

## **About Fr. Eustaquio Van Lieshout ssc**

### **F.1. Prayers of the Mass**

#### **Collect**

O God, who enriched the priest Blessed Eustaquio with the gift of restoring health to the sick and peace to sinners, grant through his merits and intercession that we may enjoy lasting health of soul and body and come to eternal joy.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God, on the feast day of blessed Eustaquio, and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion, may imitate what we now do.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

By the power of this mystery, O Lord, confirm your servants in the true faith, that they may everywhere profess in word and deed the faith for which blessed Eustaquio never ceased to labor and for which he spent his whole life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **F.2. Prayer by Fr. Eustaquio**

"Oh my Jesus I love you. I love you with your cross, with your suffering, with your great love. Oh Jesus, through the blood you poured out and through the tears of your Holy Mother, give sight to the blind, make the lame walk, give health to the sick and peace to all who suffer and endure. My Jesus, I want to follow your steps, speak your words, think your thoughts, carry your cross, eat your body, drink your blood, detest sin and reach heaven."

### **F.3. A prayer of Fr. Eustaquio taken from his personal notes,**

"You raised me from the ground. You drew me from the mud, you freed me from sin and you healed my sorrow. Oh, mercy of God! My heart was full of sin and you, Jesus, forgave me, you embraced me, you gave me joy, you set placed me by your side and you gave me to drink of the cup of your joy."

#### **F.4. Prayer to St. Joseph composed by Fr. Eustaquio (Cf. C.2)**

St. Joseph, selfless husband of Mary, affectionate adopted father of the Child Jesus, protector and refuge of the Holy Family, through your intercession together with Jesus and Mary, give me the grace that I so ardently wish for myself and mine.  
I put myself entirely under your powerful protection with Jesus and Mary, who fled and returned safely.

St. Joseph, if there is anything in my conduct that displeases Jesus or his Mother, help me to remove it, because I would like to be holy as Jesus and Mary are holy. I want to live with them under one roof and do not want to hold onto anything that could displease them.  
Oh St. Joseph, I ask for light for my spirit, light for my eyes, courage for my heart and a greater fear of sin.

Oh St. Joseph I ask for peace in the midst of so many who hate and persecute. Peace in our hearts, peace in the home, peace in all countries. Oh, St. Joseph, make the world a new holy family, where both the bloodthirsty lion and the gentle lamb also find peace.

Yes, I acknowledge that I am a sinner, a great sinner and do not deserve to raise my eyes towards you.

Ask God to have mercy on me, ask Mary for her powerful intercession. I am afraid to die and appear before the tribunal of God, if you St. Joseph and Mary, were not my advocates.  
I am confident, oh great saint, that your support and that of Mary will not fail me.  
St. Joseph, if I cannot talk when my last moment arrives, intercede for me. I need it very much, if not I will not be able to save myself.

St. Joseph, take care of all who trust in You. You know what I want for myself and for mine. Like St. Teresa I trust that my prayers will not be in vain, but will be met and taken to the feet of Jesus and Mary.

If, however, it is God's will that I have to endure suffering, then ask for strength for me, the great strength not to succumb under the weight of my cross.

St. Joseph listen to me. I am in front of the door of the Holy Family. I do not want to leave without being heard.

St. Joseph, help me to bear suffering. Help me to forgive, help me to trust, help me to save. Amen.

St. Joseph, consolation of the afflicted, pray for me  
St. Joseph, hope of the sick, pray for me.  
St. Joseph, patron of the dying, pray for me.

#### **F.5. Hymn to Fr. Eustaquio**

Father Eustaquio  
A man of the people  
A man who loved intensely  
A man who had mercy on all  
A man with a simple heart

In whose heart great things were done  
All for you, Lord, your person illuminates, your person attracts  
Look on us, Lord  
Give us the courage to be apostle of love  
Give us the zeal of Joseph Mary Coudrin  
The love of Damien  
The enthusiasm of Mathew  
The simplicity of Eustaquio  
And we will continue your work, Lord  
in the proclamation, in reparation, in adoration, in silence, in expiation,  
in suffering, in self giving, in immolation, in love.

*D. Luiz Mancilha Vitela, ss.cc.*

## **F.6. Supplication to Fr. Eustaquio.**

Our God, our Father, is revealed,  
Jesus, our liberator,  
he chose Father Eustaquio, his servant,  
to live and proclaim your love.

Pray for us, Father Eustaquio,  
Watch over us with love.  
We rust in your kindness,  
as our intercessor with God.

