

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Opening Song:

Immaculate Mother

Immaculate Mother to you do we plead to ask God, our Father for help in our need. Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria. We pray for our country, the land of our birth. We pray for all nations, that peace be on earth. Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.



Novena Prayer

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)* 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.

Mass begins: Liturgy of the Word: first reading, responsorial psalm, gospel, homily ...

Petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Prayers of the Faithful **Response: Loving Mother, help us!**

Consecration

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.

Offertory Song:

Mother of Christ

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ; what shall I ask of thee? I do not sigh for the wealth of 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, I toss on a stormy sea, oh, lift your 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.

After Communion:

Thanksgiving Prayer

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.

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 call blessed. Help them to understand * that they are united with You in your sufferings * for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Closing Song:

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.