

LOCUSTS & HONEY



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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- **Mass Schedule:**
- **Sunday: 6,7,8,9.15 a.m. & 5.30 , 6.30p.m**
- **At Kopri: Every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.**
- Weekday: 6 & 6.45 a.m., 7.00 pm.
- and at 6.30 a.m. in Holy Cross Convent
- **Mass in Marathi:** 3rd Sunday at 7. a..m
- **Mass in Konkani:** 4th Sunday at 7. a.m.
- **Mass in Hindi:** 5th Sunday at 7.00 a.m.
- **Tamil Mass:** 2nd Sunday at 11.00 am
- **Confessions:** Saturday: 6 to 7 p.m.
- **Baptisms:** Sunday: 10.15 a.m.
- **Marriages:** Weekday at 5.15 p.m.
- Sunday: 5.30 p.m. & 6.30 pm
- **Funerals:** Any day: 10 to 11.45 a.m &
- 4 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- **Sacrament of the sick:** on request.
- **House Blessing:** With prior arrangement.
- **Novenas:** St. Anthony's: Tuesday 7.30pm
- **Perpetual Succour Novena:**
- After 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday.
- **Charismatic Prayer Service [English]**
- On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.
- **Divine Mercy Devotion:** On Fridays at 6.00
- p.m. except on 1st Friday
- **Sunday School:** after 8.00 a.m. Mass
- **Night Adoration:** at 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m
- on last Saturday
- **Office Timings:** 9.00 a.m. to 12.30
- 5.00 p.m. to 07.00
- Sunday: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
- **Parish Tel. No. 2534 8671; 2543 5411**
- Website: www.stjohnthebaptistthane.com

ASSUMPTION



At a talk on time-management Mr. Conrad Saldanha told the audience that ultimately time-management is but realizing one's God-given unique potentials to its optimum for the benefit of self, community and for the betterment of the world. The best illustration cited was the one of Jesus Christ, who had but only three years of mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He did it so excellently well based on his God-given divine powers, performing God's will at His best, that His influence on the world still remains unmatched.

On heels of Jesus, Mary, Mother of Our Lord and of mankind could be cited as the next best model of time management, as she realized the fullness of her being through her "YES" to God's will in a way that would merit her the singular reward of ASSUMPTION i.e. being received both body and soul into God's heavenly abode. 15th of August every year marks the feast of Our lady of Assumption to remind us that we too can have effective time-management if we realize all our God-given talents, potential to the fullest by prioritizing what is urgent and important in the complex task of our life with clear intentionality to complete it, namely to do God's will in our unique image of God that we are.



Parish Team:

Fr. John Rumao.

Fr. John Lopes

Fr. Gerry Fernandes

Fr. Victor Dalmet.

Bro. Oniel Rodrigues – week-end ministry

Srs Amala & Joan – Pastoral Work

V-President PPC: Mr. Francis Fernandes

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PPC Secretary: Mr. Anthony Alphonso

CWF Secretary: Mrs. Jessie Sequeira

In-charge: Sunday School: Sr. Ancy

RCIA/School Catechism: Ms. Ida D'Silva

19th Sunday -- 12 August, 2007.

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***This week's announcements
August 12, 2007.***

1. *This Sunday, Parish Council meeting at 10.30 a.m. in the meeting room.*
2. *Wednesday, 15th August is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day. It is a DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE AT 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15 a.m. and at 7.00 p.m. It is obligatory for all the faithful to attend Mass. The parish flag-hoisting will be held after 7.00 a.m. Mass in front of the church. There will be NO MASS at Holy Cross Convent.*
3. *Next Sunday will be celebrated as **Justice Sunday.***
4. *Next Sunday CWF Committee meeting at 10.30 a.m.*
5. *The collection at Masses on Vianney Sunday, amounted to Rs.32,329.00*
6. *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs.4,190.00.*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

