

Saint Bishop Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584 AD)



https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=212

"Born of a noble family in northern Italy, at the age of twenty-three, Charles was made a Cardinal. As [Vatican] Secretary of State, he organized the final session of the Council of Trent, authoring many of its reforms.

<https://catholicism.org/the-council-of-trent-overview-of-its-importance-and-difficulties.html>

In 1566, he arrived in Milan, a long neglected Diocese. He attended to priestly education and Sunday Schools for children. In art, Charles appears barefoot, recalling his attentive care for the Milanese during the plague of 1576.

The noose around his neck recalls that he offered himself for the sake of the plague's victims. Charles died at the age of forty-six, with the words, "Behold, Lord, I am coming!" *

"Preserve in the midst of Your People, we ask,
O LORD, The SPIRIT with which You filled
the Bishop Saint Charles Borromeo, that
Your Church may be constantly renewed and,
by conforming Herself to The Likeness of CHRIST,
may show Your Face to the world, Who lives
and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD, for ever and ever." * AMEN.

PSALM 27:1-14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-AzLnm1Tws&list=RDLV7ktQu0BNXf8&index=14>

Lord JESUS CHRIST, Thou our Light and our Salvation!

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of The LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in The House of The LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of The LORD, and to enquire in His Temple.

Lord JESUS CHRIST, Thou our Light and our Salvation!

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His Tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in His Tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto The LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have Mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When Thou saidst, Seek ye My Face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy Face, LORD, will I seek.

Lord JESUS CHRIST, Thou our Light and our Salvation!

9 Hide not Thy Face far from me; put not Thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my Help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O GOD of my
salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then The LORD will take
me up.

11 Teach me Thy Way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of
mine enemies. Lord JESUS CHRIST, Thou our Light and our Salvation!

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses
are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see The Goodness of The LORD
in the land of the living.

14 Wait on The LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine
heart: wait, I say, on The LORD.

*["Saint Charles Borromeo." The Magnificat, 11/04/2021. Memorial &
adapted from Collect, p 61.]