Faithful messenger and watchman  
of the love of Jesus and Mary.  
Model worshiper  
of the mystery of the Eucharist,  
We the sick and the poor,  
pray for health and peace;  
We ask today and always for your blessing  
Because you give divine life.

Zealous missionary among the poor,  
kindly shepherd of the sheep;  
example of life and virtue,  
for those who serve the Lord

*(music and lyrics by Lucio Prado Dumont ss.cc., Original in Portuguese)*

## **F.7. Today You invite us**

Lord Jesus  
Today Eustaquio is there to remind us of who you are  
This morning when life, future, mission all seem uncertain  
he is there to be constructive  
His hands, his lips bless your people who seek to be consoled  
You make him a river of blessedness  
your desire for the good and what gives life to all  
And so today you invite us: bless, never curse

His ears will hear how sin hurts  
And alienates from you the heart of his children.  
You choose him to be a Word of pardon  
And a vessel of your mercy, of your intimate patience  
And so today you invite us: bandage broken hearts!

His feet reach those places  
Where sorrow and death sap hope  
And there you give him the gift to heal, to liberate,  
to open a deprived life to what's abundant  
and so today you invite us: cure the sick, drive out demons

As before, so today Eustaquio is there to remind us  
Of who you are, O Blessing of God!  
Repairer of your Father's plan,  
Doctor to all who trust in you!  
Thanks! We are put in mind again  
of what you can do through pliable hands.

*José Luis Pérez ssc*

## **F.8. Praying with Blessed Eustaquio**

Lord Jesus Christ model of the new Wo/man  
We give thanks for the life of our brother Eustaquio  
Servant of the unassuming and the sick

To a world where empty words abound  
Refreshingly your words, he spoke,  
A messenger of peace and health  
In a throw away world of the so called useless,  
he laid his lot with the less esteemed,

In a world where death and illness  
Are injustice's raw results  
He placed his hands are your service  
To assure your close and healing presence

As century 21 since your birth, begins,  
Eustaquio shows what's possible in a new world,  
Gives fresh air to our struggles and  
Stimulates our faith

So give to us Lord  
The Spirit that moved in our brother Eustaquio  
That the family of the Sacred Hearts may also serve today  
With faithful hearts,  
ready hands,  
credible words  
so that one day we can be all united in praise  
with the holy ones in heaven. Amen

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## **F.9. Prayer Fr. Eustaquio, model of charity and apostolic zeal**

Lord God, our Father of all goodness,  
in Father Eustáquio  
you gave us a perfect model of charity and apostolic zeal.

Imitating your Son Jesus Christ,  
he recognized the real image of your mercy  
in the poor, in the sick and suffering  
and placed himself totally at the service  
of those 'smaller ones among the brothers'.

Grant us the grace  
of following his example  
so that we too might one day be welcomed  
in the fullness of your love.

This we ask in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## **F.10. Prayer for the intercession of Blessed Eustaquio**

Blessed Eustaquio,  
with a mission to all,  
mercy for sinners, health for the sick  
peace for the afflicted!  
Trusting in your intercession before God  
I ask for.....

I renew my baptismal vows to live  
my life of faith in Jesus Christ  
within the community of the church  
making known how your ministry  
of peace and health leads many to know Jesus.  
May you soon be declared his Saintly servant  
to the glory of God our Father and to the indelible  
dignity of all God's peoples.  
Amen.

## **F.11. Prayer for canonization**

*(For the canonization of the Blessed Father Eustaquio and for favors through his intercession)*

LORD JESUS, our Good Shepherd, you looked on the multitude as sheep without a shepherd and you were moved to great compassion. We thank you for the good shepherd you gave us in your friend, Father Eustaquio. He followed your example of unbounded love for the Father and for his brothers and sisters. He heard your call and responded generously throughout his life.

Lord, you made him a priest and missionary, a son of the Sacred Hearts who was outstanding for his fervent celebration of the sacraments, his patience as a counselor,

his zeal for proclaiming the Gospel and his compassion for the suffering and afflicted. Thus he lived his special consecration and with your grace and strength became a man of God and of the people. He gave glory to you and left an example for all those you still call to your mission.

We pray for the priests, religious, missionaries and laity that work in our communities. May they be numerous, holy and faithful.

Humbly and confidently we ask you to glorify your servant, Father Eustaquio. Give the church the joy of invoking him publicly as a saint so that the knowledge and authenticity of his virtue might bear fruit among us. Through his intercession we ask the following grace...

Good Shepherd, in the abundance of your grace, grant also that our lives be inspired by love for our brothers and sisters in imitation of Fr. Eustaquio, who said, "To win souls, to alleviate sorrow and suffering: this is the great goal God has given me." Amen.