13/Mon	Ss. Pontian, Pp & Hippolytus, pt, mm Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20; Mt 17:22-27
14/Tue	S. Maximilian Kolbe, pt m - mem Dt 31:1-8; Ps Dt 32:3-4ab,7,8-9,12; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
15/Wed	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY & INDEPENDENCE DAY Sol Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Ps 44:10-11,12&16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 pr Ms for India, Jdt 13:18-20; 14:9; Ps 1 Sam 2: 1,4-5,6-7; Gal 5: 13-17; Lk 1:46-55
16/Thu	S. Stephen of Hungary Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Ps 113A:I-2,3-4,5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
17/Fri	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 135:1-3,16-18,21-22&24; Mt 19:3-12
18/Sat	BVM on Saturday Jos 24:14-29; Ps 15:1-2a&5,7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15
19/Sun	Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; I.k 12:49-53

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

Aaron was very much upset when he came to know that Pharaoh had broken his promise to Moses for the second time to release the children of Israel from bondage. In desperation he said to his wife, "The Pharaoh is a bastard."

"Aaron, you mustn't talk like that," reproved his wife. "We are children of God. After all, every living person is descended from Adam and Eve. We're all one family - even Pharaoh." "That I know," said Aaron, "I suppose, Pharaoh hails from YOUR side of the family!"

Curate: So you really think you would have run through all your money had it not been for your wife?

Young Man: Sure of it.

Curate: And, my good man, how did she stop your spending it all?

Young Man: She spent it first.

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH

July 29th, a day to celebrate .at St.John's:
PARENT 'S DAY
And sure it was heart warming and real good
To ...hear
What the children had to SAY
In Thanksgiving
And in asking
To be understood!!!

The YOUTH, into the Hall, they trooped, in red Ts
And blue jeans
Happy to Serve and to sing
Make it a memorable evening:
They'd organised a March Past
Jives and Waltzes
And PARENTS gave in to impulses
Of yesteryears and danced with a zing!!

The YOUTH were at their best
And they do deserve our praise
For making us feel good and relaxed,
The small ones, they baby -sat
And freed Parents from routine
THANKS to our Youth-in their teens,
And to Kirk, for his guidance.
YOUTH, keep up the good work: WE LOVE YOU!!!

Mrs ENID ABREO

OF LATE MEMORIES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
03.06.2007	Gidion Jayseelan
05.06.2007	Nydia Pereira
05.06.2007	Callistus Lewis
06.06.2007	Nicholas Fernandes
09.06.2007	Wilfred M.D'Mello
13.06.2007	Evans F Noronha
21.06.2007	Valluppara Rappai
21.06.2007	Treeza Lazer
25.06.2007	Maria D'costa
02.07.2007	Dolcy Pereira
05.07.2007	Sydney J.Almeida
12.07.2007	Cassilda Aguiar
16.07.2007	William P. Marchant
21.07.2007	Irene D'Cunha
23.07.2007	Albertina Rebello
26.07.2007	Roza Maria Sequeira

PARISH VISITATION

This Monday, 13 August Fathers will be visiting Cherai North. Animators are requested to accompany Fathers on their visits to families under your care.

SENIOR COLLEGE IN THANE!

[letters to the editor]

Rev. Fr. John Rumao,
Parish Priest
St. John the Baptist Church
THANE 400 601



Dear Parish priest,

Having read in the Locust & Honey the article entitled "A Degree College" and the names of the four parishioners who have submitted a memorandum to his Lordship Bishop Angelo Gracias during his visit to the parish on the 29th June, 2007 I fully support this idea of a Degree College in our parish.

I hope all the hurdles have been anticipated e.g. land within the city limits, finance, building, staff etc., and that a proper feasibility study has been made. If all these factors have been taken care of, then please go ahead, as it will be a boon for the children of our parishioners.

Best of luck!

Yours faithfully,
CLAUDE AZAVEDO

UTALSAR ZONE

Rev. Fr. John Rumao
Parish Priest
St. John Baptist Church
THANE (W)

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: *People get ready* :
: *There's a train, a* :
: *comin'* :
: *You don't need no* :
: *baggage* :
: *You just get on board* :
: *All you need is faith* :
: *To hear the diesels* :
: *hummin'* :
: *Don't need no ticket,* :
: *You just thank the Lord.* :
: *--Mayfield Curtis* :
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Dear Fr. John,

It is with sincere request that we plead you to start St. John's Degree College for Arts and Commerce as early as possible.

