

NOVENA TO
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

OPENING HYMN

IMMACULATE MOTHER

Immaculate Mother,
To you do we plead
To ask God, our Father
For help in our need.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
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We pray for our country,
The land of our birth;
We pray for all nations,
That peace be on earth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
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OPENING PRAYERS (Remain Standing)

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Brothers and sisters, as children of our
Blessed Mother, we are gathered before her
miraculous picture to honour her and to pray
for all our needs. Unworthy children that we
are, let us first of all ask God's mercy and
pardon.

All: Merciful Father * you sent your Divine Son * to redeem us by his death and resurrection * and to give us new life. By this you make us your children * to love one another in Christ. How many times in the past * we have forgotten this sublime dignity. We have sinned against our brothers and sisters; * we have offended you. Merciful Father, * forgive us. Repenting sincerely of our sins we ask you mercy; * may we always live as your truly devoted children.

READING OF PETITIONS AND THANKSGIVING
Sermonette: (In keeping with the liturgical season)

MARY IMMACULATE, STAR OF THE MORNING
(Stand)

1. Mary Immaculate, Star of the morning, Chosen before the creation began, Destined to bring, through the light of your dawning, Conquest of Satan and rescue to man.

Refrain: Bend from your throne at the voice of our crying, Look to this earth where your footsteps have trod. Stretch out your arms to us, living and dying. Mary Immaculate, Mother of God.

2. We sinners honour your sinless perfection: fallen and weak, for God's mercy we plead. Grant us the shield of your mighty protection. Measure your aid by the depth our need.

TANTUM ERGO

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O salutaris hostia,
Quae coeli pandis, ostium
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Un trinoque Domino,
Sit Sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termine,
Nobis donet in Patria.

(The Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle.)

O SACRAMENT, MOST HOLY

O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine.
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment Thine.

PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help and sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I hasten to you. O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you, I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise my petition, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

HAIL MARY (Stand)

All: Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed are you among women,
And Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners.
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER

Dear Mother of Perpetual Help * from the cross Jesus gave you to us for our Mother. You are the kindest the most loving * of all mothers. Look tenderly on us children * as we now ask you to help us in all our needs * especially this one... (Pause to recall your petition). While you were on earth; dear Mother * you willingly shared in the sufferings of your Son. Strengthened by your faith and confidence * in the fatherly love of God * you accepted the mysterious designs of His Will.

We too, have our crosses and trials. Sometimes they almost crush us to the ground. Dearest Mother * share with us your abundant faith and confidence in God. Make us aware that God never ceases to love us; * that He answers all our prayers * in the way that is best for us. Strengthen our hearts to carry the cross * in the footsteps of your Divine Son. Help us to realize * that he who shares the cross of Christ * will certainly share His resurrection.

Dearest Mother, as we worry about our own problems * let us not forget the needs of others. You always loved others so much; * help us to do the same. While praying for our own intentions * and for the intentions of all here present at this Novena * we earnestly ask you, our Mother * to help us comfort the sick and the dying * give hope to the poor and the unemployed * heal the broken-hearted * lighten the burden of the oppressed * teach justice to their oppressors and bring back to God all those who have offended Him.

Dearest Mother, help us to avoid sin which separates us from our heavenly Father * and from one another. Full of trust in you * we place ourselves under the mantle of your maternal protection * and confidently hope for your powerful help. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOME

Mother of Perpetual Help * we choose you as Queen of our homes. We ask you to bless all our families * with your tender motherly love. May the Sacrament of Marriage * bind husbands and wives so closely together * that they will always be faithful to each other * and love one another as Christ loves his Church.

We ask you to bless our parents. May they love and cherish the children * whom God has entrusted to them. May they always give them the Example * of a truly christian life. Help them to bring up their children * in the love and fear of God. Bless all children * that they may love honor and obey * their fathers and mothers. To your loving care * we especially entrust the youth of today.

Give us all the sense of responsibility * that we may do our part * in making our home a haven of peace * like your own home at Nazareth. We take you as our model. Help us to grow daily in genuine love of God and neighbor * so that justice and peace may happily reign * in the entire family of mankind. Amen.

Priest: You have given them bread from heaven.
(Alleluia)

All: The source of all happiness. (Alleluia)

Priest: Let us pray

Lord God, be the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of your only son, you accomplished the work of man's redemption. Full of trust, we proclaim the paschal mystery in the sacramental signs of the Eucharist. Help us to see ever growing in us the fruits of Your saving work through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

All: Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and his saints.

B. BENEDICTION OR HOLY MASS (The Priest exposes the Blessed Sacrament from tabernacle)

O SAVING VICTIM

O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of heav'n to man below!
Our foes press on from ev'ry side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

To your great name the endless praise,
Immortal God-head, One in Three;
Grand us, endless length of days,
In our true native land to be. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER (Pause)

LET US RAISE OUR VOICE

Let us raise our voice
To proclaim our faith
Christ the Lord for us has died.
Dying, He destroyed our death,
Rising, He restored our life.
O Lord Jesus, we await
Your last return in glory,

When we eat the bread
And we drink the cup
In the Blessed Eucharist,
We meet You, our Risen Saviour,
Giving life to us anew.
Through life's journey, be with us
To strengthen us forever. Amen.

PETITIONS TO
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Priest: Holy Mary
All: Pray for us
Priest: Holy Virgin, conceived without sin
All: Pray for us
Priest: Our Mother of Perpetual Help
All: Pray for us
Priest: We sinners call to you
All: LOVING MOTHER HELP US

(Continue to answer "LOVING MOTHER HELP US"
to the subsequent Petitions.)

SEASONAL

ADVENT

That we may prepare like you for the coming of
Christ...

CHRISTMAS

That we may give our hearts completely to
Christ, this Christmas...

