

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.

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.

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
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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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