

Prayer

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Faith of Our Fathers song

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate,
If they, like them should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

"Faith of our Fathers" is a Catholic hymn, written in 1849 by Frederick William Faber in memory of the Catholic Martyrs from the time of the establishment of the Church of England by Henry VIII and Elizabeth.

Questions:

- Why is a Church necessary? Isn't Jesus himself all that I need? _____
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- Why isn't my own interpretation of scripture just as good as anyone's? _____
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- Why is the Holy Spirit so important in the Church? _____
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- Why should I have faith in the Church's teachings? _____
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DEPOSIT OF FAITH: The entirety of **Revelation**, contained in **Sacred Scripture** and **Sacred Tradition**.

- **Revelation:** God telling us about himself and his will for us through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition: Jesus Christ is the fullness of all revelation. CCC 51-73 **(68-73)**
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- **Sacred Scripture:** The revelation of God put down in writing by human authors under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. CCC 101-141 **(134-141)**
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 - The Council of Rome in 382 declared what scriptures could be included in the Old and New Testaments (Covenants). These are the same today. The **Old Testament**, 46 books, focuses on God's relationship with Israel, the law, and prophecies of a coming Messiah, while the **New Testament**, 27 books, details the fulfillment of those prophecies through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the formation of the global Church. See New American Bible.
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- **Sacred Tradition:** The living transmission of the entirety of revelation by the successors of the apostles under the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit. CCC 74-100 **(96-100)**
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 - Council of Nicea (325 AD) re the Creed. CCC 26-1065

I believe in one God, _____
the Father almighty, _____
maker of heaven and earth, _____
of all things visible and invisible. _____

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, _____
the Only Begotten Son of God, _____
born of the Father before all ages. _____
God from God, Light from Light, _____
true God from true God, _____
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; _____
through him all things were made. _____
For us men and for our salvation _____
he came down from heaven, _____
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, _____
and became man. _____
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, _____
he suffered death and was buried, _____
and rose again on the third day _____
in accordance with the Scriptures. _____
He ascended into heaven _____
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. _____
He will come again in glory _____
to judge the living and the dead _____
and his kingdom will have no end. _____
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, _____
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, _____
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, _____
who has spoken through the prophets. _____
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. _____
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins _____
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead _____
and the life of the world to come. Amen. _____

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- Council of Rome (382 AD) re the content of the Bible
- Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception 1854 AD
- Doctrine of the Assumption of Mary, 1950 AD
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MAGISTERIUM: (*Mater et Magistra* 1961) The teaching office of the Church, consisting of the Pope and bishops in communion with him, that through the power of the Holy Spirit guards and communicates the Deposit of Faith (**The Church, Holy Orders, Sacred Tradition**) CCC 889-892

- **Church:** (1) a communion in Christ Jesus of rational beings united in the worship of God, including those on earth, in Purgatory and in Heaven; (2) each diocese; (3) each liturgical assembly. CCC 748-975
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- **Holy Orders:** the Christian sacrament of apostolic ministry, comprising the bishop, priest (presbyter), and deacon. It confers a lasting spiritual character, setting apart a baptized man for ministry in the Church. The sacrament is symbolized by the bishop's laying on of hands, which invokes the Holy Spirit, and by the anointing with chrism, a consecrated oil. CCC 1536-1600
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- **Sacred Tradition** (see above)
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Prayer: to appreciate the deposit of faith to prepare for Baptism and entrance into communion in Christ Jesus in the Church; **Petitions:** _____