



*St. Thomas of Canterbury Novena
For the Establishment of the Anglican Ordinariate*

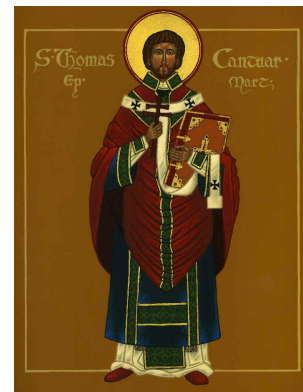


Preparatory Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting Father, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers for the Ordinariate being established in the United States. Strengthen the clergy and people in all righteousness. Grant them, through the merits and intercessions of St. Thomas of Canterbury, wisdom and courage to face the challenges that lie ahead. Grant also, we beseech thee, thy grace and blessing upon the Ordinary that is chosen as the shepherd of these souls. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, world without end, Amen.

Invocation:

St. Thomas of Canterbury, as a priest and bishop you faithfully preached the Gospel of Christ and defended Holy Mother Church in England against all her assailants even to the point of shedding your own blood. Standing fast, you took the blows of hatred as a faithful servant of the Most High God.



Holy Bishop of the Church, I have confidence in your intercessions. Pray for the Anglican Ordinariate being erected in America, that we, too, might be faithful to the Gospel and maintain our commitment to the patrimony that you helped to form. Pray that Ordinariate Parishes and Societies which are established may be families of charity, peace and the service of the poor, centers for Christian unity and reconciliation, communities that welcome and evangelize, teaching the Faith in all its fullness, celebrating the liturgy and sacraments with prayerful reverence and maintaining a distinctive patrimony of Christian faith and culture. I seek your prayers also for our Ordinary; that he will lead with the same faith and fidelity that you held firm at Canterbury.

[Say One Our Father]

[Say One Hail Mary]

[Say One Glory Be]

St. Thomas of Canterbury, pray for us!