

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

IMMACULATE MARY

Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing,
Who reignest in splendor with Jesus, our King.
Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave, Marial Ave, Ave, Maria.

Thy name is our power, thy virtues our light,
Thy love is our comfort, thy pleading our might.
Refrain

In heaven, the blessed thy glory proclaim;
On earth, we thy children invoke thy fair name.
Refrain

We pray for our mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth.
Refrain

*(all kneel to recite the prayers together, pausing at the asterisk *)*

Behold at thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help, * a wretched sinner who has recourse to thee and confides in thee.* O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me. * I hear thee called by all* the refuge and the hope of sinners; * be then, my refuge and my hope. * Assist me for the love of Jesus Christ; * stretch forth thy hand to a miserable, fallen creature* who recommends himself to thee, * and who devotes himself to thy service forever.* I bless and thank Almighty God, * Who in His mercy has given me this confidence in thee, * which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation.* It is true, dearest Mother,* that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin* because I had not recourse to thee.* I know, however, that with thy help I shall conquer; * I know, too, that thou wilt assist me* if only I recommend myself to thee.* But I fear, dear Mother,* that in time of danger* I may neglect to call on thee and thus lose my soul.* This grace, then, I ask of thee, * and this I beg with all the fervor of my soul, * that in all the attacks of hell* I may ever have recourse to thee.* O Mary, help me! * O Mother of Perpetual Help, never suffer me to lose my God. (Three Hail Marys)

O Mother of Perpetual Help,* grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, * which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying.* O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, * let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips.* Delay not, O Blessed Lady,* to help me whenever I call on thee, * for, in all my needs, in all my temptations* I shall never cease to call on thee,* ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.* Oh, what consolation,* what sweetness,* what confidence fill my soul, * when I pronounce thy sacred name, * or even only think of thee.* I thank God for having given thee, for my good,* so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. * But I will not be content with merely pronouncing thy name; * let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, * Mother of Perpetual Help. (Three Hail Marys).

O Mother of Perpetual Help,* thou art the dispenser of all the goods * which God grants to us miserable sinners, * and for this reason, He has made thee so powerful, so rich and so bountiful,* that thou mayest help us in our misery.* Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners * who have recourse to thee. * Come, then, to my help, dearest Mother, * for I recommend myself to thee.* In thy hands I place my eternal salvation * and to thee do I entrust my soul. * Count me among thy most devoted servants; * take me under thy protection, and it is enough for me. * For, if thou protect me, dear Mother, * I fear nothing; * not from my sins, * because thou wilt obtain for me the pardon of them;* nor from the devils, * because thou art more powerful than all hell together; * nor even from Jesus, my Judge Himself, * because, by one prayer from thee, * He will be appeased. * But one thing I fear, * that, in the hour of temptation, * I may neglect to call on thee,* and thus perish miserably. * Obtain for me, then, the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance, * and the grace always to have recourse to thee, * O Mother of Perpetual Help. (Three Hail Marys).

(Leader) Thou hast been made for us, O Lady, a refuge.

(People) A helper in need and tribulation.

(Leader) Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast given us Thy Mother Mary, whose renowned image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who constantly implore her aid may merit to enjoy perpetually the fruits of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest world without end. (People) Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin and my Mother, Mary, * to thee, Who art the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, * the Advocate, the Hope, and the Refuge of sinners, * I have recourse today, * I who am the most miserable of all.* I render thee my most humble homage, O Great Queen, * and I thank thee for all the graces* thou hast obtained for me until now, * and in particular for having saved me from hell which I have so often deserved.* I love thee, O most Amiable Lady; * and, for the love which I bear thee, * I promise to serve thee always * and to do all in my power to make others also love thee.* I place in thee all my hopes * and I confide my salvation to thy care. * Accept me for thy servant* and receive me under thy mantle, * O Mother of Mercy.* And since thou art so powerful with God, * deliver me from all temptations, * or rather, obtain for me the strength to triumph over them until death.* Of thee I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ;* through thee I hope to die a good death.* O my Mother,* by the love which thou bearest to God,* I beseech thee to help me at all times* but especially at the last moment of my life. * Leave me not, I beseech thee, * until thou seest me safe in heaven, * blessing thee and singing thy mercies for all eternity.* Amen, so I hope; so may it be.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