This College would stand as shining or guiding light to thousands of Catholic Church who today have given up their dreams to pursue degree courses due to high level of percentage level required to enter it.

It may seem a herculean task but this may actually prove a great relief to those who believe in education.

Please Fr. John, don't sideline this thought – Believe us it will be a great blessings to our children.

Thank you,
Santana & Henry D'Souza
Utalsar Zone (Vikas 'A')



From:
Ronald Noronha
B/4 Flat No.201
Vikas Complex

Dear Fr. John Rumao,
Sub : Requirement of a Degree College at Thane

What a great idea to have a Degree College of our own. I am sure my co-parishioners will be proud to have one.

This is a 'service to the community' that can be called a "most wanted one".

A Degree College is the need of the hour. Our Catholic students have to travel either to CST or Bandra to attend a Catholic College. It is indeed a tiresome travel plus it is difficult for the aforesaid colleges to accommodate all Catholic students of Mumbai / Thane. The presence of a Degree College will not only be of great service to St. John and the surrounding parishes, it could cater to the needs of the students of our Deanery. With you at the helm of affairs, I am sure that the project will succeed. You can be rest assured of our co-operation in this regard.

Wishing the project every success!

Yours faithfully,
RONALD NORONHA

UTALSAR ZONE

PARISH TEAM MUCH APPRECIATED

Dear Rev.Fr. Rumao

I join the band of people singing praises of you. Just want to appreciate the Herculean task you undertook to renovate and give our church a new face lift. All this and more you have done it to help us raise our thought to God even more.

Perhaps suggestion will enable you to undertake another task of expanding to a new vision to brighten the future of our children .A Degree College in Thane will help our students in the vicinity rather than commute to far away destination.

On the occasion of the feast of St. John n Marie Vianney, I take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues of the parish for your dedicated vocation as "A Priest Forever"

With gratitude
Mrs G. Gomes

303 Chintamani Apts.
Cherai, Thane.(W)



Dear Rev. Fr. Rumao,

Today when getting admission for our children to colleges has become a nightmare for parents, having our own college, in our own neighborhood under the mantle of St. John The Baptist comes as a great relief, to parents and children alike.

We pray that God may help you and your team to overcome all the hurdles that perforce have to be encountered on the road to success.

We trust that all parishioners will respond to the appeal published in Locus & Honey dated 15th July 2007.

Wishing you and your project every success.



Yours truly,
 F.D. D'Silva

 PHILIP GOES,
 Ganesh Villa C.H.S Behind Pratap
 Talkies
 Kolbad - THANE 400601 28th July, 2007

Dear Rev. Fr. Rumao ,

Sub : A Degree College
 Ref : Locusts & Honey - 15th July, 2007

Today when graduation is the minimum qualification required for almost anything, we have confined our education to SSC level- or at most to the HSC level- in all our parish schools with the exception of one or two. Under the circumstances, I congratulate you and those who are actively involved in this proposed college. You have taken the right step in the right direction and we solidly support you in this venture.

The proposed college will help the common man in Thane and its neighbourhood and hence needs every support, and you can count on us.

May god bless the efforts of all who are working towards this goal.

Yours truly,
 Philip Goes.

Bungalow No 29 Kolbad Village Thane West
 25th July, 2007
 Rev. Fr. John Rumao Parish Priest
 St John The Baptist Parish Thane

Dear Rev. Father,

We were happy to read in the 15th July issue of Locusts and Honey, about the Degree College.

To say that the Degree College is absolutely essential is to state the obvious. We pray that the College may become a reality in a year.

All the best for the success of this project.

Yours Sincerely,
 Don Bosco Pereira.

