

## ***Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Saint John Paul II***

*Mexico, January 1979*

**Perfect, ever holy Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the True God for whom we live,  
You, who are truly our compassionate Mother,  
we seek you, we beseech you.  
Mercifully heed our cries and our sufferings.  
Heal our sorrows, our afflictions, and our pain.**

**Gentle and loving Mother,  
shelter us in the hollow of your mantle,  
in the fold of your arms.  
Let nothing distress nor disturb our hearts.**

**Reveal to us your beloved Son,  
so that with Him and in Him,  
we may find our salvation  
and the salvation of the world.**

**Most holy Virgin Mary of Guadalupe,  
make us your messengers,  
messengers of the Word  
and of the will of God.  
Amen.**

*Prayer as found in front of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York*



## ***Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe***

*Recite the prayer for nine days  
from December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>*

O Immaculate Virgin,  
Mother of the true God and Mother of the Church!  
You, who ... reveal your clemency and your pity  
to all those who ask for your protection,  
hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust,  
and present it to your Son Jesus, our sole Redeemer.

Mother of Mercy, teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice,  
to you, who come to meet us sinners,  
we dedicate on this day all our being and all our love.  
We also dedicate to you our life, our work, our joys,  
our infirmities and our sorrows.

Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples;  
for we entrust to your care  
all that we have and all that we are,  
our Lady and Mother.  
We wish to be entirely yours  
and to walk with you  
along the way of complete faithfulness  
to Jesus Christ in His Church;  
hold us always with your loving hand.

Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas,  
we pray to you for all the Bishops,  
that they may lead the faithful  
along paths of intense Christian life,  
of love and humble service of God and souls.  
Contemplate this immense harvest,  
and intercede with the Lord  
that He may instill a hunger for holiness  
in the whole people of God,

and grant abundant vocations of priests and religious,  
strong in the faith  
and zealous dispensers of God's mysteries.

Grant to our homes  
the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings,  
with the same love with which  
you conceived in your womb  
the life of the Son of God.  
Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families,  
so that they may always be united,  
and bless the upbringing of our children.

Our hope, look upon us with compassion,  
teach us to go continually to Jesus  
and, if we fall, help us to rise again,  
to return to Him, by means of the confession  
of our faults and sins in the Sacrament of Penance,  
which gives peace to the soul.  
We beg you to grant us  
a great love for all the holy Sacraments,  
which are, as it were,  
the signs that your Son left us on earth.

Thus, Most Holy Mother,  
with the peace of God in our conscience,  
with our hearts free from evil and hatred,  
we will be able to bring to all true joy and true peace,  
which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.