

## O Salutaris Hostia

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O salutaris Hostia  
Quae coeli pandis ostium.  
Bella premunt hostilia;  
Da robur, fer auxilium.  
Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria:  
Qui vitam sine termino,  
Nobis donet in patria.  
Amen.

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O Saving Victim opening wide  
The gate of heaven to all below.  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.  
To Thy great name be endless praise  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee.  
Amen.

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O [Salutaris Hostia](#) is from the last two verses of Verbum Supernum, one of the five

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Eucharistic Hymns written by  
request of

[St. Thomas Aquinas](#) , (1225-1274), at the  
[Pope](#)

[Urban IV \(1261-1264\)](#)

when the Pope first instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264. The prayer was used most commonly at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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