Stella Coeli
(a prayer in times of pestilence)

The following prayer, when recited daily and with confidence in God and trust in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has preserved individuals from various contagions, including the nuns of the Monastery of St. Clare in Coimbra (Portugal) in 1317 who reportedly received this prayer from the hand of St. Bartholomew himself.

O Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord and drove away the plague of death which our first parents brought into the world. May this bright Star now vouchsafe to extinguish that foul constellation whose battles have slain the people with the wound of death.

O most glorious Star of the Sea, preserve us from infection; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplcates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O God of mercy, God of pity, God of benign clemency, Thou Who hast had compassion on the affliction of Thy people, and hast said to the angel striking them, “Stop thy hand;” for the love of this glorious Star, whose breasts Thou didst sweetly drink as antidote for our crimes, grant the assistance of Thy grace, that we may be safely freed from all contagion, and from untimely death; and mercifully save us from the danger of eternal perdition: through Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, who livest and reignest, world without end.

Amen.