(to be said once each month)

Desiring to consecrate myself entirely* to the service of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary,* from whom, after God, * I expect all help and assistance * in life and in death,* I unite myself with the members* of this pious confraternity, * which has been erected * in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

As my special patron* I choose the glorious St. Alphonsus, * that he may obtain for me* a true and lasting devotion * to the ever Blessed Virgin,* who is honored by so sweet a name.

I promise, moreover, * to renew my consecration* to the Mother of God and to St. Alphonsus * once a month* and frequently to receive the holy sacraments.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * receive me as thy servant,* and grant that I may ever experience * thy constant and motherly protection.* I promise to have recourse to thee * in all my spiritual and temporal necessities. * My holy patron, St. Alphonsus, * obtain for me* the grace of an ardent love for Jesus Christ,* and the grace of ever invoking * the Mother of Perpetual Help.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.

Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria.

Triumph, all ye Cherubim, Sing with us, ye Seraphim,

Heav'n & earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

The cause of joy to men below, O Maria.

The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria.

Angels, all your praises bring, Earth & heaven with us sing, All creation echoing:

Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria.

The God of light became your Son, O Maria.

Triumph, all ye Cherubim, Sing with us, ye Seraphim.

Heav'n & earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

The Litany of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

*have mercy on us. **

God the Son, Redeemer of the World,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God,

Holy Mary,

*pray for us. ***

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Queen conceived without the stain

of Original Sin,

Queen of the most Holy Rosary,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

O Mother of Perpetual Help,

*come to my aid, O loving Mother. ****

That I may love God with all my heart,

That I may in all things conform my will
to that of thy Divine Son,

That I may always remember my last end,

That I may often and devoutly receive
the Sacraments,

That I may avoid every proximate
occasion of sin,

That I may never neglect prayer,

That I may ever remember to invoke
thee, particularly in time of temptation,

That I may always be victorious in the
hour of temptation,

That I may generously pardon my enemies,

That I may arise quickly, should I have the
misfortune of falling into mortal sin.

That I may courageously resist the seductions
of evil companions,

That I may be strong against my
own inconstancy,

That I may labor zealously to eradicate
my evil habits,

That I may ever love to serve thee,

That I may lead others to love and
serve thee,

That I may live and die in the
friendship of God,

In all necessities of body and soul,

In sickness and pain,

In poverty and distress,

In persecution and abandonment,

In grief and dereliction of mind,

In time of war, famine and contagion,

In every danger of sin,

When assailed by the evil spirits,

When tempted by the allurements of a
deceitful world,

When struggling against the inclinations
of my corrupt nature,

When tempted against the holy virtue
of purity,

When death is nigh,

When the loss of my senses shall warn me
that my earthly career is at an end,

When the thought of my approaching
dissolution shall fill me with fear and
terror,

When at the decisive hour of death, the evil
spirit will endeavor to plunge my soul into
despair,

When the priest of God shall give me
Extreme Unction,

When my friends and relations, surrounding
my bed, moved with compassion, shall
invoke thy clemency on my behalf,

When the world will vanish from my sight,
and my heart will cease to beat,

When I shall yield my soul into the hands of
its Creator,

When my soul will appear before its
Sovereign Judge,

When the irrevocable sentence will be
pronounced,

When I will be suffering in Purgatory,
and sighing for the vision of God,

Lamb of God Who takest away the sins
of the world,

spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world,

have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, our powerful Mediatrix,

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

Let us pray.

O Almighty and merciful God, Who, in order to
succor the human race, hast willed the Blessed
Virgin Mary to become the Mother of Thy only-
begotten Son, grant, we beseech Thee, that by her
intercession we may avoid the contagion of sin
and serve Thee with a pure heart, through the
same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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