

Prayer to Saint Andreas(Saint Andrew)

Introduction:

Saint Andreas was the first person called upon to become a disciple of Jezus the Kristos. He became the first of the twelve apostles. There is some speculation as to whether or not he was a disciple of saint John the Baptist as well. He is credited with spreading the Christian impulse to the Black Sea area and known for the Andreas Cross. The Andreas Cross is an X shaped cross, allegedly saint Andreas was crucified, but felt unworthy to die in the same way as his Lord and therefore asked if his cross could be put in a titled position. Saint Andreas is regarded for his wisdom, precision and humility.



Ritual:

☸ This ritual should be performed in a darkened space. Upon the altar should be placed either an icon of Saint Andreas or a crucifix. If a crucifix is used position it tilted sideways to form an 'X'.

☸ Place one candle on the extreme left front corner of the altar and one on the extreme right front corner.

☸ The third candle and most luminous candle should be placed behind the devotee in such a way that their shadow will obscure the cross or icon.

☸ The significance of this is that the devotee will take the place of the cross being anchored between four points of light. The devotee is encouraged to seek the hidden Light in the cross or icon and to cease to obscure the hidden Light with their own shadow.

☸ This ritual is best done kneeling before the altar. If the devotee's own shadow is strong it may manifest itself and will have to be overcome by prayer.

The best time to perform this prayer is during the night of a full or new moon as well as on easter. It is good to fast before doing this ritual.

Prayer:

Try to pronounce each line within a single breath.

Prayer to be recited 5 times:

*I pray unto you, holy Andreas,
You who were called first into His service,
You who has opened the way for others to follow,
You who held at bay the demons of doubt and desire,
You whose aim has always been high and true,
You whose accomplishments never overcame your humility.*

*I pray unto Holy Andreas, first knight of our lord Jesus Kristus.
Bless me with your leadership so I may follow in your footsteps.
Bless me with your resolve so my spirit shall not be overcome.
Bless me with your insight so my judgement shall be true.
Bless me with your morals so I may sense the Light.
Bless my heart so I shall know my duty to the Lord.*

*I pray for the sake of the fallen.
I pray for the experience of Light.
I pray to become a worthy vessel of your blessings.*

After the prayer close with:

Amen

Effects:

This prayer is a very valuable aid before engaging on any spiritual quest to ensure that your spiritual foundation will be sound. Should you find that it is not yet possible to sense the presence of the Holy Spirit afterwards then you know you are still ill prepared and vulnerable and may require additional purification. Pay attention to which blessings cannot yet be received to know which parts of your being will require purification.

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