seem light to me.
My Holy Father and my sweet Lord,
now help me with my acts of service.
Christ love! Amen.





Saint Catherine of Siena

CO-PATRON SAINT OF EUROPE
1347-1380

Without a doubt, Saint Catherine came to work out a European vision of her mission, and we can say that she assimilated a European mentality in every detail in her

small town of Siena. For us living in the twenty-first century, on whom the mentalities of exacerbated nationalism and of frontiers-become-barriers have been imprinted, it is hard to imagine a Europe where each person considered his or her neighbour a compatriot, a part of the same world in which one could pass freely from one country into another.

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Her letters reveal a truly European action from which lessons can be drawn for civil government or for principles of a political doctrine. They contain a flavour of modernity that every sincerely democratic European could accept. Authority is but a temporary loan, and unique to the customs and mores of each country.

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For Saint Catherine, political government is a service to be rendered to a given community in brotherly love, in order to regulate one's own disorderly passions such as egoism, vanity, greed, fear. It is a profoundly Christian doctrine, one that a mystic might dictate, but one that is also profoundly human and democratic, an anticipation of the ideal political person. Today's Europe would recognise herself in this ensemble of constitutional principles destined to reconcile the governors with their subjects and the subjects with their governors, and to bring about the triumph of justice, the common good and peace.

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