

Litany of Women Saints

Dear God, creator of women in your own image, carried by women to mission fields around the globe, give to the women of our time

The strength to persevere,

The courage to speak out,

The faith to believe in you beyond

All systems and institutions

so that your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty.

We call on the holy women who went before us, to intercede for us so that we might be given the grace to follow in their footsteps.

Saint Esther, who pleaded against power for the liberation of the people, Pray for us.

Saint Deborah, law woman and judge, who led the people of God, Pray for us.

Saint Mary Magdalene, minister of Jesus, first evangelist of the Christ, Pray for us.

Saint Clara of Assisi, who confronted the pope with the image of woman as equal, Pray for us.

Saint Julian of Norwich, who proclaimed for all of us, the motherhood of God, Pray for us.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who felt God's call to become a priest, prophet, and king, Pray for us.

Saint Catherine of Siena, to whom the pope listened, Pray for us.

Saint Teresa of Avila, who brought women's gifts to the reform of the church, Pray for us.

Saint Edith Stein, who brought fearlessness to faith, Pray for us.

Saint Dorothy Day, who led the church to a new sense of justice, Pray for us.

Saint Rosa Venerini, whose entire educational mission was to announce the love of God, Pray for us.

Saint Theodore Guérin, who abandoned herself to the will of God in generous service to others, Pray for us.

Mary, mother of Jesus, who heard the call of God and answered, Mary, mother of Jesus, who drew strength from the woman Elizabeth, Mary, mother of Jesus, filled with God's Spirit, Pray for us.

Amen.

