

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

OPENING HYMN

(Stand)

OPENING PRAYER

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 honor her * and to pray for all our needs.

CONSECRATION (1st Day of Novena)

ALL: 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.

Novena Prayers

(Sit)

ALL: 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 your children * as we now ask you to help us in all our needs * especially this one (*pause as you 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 husband and wife 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 all parents. May they love and cherish their 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 a 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.

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 called blessed. Help them understand * that they are united with you in sufferings * for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Mother of Christ

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

*Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
He was all in all to thee
In Bethlehem's cave, in Nazareth's home
In the hamlets of Galilee
And, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
He will not say nay to thee
When He lifts His face, to thy sweet embrace
Speak to Him, mother of me.*

*Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
I toss on a stormy sea,
Oh, lift thy 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.*

Petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Priest:

Holy Mary, (R.)

Response (R.): Pray for us.

Holy Virgin, conceived without sin, (R.)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, (R.)

We sinners call to you, (R.)

Response (R.): Loving mother help us.

Seasonal:

Advent

That we may prepare like you, for the coming of Christ,
(R.)

Christmas

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

Lent

That we may be faithful to the promises we made at
Baptism, (R.)

Easter

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

Ordinary Time

That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become
courageous witnesses of Christ's love for men, (R.)

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

That we may be meek and humble of heart like your Son,
Jesus, (R.)

That we may fear losing God's friendship forever by
unrepented sin, (R.)

That we may seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness
constantly in the Sacrament of Penance, (R.)

That we may be aware of God speaking to us in the events of daily life, (R.)

That we may pray daily with love and trust, especially in moments of temptation, (R.)

That we may realize the value of worshipping God together in the Eucharist, (R.)

That we may grow in the love of Christ and neighbor by frequent communion, (R.)

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, (R.)

That we may strive to be true Christians by our loving concern for others, (R.)

That we may proclaim the dignity of work by doing our own work conscientiously, (R.)

That we may forgive from our heart those who have wronged us, (R.)

That we may see the evil of seeking our own interest at the expense of others, (R.)

That we may work for the just distribution of this world's goods, (R.)

That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community, (R.)

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

That we may be blessed with an increase of priestly and religious vocations, (R.)

That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know Him, (R.)

That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements, (R.)

That we may be ready at death to enter the home of our heavenly Father, (R.)

That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellowmen, (R.)

That we may be comforted at the death of our dear ones by our hope in the risen Lord, (R.)

To pray that our departed brothers and sisters quickly share
in your Son's resurrection, (R.)

Let us pause in silence to pray for our personal intentions

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 need.

ALL: Amen.

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Luke 1:46-55)

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior,
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

(Kneel)

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 * He 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 favors we have received through her
intercession, * and especially through the Novena * inspire
us to greater confidence in God's loving 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 honor, glory and thanksgiving forever and ever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

(Stand)