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angelus

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere  
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# angelus

(noun) AN-jel-us

Prayers in honour of the Incarnation; bell announcing the time for the angelus.

It must have been noon, the time for the **Angelus**, and the bells of the cathedral clanging fit to break when I first caught sight of the fellow.

Michael Clynnes, *The Poisoned Chalice*.

Do the same thing when you are in Roman Catholic countries; go to their churches, see all their ceremonies: ask the meaning of them, get the terms explained to you. As, for instance, Prime, Tierce, Sexte, Nones, Matins, **Angelus**, High Mass, Vespers, Complines, etc.

Philip Dormer Stanhope (Earl of Chesterfield), *Letters to His Son on the Art of Becoming a Man of the World and a Gentleman*, 1748.

Francis, in turn, was deeply impressed by the religious devotion of the Muslims, especially by their five daily calls to prayer; it is quite possible that the thrice-daily recitation of the **Angelus** that became current in Europe after this visit was precipitated by the impression made on Francis by the call of the muezzin (just as the quintessential Catholic devotion of the rosary derives from Muslim prayer beads).

Thomas Cahill, *The New York Times*, 25 December 2006. *New York Times*

Despite much commentary about materialistic Ireland having entered a post-Catholic era, it is still a country that twice a day marks the hour on the state broadcast channel RTE with the tolling of the **Angelus** bells calling the faithful to prayer and filmed scenes of citizens taking a break in their working day to gaze heavenward.

Warren Hoge, *The New York Times*, 21 May 2002. *New York Times*

Vilnius, the size of an English market town, is where nuns sing the **Angelus** against the descant of builders' drills, and outfitters that could have graced Arbroath High Street 50 years ago are being superseded by Emporio Armani.

Mary Riddell, *The Observer*, 26 March 2006. The Observer