

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA



HYMN

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee
Remind thy Son, that he has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea
Pray for the sinner, pray for me

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
Blest advocate, we cry to thee,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him, who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee.
Do, thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

○ LORD JESUS CHRIST, you have given us your mother Mary, whose wondrous image we venerate,

to be our mother, ever ready to help us. Grant, we beseech you, that we who earnestly implore her maternal aid may deserve to enjoy perpetually the fruit of your redemption. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

MEMORARE & INTERCESSIONS

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 with this confidence, I fly to you O Virgin of Virgins, my mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Let us pray to Christ our Lord in union with Mary our mother, who stood by his Cross with trust and love.

R. Hear us Lord, through Mary your Mother.

Relieve all those affected, whether by illness, isolation or anxiety. **R.**

Guard and protect this country, and all people, from further illness. **R.**

Bestow wisdom on those guiding nations and policies. **R.**

Grant recovery and healing to the sick. **R.**

Strengthen medical staff and all who care for the sick. **R.**

Assist scientists and researchers looking for a cure. **R.**

Aid those worried by loss of income or employment. **R.**

Watch over those who continue to travel or work. **R.**

Increase generosity, care and compassion among neighbours, especially to the elderly and vulnerable. **R.**

Fill families with patience, understanding and love. **R.**

Deliver us from dishonesty, indifference, self-indulgence and every temptation. **R.**

Lead us to true repentance and conversion of heart. **R.**

Deepen our prayer, worship and love of you. **R.**

Console with your peace the gravely ill and dying. **R.**

Bring the departed into the light of your presence. **R.**

PRAYER OF THE HOLY FATHER

○ MARY, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you,

Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, the perpetual help of your people, know what we need. We are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, O Mother of Perpetual Help, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

NOVENA PRAYER

O MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP, ♦ with the greatest confidence we come before you. ♦ you have been blessed and favored by God. ♦ You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer ♦ but the Mother of the redeemed as well. ♦ Hear your loving children. ♦ Teach us to lead lives of praise and thanksgiving to God ♦ and to humbly follow your Son* Watch over us and take care of us. ♦ As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, ♦ so take us in your arms. ♦ Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. ♦ For God who is mighty ♦ has done great things for you, ♦ and his mercy is from age to age ♦ on those who love him. ♦ O Loving Mother, ♦ we implore your help in the problems of our daily lives. Trials and sorrows often depress us; ♦ misfortunes and privations bring misery into our lives; ♦ everywhere we meet the cross. ♦ O Comforter of the Afflicted, ♦ beg your Son Jesus ♦ to strengthen us as we bear our burdens ♦ and to free us from our sufferings ♦ or if it be the will of God ♦ that we should bear these trials still longer, ♦ help us endure all with love and patience. ♦ May we follow the example of your Son, ♦ and through him, ♦ with him, ♦ and in him ♦ commend ourselves to the care of our heavenly Father. May he strengthen us ♦ who call upon your most powerful name ♦ which inspires confidence and hope. ♦ May it always be on our lips, ♦ especially in time of temptation and distress ♦ and at the hour of our death. ♦ Blessed Lady, help us whenever we call on you ♦ lest we become lost children. ♦ Intercede for us, dear Mother, ♦ in obtaining pardon for our sins, ♦ love for Jesus, ♦ final perseverance, ♦ and the grace always to proclaim in our daily lives ♦ our faith, hope and love for God ♦ and our trust ♦ that you are our Mother and our Perpetual Help. ♦ Amen.

INVOCATION OF OUR LADY

Mother of Perpetual Help. Pray for your children
Hail Mary.... Holy Mary, Mother of God.... (*thrice*)

HOLY MARY, help the miserable, assist the faint hearted, cheer those that weep: pray for the people, be the advocate of the clergy, intercede for all devout women, let all feel your aid, who implore your Perpetual Help.

You have been made for us O Lady, a refuge.
A helper in need and tribulation.

Let us pray.

GRANT, LORD GOD that we your servants may rejoice in un failing health of mind and body; and through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, may we be delivered from present sorrow and come to enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

MAY the Father of mercies bless us, through the intercession of blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, through whom he chose to drive away sin and death, which our first parents brought into the world. May Jesus Christ, the author of eternal Life and blessed fruit of Mary's womb, grant us health and salvation through her prayers. May the Holy Spirit, whose power overshadowed the Blessed Virgin, fill our minds with serenity and guide our footsteps in the way of peace, both now and forever. Amen.

AND through the intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help, may the almighty and merciful God bless us and protect us: the Father, and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

Mother dearest, Mother fairest,
Help of all, who call on thee.
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,
Help us, help, we cry to thee.

Mary, help us, help we pray.

Mary, help us, help we pray.

Help us in all care and sorrow.

Mary, help us, help we pray.

Mary, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those rack'd on beds of pain,
May the golden light of morrow,
Bring them health and joy again.

Mary, help the absent loved ones.
How we miss their presence here.
May the hand of thy protection
Guide and guard them far and near.