

VARIOUS PRAYERS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary)

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word. (Hail Mary)

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary)

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Queen of Heaven

(said during the Easter season)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. The Son whom You were privileged to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, it was by the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that You brought joy to the world. Grant that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joy of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Memorare

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

Sub Tuum Praesidium

We turn to you for protection, Holy Mother of God.

Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs.

Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

God of power and mercy, you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. May her prayers help all men and women to accept each other as brothers and sisters. Through your justice present in our hearts, may your peace reign in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He has remembered His promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and His children for ever.

(Luke 1:46-55)

Mother of Mercy

O Mary, Mother of Mercy,
watch over all people,
that the Cross of Christ may not be emptied of its power,
that man may not stray from the path of the good or become blind to sin,
but may put his hope ever more fully in God who is “rich in mercy.”
May he carry out the good works prepared
By God beforehand and so live completely “for the praise of his glory.”

Pope John Paul II

Prayer to Mary Help of Christians

Most holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church’s history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying. We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim His Good News of God’s love for all people, and to work for peace and justice in our world. With faith in your intercession, we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying. Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians, the graces of which we stand in need. (*Mention your intentions.*) May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death. Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!