



## Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Novena of Preparation (from Dec. 3rd - Dec. 11th)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, obtain for us the grace that we may truly consecrate ourselves to you and surrender our lives fully into your maternal hands, so that you may form us into saints. We love you, Mary, and we thank God for giving us you as our Mother. May we love you more and more each day and imitate you in all of your virtues! Prepare us yourself, that we may totally consecrate our lives to you.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions. You promised to hear our supplications, to dry our tears, and to give us consolation and relief. Never has it been known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Mary, ever-Virgin Mother of the true God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins, we come to prostrate ourselves before you. We fully trust that, standing beneath your shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor do we need to fear illness or misfortune, or any other sorrow. O Virgin of Guadalupe, you want to remain with us through your admirable Image, you who are our Mother, our health, and our life. Placing ourselves beneath your maternal gaze, and having recourse to you in all our necessities, we need do nothing more. O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

### Consecration Prayer (Dec. 12th)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, ever perfect Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the one true God and my Mother, I consecrate myself and everything I have to you this day and forever. I offer you my soul, my body, my life, my death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in your hands.

O my Mother, cover my soul with your virginal and maternal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul, and body, so that I may love your Son perfectly, as His Sacred Heart desires that I love Him.

Always keep me in the shadow of your protection, keep me in the hollow of your mantle, and keep me in the crossing of your arms, that I may remain near your Immaculate Heart forever. As you are my true Mother, let me be a true child to you...I surrender myself entirely into your maternal arms so that you may lead me, guide me, and form me, as you did your Beloved Son.

Grant that, as your little child, I may always remain close to you, that I always keep my eyes turned towards you, and that I may imitate you in all of your virtues, but especially your trust, your humility, and your love. Since I give myself to you this day and entrust myself entirely to you, I ask that, by the Holy Spirit, you help form your Son's Blessed Image in my soul. Our Lady of Guadalupe, who conceived without original sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What is Marian consecration?

Marian consecration is giving ourselves entirely to Mary, so that she, by the Holy Spirit, can make us great saints and lead us to Christ. In his book *33 Days to Morning Glory*, Fr. Michael Gaitley writes, "She's our spiritual mother. In other words, just as it was once her task some 2,000 years ago to give birth to Christ, to feed and nurture him, and to help him grow and develop into a man, so also, from the time she first said yes to being the mother of Jesus until the end of time, Mary's task is to give spiritual birth to Christians, to feed and nurture them with grace, and to help them grow to full stature in Christ. In short, Mary's job is to help us grow in holiness. It's her mission to form us into saints."

#### Why is Marian consecration important?

In short, Marian consecration is a shortcut to sanctity. As St. Louis de Montfort said, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus."

#### What is the most important part of Marian consecration?

The most important part is giving ourselves entirely to Mary, totally entrusting ourselves to her every day, more and more, and saying with her, "Fiat mihi...be it done unto me..." so that she can complete her task of guiding our souls and forming them as she formed Christ.