202 Anand villa 109 charai Thane 40060!
 4th August 2007

Rev Fr. John Rumao, Parish Priest
 St John The Baptist Parish Thane 400601

Dear Rev. Father,

Having been a teacher for about twenty-five years, education is dear to me, as it is to all teachers I guess! We have been missing a degree college of our own. Now that this is being thought of, it would give a lot of relief



to parents & students, besides being a complement to our existing institutions in the field of education.

We wish and pray that this College becomes a vibrant institution that the parishioners could be proud of.

Yours sincerely,
 Irene Domingo.

Clement A Tellis
 St. Anthony's Bakery building
 Flat No 6 -171 road
 Kolbad-Thane 400601
 30th July 2007

Dear Fr. Rumao,

A DEGREE COLLEGE

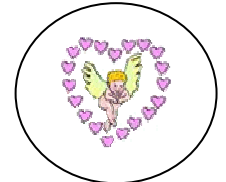
It is with great relief that we read about the proposed degree college (Locusts & Honey dated 8th and 15th July 2007).

As it is for the greater good of a greater number, we support this project and wish you success in establishing this college. This is a long standing need of our parishioners and should have been taken care of long ago. However it IS never too late!

We wish that this college turns out to be one of the finest colleges in and around Thane) bringing university education Within easy reach of all Thaneites.

Yours sincerely,
 C. Tellis

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DALVI APARTMENT CO-OP. HSG. SOC., GOVIND
 BATCHAJI ROAD, CHARAI, THANE (W) -400601.
 TEL: 538 4714, 538 4716

Date: - 1st August 2007.

Dear Fr. Rumao,

As an alumnus of St. John The Baptist High School & Junior College, it was heartening to read about the proposed degree college, (Locusts & Honey dated 15th July, 2007). Seeing our Alma Mater grow and expand is surely a good feeling and hence we support this venture and wish you and all those working behind the scenes every success.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,
 Dr. Merion D'Costa.

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*A good Catholic
 home is the
 most fertile soil
 for a priestly
 vocation*
 --Francis Connell

LEN & CHARMAINE FERNANDES
 K 6 Neelam Nagar
 MulundEast Mumbai 400081
 31 st July, 2007.



Rev. Fr. John Rumao
 Dear Rev. Father,

We understand that you are in the process of setting up a Degree College of Commerce, and we assume that in course of time other popular streams would be added.

As and when the college comes up, it would be the only Catholic college on the Central Railway. We and perhaps many Catholics would like their children to be educated in a Catholic institution because of the discipline and moral values that are inculcated in the students. Because of this we are comfortable sending our children to institutions run by priests and nuns. We may go one step further and suggest that each and every parish school in Mumbai should think on these lines.

You have given the lead and we hope that others will follow and alleviate our troubles in getting admission for our children.

As we have picked up this information from Locusts and Honey dated 15th July 2007, we would be happy to receive copies of your Newsletter so as to keep us informed of the progress of this proposal as we are ardent supporters of this project.

Thanking You,
 Len & Charmain

 Tuesday, August 07, 2007

Dear Fr. Rumao

Subject: A Degree College

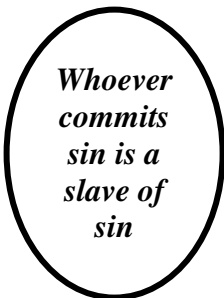
With reference to the captioned subject in the Locusts and Honey dated 15th July 2007, we whole-heartedly support the project. This is for the common good and let us all support a good cause. Thank you Fr. Rumao and a big thank you to all those involved in this task.

We wish this project every success!

Your's truly,
 Mrs. Shirley D'souza
 Caroline terrace, Utalsar.

 Tuesday, August 07, 2007

Rev. Fr. Rumao
 Subject:: A degree college
 A degree college is what most of us parents were awaiting so that our children get good education with Christian values.



We thank you and your core team from the bottom of our hearts for initiating this idea. We sincerely pray that the college may be functional from the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely,
 Lancy and Celia D'cuhna
 Utalsar zone, Vikas -A

CWF Collections	
April 2007	Rs. 83,913.00
May 2007	Rs. 86,291.00
June 2007	Rs. 79,460.00
July 2007	Rs. 1,03,963.00

THE FLIGHT - Are you ready?

