

St. Thomas More, martyr and patron saint of lawyers, hear the prayer of this, the least of your brothers at the bar, and in my behalf present my petition to the court of the Most High God.

Help me always reflect in my personal and professional life the high ideals of our profession and the heroic devotion to duty and integrity of conscience which neither blandishment from those most dear to you, nor honors from your king, nor slander, nor death itself could tear from you.

Pray for me, Blessed Thomas, that I may ever practice that constant protection, care and love for my family so beautifully exemplified in your marital and parental devotion, that through the practice of our noble profession I may be able to provide for my loved ones the material and spiritual necessities of life. Help and sustain me through the agonizing professional decisions of my life; the successes and failures; the full times and the stark times, that I may ever maintain a right conscience and that I may always seek to promote the cause of justice and equality.

May I always and in all things be preserved from bringing shame or discredit through my life or deeds upon my family, my church, my profession or my country.

Almighty God, for all of these things I respectfully pray, that, through the merits and intercession of St. Thomas More, they may be granted me. Amen

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