

SAINT MONICA PRAYER SERVICE

LEADER: Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son Saint Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

Pause to mention your intention(s) here

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy. Above all dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God.

Litany of Saint Monica

Lord, have mercy on us. **ALL RESPOND:** *~Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *~Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *~have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *~have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, *~have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *~have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, conceived without stain of original sin, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Holy Mary, glorious Mother of Jesus Christ, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Saint Monica, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Model of wives, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who converted your unbelieving husband, Mother of Saint Augustine,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

Strict and prudent teacher, guardian of your son in all his ways,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

You who carefully watched over his conduct,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

You who were sorely distressed at his erring from the right path,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

You who were untiring in your petitions for his soul's safety,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

You who still hoped amid the sadness of your heart and your floods of tears,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

You who were filled with consolation upon his return to God,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

You who died calmly after faithfully fulfilling your duties, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who are the prayerful intercessor of all mothers who pray and weep as you did,

~pray for us and for our loved ones.

Preserve the innocence of our children, *~we beseech you, Saint Monica.*

Protect them against the deceits of evil men and women, *~we beseech you, Saint Monica.*

Protect them from the dangers of bad example, **~we beseech you, Saint Monica.**
Watch over the movements of grace in their hearts. **~we beseech you, Saint Monica.**
Let the Christian virtues strike deep root in their hearts and bear much fruit.

~we beseech you, Saint Monica.

Redouble your intercession for youth as they become young adults.

~we beseech you, Saint Monica.

Obtain for all in mortal sin true contrition and perfect conversion.

~we beseech you, Saint Monica.

Pray that all mothers will fulfill their duties steadily and perseveringly.

~we beseech you, Saint Monica.

Commend all mothers to the protection of the ever-blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord.

~we beseech you, Saint Monica.

Favorably incline the heart of your beloved son Augustine to the salvation of our children.

~we beseech you, Saint Monica.

Saint Augustine, holy son of a saintly mother, **~pray for us and for our loved ones.**

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, **~spare us, O Lord!**

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, **~graciously hear us, O Lord!**

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, **~have mercy on us, O Lord!**

Pray for us, O holy Saint Monica, **~that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.**

ALL PRAY TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS:

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our mother; to you do we come, before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Prayer for Loved One's Return to the Faith Taken from the Redemptorist Mission Booklet – Page 58; revised

DEAR LORD, YOU BECAME HUMAN, SUFFERED, AND DIED TO BRING SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE. LOOK COMPASSIONATELY ON THOSE WHO HAVE DRIFTED AWAY FROM YOU, YOUR CHURCH, AND THE FAITH. MAY THEY RESPOND TO YOUR GRACE AND RETURN TO THE FOLD IN YOUR CARE. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WE BRING BEFORE YOU TODAY. LET ME BE A HELP DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME BY ENCOURAGING MORE THROUGH LOVE AND PRAYER THAN WORDS THAT MAY ANNOY. SACRED HEART OF JESUS, I TRUST YOU TO DO EVERYTHING TO BRING MY BELOVED ONE BACK TO YOU. AMEN.

If you would like to continue this type of prayer, you are welcome to join our CatholicParentBlessed email prayer group. Members receive daily email reminders to pray a decade of the rosary to increase the Catholic faith of our children and all Catholic children around the world. Contact Paul Zabroske at dadblessed1@gmail.com to join.