

# Prayer of Hans Langmantel and his Manservant and Maidservant

O God,  
preserve us in your keeping,  
that we may not faint and abandon your Word.  
Let us enjoy the faithfulness which you have shown  
through your Son Jesus Christ.  
Kindle in us the fire of your divine love;  
lead us to practice love as your dear children.  
Let the light of your divine glory illuminate us,  
that we may walk in it.

O God,  
we ask you for one thing more:  
send us your Holy Spirit,  
endue us with power,  
renew our hearts,  
and make us strong in you  
that we may obey you  
and praise your name.

Amen.

## Martyr's Prayer

Hans Langmantel, a wealthy German citizen of noble descent, was converted in 1529 along with his manservant and maidservant. After the three of them were baptized, they were imprisoned and endured much torture. When they refused to give up their faith, Hans and his manservant were beheaded with the sword, and the maidservant was drowned. While they were still in prison, they wrote a prayer and letter of encouragement to their sisters and brothers.

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