

## **An Invocation to the Orthodox Saints of England**

In Western Europe there was for about a thousand years after the Resurrection of Christ an Orthodox Catholic Church to which both Western and Eastern Christians belonged . This came to an end when, beginning in 1054 AD, the Patriarchs of Rome broke Communion with the Patriarchs of the East.

In the 21st century the people of England are drifting away from the Christian Church and Faith. This intercession invokes many of the English Orthodox Saints who served God and the people of England during the first thousand years before the tragedy of the Great Schism. We call upon the Saints of the Undivided Church to pray for the return of England to the ancient Faith of our fathers.

### **INTERCESSION FOR THE CONVERSION OF ENGLAND**

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance.

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God:

Look down in mercy we beseech You on all who dwell in this realm of England.

In ages past this land was filled with faithful believers, ascetics, saints and godly people.

Have pity, Lord, on souls now lost in the darkness of doubt and the wilderness of atheism. By the power of your Holy and Life-giving Spirit restore our Land and People to the True Faith. Lead the people of these islands into the community of your Holy Church we beseech You, for You are good and merciful and the Lover of Mankind.

We call upon the Saints to pray for the conversion of England.  
Through the prayers of our most pure lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary;  
through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross;  
through the protection of the heavenly Bodiless Hosts,  
through the protection of the Honourable, Glorious Prophet, Fore-runner and Baptist John;  
of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised chiefs of the Apostles, Peter and Paul,  
of the Holy Apostles, Simon the Zealot and Aristobulus  
and all the Twelve and Seventy Holy Apostles;

of our Holy Fathers, Great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers,  
Basil the Great, Gregory the theologian and John Chrysostom.  
of our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia,  
the Wonder-worker;  
of the Holy Martyr Alban the First Martyr of the British Isles;  
of our Holy Fathers Gregory the Great and Augustine of Canterbury,  
Apostles of the English, Etherbert, High King of the English,  
Laurence and Mellitus, Archbishops of Canterbury,  
Oswald of Heavenfield,  
Paulinus of York,  
Felix of Dunwich, Apostle of East Anglia,  
Aidan of Lindisfarne,  
Birinus and Cedd, Apostles of Wessex and Essex,  
Botolph of Iken,  
Chad of Lichfield,  
Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, the Wonder-worker,  
of our Holy Mothers, Audrey of Ely, Hilda of Whitby,  
Mildred of Minster, Werburgh of Chester,  
Milburgh of Wenlock,  
of our Holy Fathers, Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Erkenwald the light of London,  
Benedict of Wearmouth,  
Wilfred of York,  
Aldhelm of Sherborne,  
Guthlac of Crowland,  
Bede the Venerable,  
Clement and Boniface, Apostles to the Heathen,  
Swithin of Winchester, the Wonder-worker,  
Edmund the Martyr, King of East Anglia,  
Theodore of Crowland and all those cruelly martyred by the Northmen;  
of the Holy King of England, Edgar the Peaceful,  
of the Holy, Right-believing King of England and Passion-Bearer  
Edward the Martyr;  
of our Holy Mother Edith of Wilton;  
of our Holy Fathers, Ethelwold of Winchester,  
Dunstan of Canterbury, Oswald of York,  
Alphege the Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury,  
of the Holy and Righteous New Martyr Elizabeth,

and of all the Saints who have shone forth in the English Land;  
of the Holy, Victorious George the Great-Martyr;  
Of the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna;  
and of all Your Saints.

We beseech You, O Most Merciful Lord, hear the petitions  
of us sinners who make our supplications unto You,  
and have mercy on the English Land. Amen.