Start packing and get ready to be called away For the flight sooner or later but sure some day, To the land unseen, unknown of before,
 Be prepared when the hand knocks at your door. Death may come as a thief of sweet relief
 To those in pain, in misery and grief.
 It will be safe landing for those souls at peace
 In God's embrace - an eternity of ease.
 Start packing records of the love you give away, You will need references in Heaven to stay.
 Pack up your good deeds and all you are worth,
 It will help in booking an expensive berth. Remember packing your sacrifices and pain,
 After you have landed its reward you'll gain.
 Don't pack up soiled items like sin and shame, Would you take a flight to spoil your name?
 Start packing and declare you are ready to leave For that beautiful land so hard to believe:

--Ella

We, fathers are sincerely grateful to all the parishioners for their prayers and good wishes on the occasion of the Vianney Sunday. Special thanks to the parish council members sending sumptuous food to the parish house on behalf of their zones. Thanks to those who wished us individually with their warm greetings. May God bless you all!

UNITED IN CHRIST		
Date	Bride	Bridegroom
09.06.2007	Sonali S.Sequeira	Raymond . Sequeira
17.06.2007	Maria A.Jyothi	Kilbert Don
23.06.2007	Candida D'souza	Ronny R. Fernandes
24.06.2007	Nirmal R. Pereira	Vishal Rana
21.07.2007	Felicitas Santmajor	Prakash Kale
25.07.2007	Manju Gupta	Arvind Gupta

Attention- Ladies & Gents
St. John the Baptist Polytechnic College
 St. John The Baptist Special School 2nd Floor.
 T. 64109529

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 Duration = 6 Months
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 Contact Prof. Kopra, M. 9322875500
 Programme Commences from 1st September, 07

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Baptism Dt.	Dt. Of Birth
Katryna L.M.Siqueira	10.06.2007	24.02.2007
Ryan D'Mello	10.06.2007	09.05.2007
Natasha M. Rego	10.06.2007	30.05.2007
Shannon Fernandes	17.06.2007	28.04.2007
Jadon Orman	01.07.2007	29.05.2007
Pearl G. D'souza	01.07.2007	01.05.2007
Arvind Gupta	04.07.2007	Approx .28Yrs
Manju Gupta	04.07.2007	Approx .26Yrs
Ashton D'Mello	08.07.2007	01.06.2007
Valencia Mathias	22.07.2007	08.06.2007
Arpita Gupta	25.07.2007	28.06.1999
Abhishekh Gupta	25.07.2007	17.07.2001

NOVENA OF VALANKANI
AT OUR LADY OF VELANKANI,
KOPRI
NOVENA MASS AT 7.15 P.M DAILY

DAY	DATE	CELEBRANT
WEDNESDAY	29-08-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
THURSDAY	30-08-07	FR.JOE BORGES
FRIDAY	31-08-07	FR.JOE BORGES
SATURDAY	01-09-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
SUNDAY	02-09-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
MONDAY	03-09-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
TUESDAY	04-09-07	FR.BAPTIST LOPES
WEDNESDAY	05-09-07	FR.EDWARD JACINTO
THURSDAY	06-09-07	FR.EDWARD JACINTO
FRIDAY	07-09-07	FR.BAPTIST LOPES
SATURDAY FEAST	08-09-07	FR.JOE PEREIRA

OFFICIAL

Our Episcopal Conference has chosen August 12th, 2007, as Prison Ministry Sunday. This is a good occasion for us to reflect once again on the message in St Mathew's Gospel which invites us to this Ministry. When we extend our hands towards prisoners we recognise Christ in them (Mathew 25: 31-46).

The Justice and Peace Commission of our Archdiocese coordinates the activities of our Prison Ministry. There are about 100 volunteers involved in various activities in the Prison and Remand Homes in our Archdiocese: Kalyan -Women's Prison, Thane-Central Prison, Dongri-Observation Home, Arthur Road Prison, Byculla Prison, Chembur-Remand Home, Mankhurd Children's Prison.

