

May 2023

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have also in me. I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one come to te Father except through me. (John 14: 1-12)

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him. (John 14: 15-21)

All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I am with you always. (Matthew 28: 16-20)

Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you.

I revealed your name to those whom you gave me. I pray for them. (John 17: 1-11)

Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

Living waters will flow from within him who believes in me. (John 7: 37-39)

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Be breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 26: 19-23)

O virgin mother, daughter of your Son, humble beyond all creatures and more exalted; predestined turning point of God's intention;

Your merit so ennobled human nature

that its divine Creator did not scorn to make Himself the creature of His creature.

The Love that was rekindled in Your womb sends for the warmth of the eternal peace

Within whose ray this flower has come to bloom.

Here to us, you are the noon and scope of Love revealed;

and among mortal men, the living fountain of eternal hope.

Lady, you are so near God's reckonings

that who seeks grace and does not first seek you would have his wish fly upward without wings.

Not only does your sweet benignity flow out to all who beg,

but oftentimes your charity arrives before the plea.

In you is pity, in you munificence, in you the tenderest heart,

in you unites all that creation knows of excellence!

(Divine Comedy, Dante Alighieri)

1

May the heavenly Father not lead you into temptation but always deliver you from evil.

2

May the Holy Spirit fill your soul with heavenly charisms.

3

May Jesus, most pure spouse of souls, always console you in your afflictions.

4

Treat with contempt (satan's) wiles and all the disturbing things he suggests to you.

5

Blessed be forever the Lord who has been pleased to humble me and open the eyes of my soul to the truth.

6

May the good Father always keep his hand on me that I may not fall short of what I have promised.

7

Appeal to the charity which unites us all with Jesus.

8

Jesus loves you and wants to make you more and more holy.

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Rest assured, Jesus does not easily withdraw what he has given out of sheer goodness.

10

This tender Master is always more inclined to enrich you with his favors and never intends to take back what he has once given.

11

He only takes back what he has bestowed when the person is unfaithful and closes the doors of his heart to him.

12

Only when we arrive up above will we fully understand this mystery of love.

13

Trust that Jesus will never allow you to become unfaithful to him.

14

Open your heart more and more to hope.

15

Endeavor to grow in charity all the time.

16

May the Holy Spirit make you more and more worthy of the kingdom of heaven.

17

From you, therefore, humility, resignation, prayer and thanksgiving to the good God!

18

Let divine grace act freely in you and make use of it invariably for his glory for the salvation of your own soul and of all souls.

19

I live for Jesus Christ, I live for his glory, I live to serve him, I live to love him.

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All those who love God are ready for anything for love of that same God.

21

Let us always be prepared to recognize in every event of life the most wise order of divine Providence.

22

Let us be ready to conform our will in all things and at all times to the will of God.

23

Give glory to the heavenly Father and everything will be to our advantage for eternal life.

24

God is satisfied with such a very insignificant gift as that of our will.

25

Let us offer this will of ours with the same sentiment with which our divine Master offered it for us to His Father.

26

How exceedingly the Son loves us!

27

Remain calm and don't worry. All will work out for God's glory and the sanctification of your soul.

28

Remain in an attitude of humility before the infinite goodness of the Lord.

29

Open your heart at all times and give thanks uninterruptedly to the good God.

30

Let the divine grace act quite freely within you and make use of it always for his glory.

31

Never forget that heavenly favors are granted not merely for our own sanctification but for the greater holiness of others also.

Prayers for the Month of Mary

Memorare (adapted) - Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, 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 kneel, sinful and sorrowful. Mother of the Word Incarnate (Assist me, that I may open my heart to God's Word, and, like you, open my life to Christ, that I may live with, in and for Jesus, as you did.) Despise not my request, but in your clemency, hear and answer me. Amen.

Gospel selections referring to Mary (Select a passage each day and read it all or part of it, reflect on how it refers to Mary and to you. Then pray a decade of the rosary or pray from your heart to live the message that Mary's example offers in that Scripture passage.)

Matthew 1: 1-17 (Genealogy of Jesus)

Matthew 1: 18-23 (Birth of Jesus the Messiah)

Matthew 2: 1-12 (Visit of the Wise Men)

Matthew 2: 13-23 (Flight into Egypt / Innocents)

Matthew 12: 46-50 (Family of Jesus Father's Will)

Matthew 13: 54-58 (Mary known at Nazareth)

Mark 3: 31-35 (Who does Father's Will is family)

Mark 6: 1-6 (Jesus known as Mary's Son)
Luke 1: 26-38 (Annunciation of Angel to Mary)
Luke 1: 39-56 (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth)
Luke 2: 1-14 (Mary gives birth to Jesus)
Luke 2: 15-19 (Shepherds visit / Mary ponders)
Luke 2: 27-35 (Simeon + Anna praise Infant Jesus)
Luke 2: 41-52 (Jesus lost and found in Temple)
Luke 8: 19-21 (Brethren of Jesus do Father's Will)
John 2: 1-11 (Wedding at Cana in Galilee)
John 19: 25-27 (Mary at the Cross)
Acts 1: 12-14 (Mary and the Church at Prayer)
Revelation 12: 1-6 (Great Sign in the Heavens)

Litany of Our Lady *(adapted)*

At the sign (*) the response will be: *pray for us* (*)

Holy Mary, *
Mother of God, Virgin of virgins, Mother of Christ, Mother of divine grace, *
Mother most pure, chaste, undefiled, amiable, admirable, *
Mother of good counsel, of our Creator, of our Savior, *
Mother of the Church, *
Virgin most prudent, venerable, renowned, powerful, merciful, faithful, *
Mirror of justice, Seat of wisdom, Cause of our joy, *
Spiritual vessel, Vessel of honor, Singular vessel of devotion, *
Mystical rose, Tower of David, Tower of ivory, House of gold, Ark of the Covenant, Gate of Heaven, *
Morning Star, Health of the Sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, Help of Christians, *
Queen of Angels, Patriarchs, Prophets, *
Queen of Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, *
Queen of all Saints, conceived without original sin, of the most holy Rosary, *
Queen of the family, (Queen and Mother of the Holy Souls), *
Queen of peace, *

Thanksgiving to God for the gift of Mary

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks; we especially praise you and proclaim your glory for the gift you gave us in the Blessed Virgin Mary. She received your Word in the purity of her heart, and, conceiving in her virgin womb, gave birth to our Savior and so nurtured the Church at its beginning. She accepted God's parting gift of love as she stood at the foot of the cross and so became the mother of all those who were brought to life through the death of her only Son. She joined her prayers with those of the apostles, as together they awaited the coming of your Spirit, and so became the perfect pattern of the church at prayer. Raised to the glory of heaven, she cares for the pilgrim Church with a mother's love, following its progress homeward until the day of the Lord dawns in

splendor. And so we thank you eternal and ever-living Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for Mary our Mother, through whose almighty intercession we find our way more easily to you, who live forever. Amen.

To Padre Pio for Childlike Trust in Mary's Intercession

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me, that with your childlike confidence in Our Lady, I can say with you: thank you, Mary, my Mother, for the many graces I obtain through your almighty intercession. Pray for me, o Holy Mother, that I may always have strength sufficient to accept whatever burdens I am asked to bear each day. May I bear them hopefully with a joyful heart, knowing that you, Mother, are with me, encouraging and leading me ever closer to Jesus Your Son, in Whose Name I pray, and Who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.