LENT

That we may be faithful to the promises we made
at Baptism...

EASTER

That we may rejoice with you at Christ's victory
over sin and death...

Other weeks:

That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and be-
come courageous witnesses of Christ's love for
men...

That we may be more and more like our Divine
Lord, as you were...

That we may be meek and humble of heart like
your son, Jesus...

That we may fear losing God's friendship forever
by unrepented sin...

That we may seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness
constantly in the sacrament of Penance...

That we may be aware of God's speaking to us in
the events of daily life...

That we may pray daily with love and trust, espe-
cially in moments of temptation...

That we may realize the value of worshipping
God together in the Eucharist...

That we may grow in the love of Christ and
neighbour by frequent Communion...

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of
the Holy Spirit...

That we may strive to be true Christians by our
loving concern for others...

That we may proclaim that dignity of work by do-
ing our own work conscientiously...

That we may forgive from our heart those who
have wronged us...

That we may see the evil of seeking our own in-
terest at the expense of others...

That we may work for the just distribution of this
world's goods...

That we may share our talents with others for the
good of the community...

That we may accept our responsibility in the
community in a spirit of genuine service...

To pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and
strengthen Pope (Paul VI), the Bishops and the
clergy...

That we may be blessed with an increase of
priestly and religious vocations...

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd, * turn your
motherly care to this nation. * Intercede for us to
the Lord of the harvest * to send more laborers to
the harvest * in this land dedicated to your honor.

Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice, Health of the
Sick, * inspire vocations in our time. * Let the word
of your Son be made flesh anew * in the lives of per-
sons anxious to proclaim * the good news of ever-
lasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, we pray for your faithful and fervent
priests, * for your unfaithful and tepid priests, * for
your priests laboring at home * or abroad in distant
mission fields, * for your tempted priests, * for your
lonely and desolate priests, * for your young priests,
* for your dying priests, * for the souls of your
priests in purgatory.

But above all, we recommend to you the priests
dearest to us; * the priest who baptized us, * the
priest who absolved us from our sins; * the priests
at whose masses we assisted * and who gave us
your body and blood in Holy Communion; * the
priest who taught and instructed us, * all the priests
to whom we are indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart * and
bless them abundantly * in time and eternity.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYER (Pause)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Lord Jesus Christ * you bore our sufferings and carried our sorrows * in order to show us clearly * the value of human weakness and patience; * graciously hear our prayers for the sick. Grant that those who are weighed down * with pain and other afflictions of illness * may realize that they are among the chosen ones * whom you call blessed. Help them to understand * that they are united with you in your sufferings * for the salvation of the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Hail Mary, full of grace; * all generations call you blessed. * Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel * to bear the Son of the Most High, * filled with faith, you responded: "Let it be done unto me." * Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana, you prompted your Son to perform his first sign. * Be with us as we discern our life's work * and guide us in the way we are called to follow * in the footsteps of your Sons.

Holy Mother of the Saviour, at the foot of the cross * you mourned the death of your only Son. * Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests, * deacons, brothers and sisters.

That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know him...
That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements...
That we may be ready at death to enter the home of our heavenly Father...
That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellowmen...
That we may be comforted at the death of our dear ones by our hope in the risen Lord...
To pray that our departed brothers and sisters quickly share in your Son's resurrection...

LET US PRAY IN SILENCE FOR OUR OWN INTENTIONS (Pause)

All: Holy Mary * help us in our needs * pray for all the people of God; * may all experience your perpetual help.

Priest: Lord, you gave us Mary to be our Mother ever ready to help us; grant us the grace to have recourse to her in all our needs.

All: AMEN.

CONSECRATION (1ST Wednesday of the Month)

Immaculate Virgin Mary * Mother of God and Mother of the Church * you are also our Mother of Perpetual Help. With hearts full of love for you * we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart * so that we may be your devoted children. Obtain for us true sorrow for our sins * and fidelity to the promises of our Baptism.

We consecrate our minds and hearts to you * that we may always do the Will of our heavenly Father. We consecrate our lives to you * that we may love God better * and live not for ourselves but for Christ your Son * and that we may see him and serve him in others.

By this humble act of consecration * dear Mother of Perpetual Help * we pledge to model our lives on you * the perfect christian * so that consecrated to you in life and in death * we may belong to your Divine Son for all eternity. Amen.

MOTHER OF CHRIST (Stand)

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
What shall I ask of thee?
I do not sigh for the wealth of earth
For the joys that fade and flee.
But, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
This do I long to see
The bliss unfold which your arms enfold
The treasure upon thy knee.

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
I toss on a stormy sea,
Oh, lift your child as a beacon light
To the port where I fain would be
And, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
This do I ask of thee.
When the voyage is o'er, O stand on the shore,
And show Him at last to me.

BENEDICTION OR HOLY MASS

A. MASS

Prayers after communion:

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ * truly present in the Most Blessed Eucharist * we adore you. It has pleased the Father * that in you all his fullness should dwell * and that through you * should reconcile all things to himself. Grant us the grace to be truly grateful * for all that our Father has done for us. Grant that we may be truly sorry for our sins * and do penance for them.

Through you, we thank the Eternal Father for the gift of life. He has created all the wonderful things of this world for us. * May we learn to use them well * so that through them * we may grow in love for him. Above all, we thank our Father * for sending you to us * as the greatest expression of his love * to save us and all creation * by your death and resurrection.

We thank you Lord * for giving us your own Mother to be our Mother of Perpetual Help. May the countless favours we have received through her intercession, * and especially through the Novena * inspire us to greater confidence in God's living mercy * and her perpetual help. * Grant that we may always do the holy Will of God * and persevere in His love. To the Most Holy Trinity * Father, Son and Holy Spirit be honour, glory and thanksgiving forever and ever. Amen.