You can volunteer to visit prisoners, their families, to offer legal aid to them or to contribute financially for the various activities of prison ministry. Praying for prisoners is something we all can do.

Each parish will be receiving a poster, the liturgy- and prayer cards for the celebration of Prison Ministry Sunday. Contributions may be sent to "Centre for Peace Trust", St Pius X College, Aarey Road, Goregaon (E), Mumbai 400 063.

+ Oswald Gracias Archbishop of Bombay July 31, 2007

**OFFICE FOR LAY COLLABORTION
IN MINISTRY**

The Archdiocese of Bombay is organizing gatherings of the following Lay Catholic Professionals in the months of Sept. - Dec. 2007: Counsellors, Lawyers, Directors of NGOs, Health Workers and College Professors. Those among you in above categories, kindly submit your information as bellow latest by 31st August 2007 in the parish office, so that the OLCM can send you personal invitations for the gatherings.

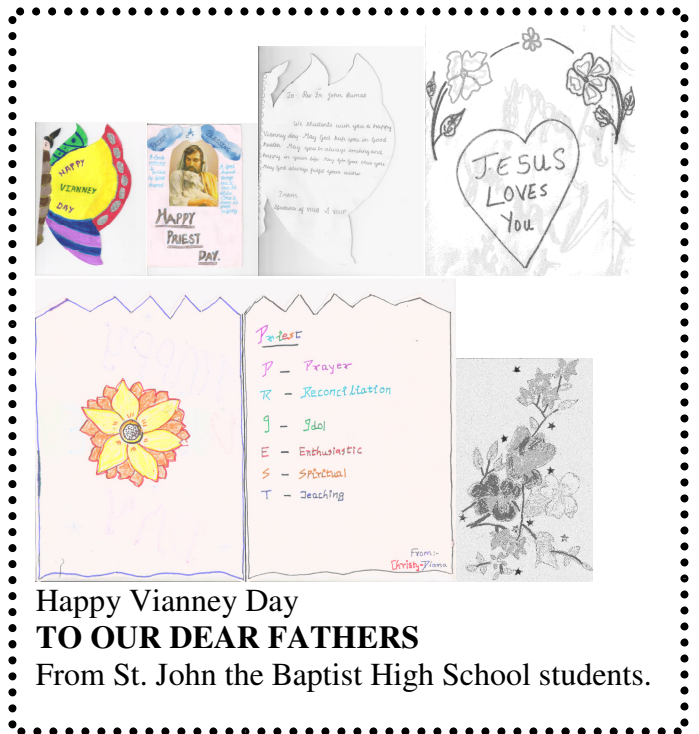
LAY CATHOLIC COUNSELLORS /
LAWYERS / DIRECTORS OF NGOs /
HEALTH WORKERS / PROFESSORS.

Name.....

Address.....

Tel.....

Designation.....



There will be a training programme titled “ADAPTING PAULINE LEADERSHIP OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TO TODAY’S PARISH CHURCHES” conducted by the Office for lay Collaboration in Ministry of the Church (O.L.C.M.) for all heads and assistant heads of Ministries /Associations / Cells / Organization on Sunday the 19th Aug 2007 at 10.15 a.m. in the pavillion. Kindly collect you invites from Eustace deCunha, contact 9870263900

PRAYER FOR OVERCOMING ANGER
Lord, at each day-break, remove the anger in me so that I can let the love of God flow into other people. Lord God, send your Holy Spirit into me so that all anger in me is completely extirpated; Release me from all the bitter effects that come to me as a result of my anger. By your grace, grant me a personality free from anger and revenge.

An Old English night prayer:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,
bless the bed that I lie on,
Before I lay me down to sleep,
I give my soul to Christ to keep.

Four corners to my bed,
four angels there aspread,
two to foot, and two to head,
and two to carry me when I'm dead.

I go by sea, I go by land,
the Lord made me by his right hand.
If any danger comes to me,
Sweet Jesus Christ, deliver me.

He's the branch, and I'm the flower,
pray God send me a happy hour.
And if I die before I wake,
I pray that Christ my soul will take.

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