



Patriarchate



The Old Catholic Church



PATRIARCHAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOR THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ITS ECCLESIAL FAMILY

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, God One and Triune, Consubstantial and Inseparable. Amen.

Lord God Almighty,

"source of all good and giver of all perfect grace" (James 1:17), on this day of Thanksgiving we lift up our hearts in praise and gratitude for the **Holy Old Catholic Church**, for which You have wanted to pour out gifts, vocations, and the eternal light of Your Holy Spirit.

We thank you, Lord, for the **bishops**, the **priests**, the **deacons**, the **religious** and all the servants of the Holy Mysteries, who, like *"lamps lit on the lampstand"* (Mt 5:15), illuminate the people whom you have entrusted to their care.

Bless, Lord, their families, their wives, who with wisdom and love sustain the ministry of their homes. Bless their children, seeds of hope in the midst of a wounded world. Make them grow in grace, in maturity, and in the light of your Word, as it is written,
"I and my house will serve the Lord." (Jos 24:15)

We also thank you for the **lay faithful**, for their faith, their perseverance, their love for the Church and for their desire to walk with you in holiness. Grant them, Lord, your peace, your protection, and your abundant blessing.

Make us, Lord, one family in Christ,

"one body and one Spirit" (Eph 4:4), strengthened in unity, truth and charity. May your Church grow in holiness, in apostolic fidelity and in obedience to your holy will.

Protect our ecclesial family, Lord, from every division, confusion and discouragement; and pour out upon her the ardor of the Holy Spirit, that we may remain firm and joyful in the service of the Gospel and of your Kingdom.

And so, Lord, on this holy day of thanksgiving, we join the heavenly choirs in saying,
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever." (Ps 118:1)

Bless your Church. Bless your ministers. Bless their families. Bless your faithful. Bless, Lord, our apostolic mission, for the glory of your name and the salvation of souls.

Through Christ our Lord,
the Eternal High Priest, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

With Our blessing.

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Happy Thanksgiving!!

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