

Invocation to St. Thomas Aquinas before Lecture or Study

O Blessed Thomas, patron of schools, obtain for us from God an invincible faith, burning charity, a chaste life, and true knowledge, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to be said before study or class

O Merciful God, grant that I may eagerly desire, carefully search out, truthfully acknowledge, and ever perfectly fulfill all things which are pleasing to Thee, to the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.

Prayer which St. Thomas Aquinas was accustomed to recite every day before the image of Jesus Christ

Grant me grace, O merciful God to desire ardently all that is pleasing to Thee, to examine it prudently, to acknowledge it truthfully and to accomplish it perfectly, for the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.

(An indulgence of 300 days to all the faithful who, before studying or reading, shall, with at least contrite heart and devotion, recite this prayer- Pope Leo XIII., June 21, 1879)

Prayer which St. Thomas Aquinas composed and frequently recited before dictating, writing or preaching

O' Ineffable Creator, Who out of the depths of Thy wisdom didst appoint three hierarchies of angels, and place them in wonderful harmony above the empyrean heaven, and didst order most perfectly Thy whole creation;

Thou, Who art the true fountain and highest source of light and wisdom, deign to shed a ray of Thy brightness upon the darkness of my intellect, taking from me that twofold darkness in which I was born, namely, sin, and ignorance.

O Thou Who makest eloquent the tongues of little ones, instruct my tongue, and pour upon my lips the grace of Thy blessing.

Grant me a keen intellect a strong memory, method and facility in learning,

subtlety in interpreting and elegance of speech;

enlighten the beginning,

direct the progress,

perfect the issue,

Thou Who art true God and man,

Who livest and reignest forever. Amen

(An indulgence of 200 days, once a day- Pope Leo XIII., Feb. 21, 1880.)