

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena and Prayers



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CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

“Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Mother, we consecrate ourselves to you today so that you may live in us, and speak in and through us. Think your thoughts in our minds; love through our hearts. Give us your own dispositions and feelings. Lead and guide us to Jesus. Correct and enlighten our thoughts and behavior. Make our hearts and homes your shrine, and through us make the Heart of Jesus rule and triumph in our families, our country and throughout the world.”

“To your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, we recommend the entire human race. Lead it to the knowledge of the sole and true Savior, Jesus Christ; protect it from the scourges evoked by sin; give to the entire world peace in truth, in justice, in liberty and in love.”

Pope Paul VI

“Dear Mother Mary, pour the love of your heart into my heart.”

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Fr. John J. Sweeney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F" and "J".

Fr. John J. Sweeney

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Opening Hymn: (Stand)

Immaculate Mother

I

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

II

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

Opening Prayers: (Remain Standing)

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: My brothers and sisters, as children of our
Blessed Mother, we are gathered before her
miraculous picture to honour her and to pray for all
our needs. Unworthy children that we are, let us
first of all ask God's mercy and pardon.

All: Merciful Father* you sent your Divine Son* to redeem us by His death and resurrection* and to give us new life. By this* you make us your children* to love one another in Christ. How many times in the past* we have forgotten this sublime dignity. We have sinned against our brothers and sisters; * we have offended you Merciful Father* forgive us. Repenting sincerely of our sins* we ask your mercy* may we always live as your truly devoted children.

Reading of Petitions and Thanksgivings

Sermonette (In keeping with the liturgical season)

Mary Immaculate, Star of the Morning (Stand)

I

Mary Immaculate, star of the morning,
Chosen before the creation began,
Destined to bring, through the light of your dawning,
Conquest of Satan and rescue to man.

Refrain

Bend from your throne at the voice of our crying,
Look to this earth where your footsteps have trod.
Stretch out your arms to us living and dying,
Mary Immaculate, Mother of God.

II

We sinners honor your sinless perfection;
Fallen and weak, for God's mercy we plead.
Grant us the shield of your mighty protection.
Measure your aid by the depth of our need.

(Repeat Refrain)

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 to recall your petitions). 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.**

Prayer for the Home

Mother of Perpetual Help* we choose you as Queen of our homes. We ask you to bless all our families* with your tender motherly love. May the Sacrament of Marriage* bind husbands and wives so closely together* that they will always be faithful to each other* and love one another as Christ loves his church.

We ask you to bless all parents. May they love and cherish the children* whom God has entrusted to them. May they always give them the examples of a truly Christian life. Help them to bring up their children* in the love and fear of God. Bless all children* that they may love, honor and obey* their fathers and mothers. * To your loving care* we especially entrust the youth of today.

Give us all a sense of responsibility* that we may do our part in making our home a heaven of peace like your own home at Nazareth. We take you as our model. Help us to grow daily in genuine love of God and neighbour so that justice and peace may happily reign in the entire family of mankind. **Amen.**

Petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Holy Mary Pray for us.

Holy Virgin, conceived without sin . . . Pray for us.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Pray for us.

We sinners call to you . ****Loving Mother help us.**

Seasonal:

Advent: That we may prepare like you for the coming of Christ****Loving Mother help us**

Christmas: That we may give our hearts completely to Christ this Christmas **.. **Loving Mother help us**

Lent: That we may be faithful to the promises we made at Baptism ** **Loving Mother help us**

Easter: That we may rejoice with you at Christ's victory over sin and death** **Loving Mother help us**

Other Weeks

Response: Loving Mother help us

That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become courageous witnesses of Christ's love for all.**

That we may be more and more like our Divine Lord, as you were. **

That we may be meek and humble of heart like your Son,
Jesus. ** **Loving Mother help us.**

That we may fear losing God's friendship forever by
unrepented sin.**

That we may seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness
constantly in the Sacrament of Penance.**

That we may be aware of God speaking to us in the
events of daily life.**

That we may pray daily with love and trust, especially in
moments of temptation.**

That we may realize the value of worshipping God
together in the Holy Eucharist.**

That we may grow in the love of Christ and neighbor by
frequent Holy Communion.**

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of the Holy
Spirit.**

That we may strive to be true Christians by our loving
concern for others.**

That we may proclaim the dignity of work by doing our
own work conscientiously.**

That we may forgive from our hearts those who have
wronged us.**

That we may see the evil of seeking our own interest at
the expense of others.**

That we may work for the just distribution of this world's goods.** **Loving Mother help us.**

That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community.**

That we may accept our responsibility in the community in a spirit of genuine service.**

To pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen Pope, _____; Our Bishop, _____ and all Bishops and Clergy.**

That we may be blessed with an increase of priestly and religious vocations.**

That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know him.**

That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements.**

That we may be ready at death to enter the home of our heavenly Father.**

That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellow men.**

That we may be comforted at the death of our dear ones by our hope in the risen Lord.**

To pray that our departed brothers and sisters quickly share in your Son's resurrection.**

****Loving Mother help us.**

Let us pray in silence for our own intentions. (pause)

All: Holy Mary help us in our needs pray for all the people of God; may all experience your perpetual help.

Priest: Lord, You gave us Mary to be our Mother ever ready to help us; grant us the grace to have recourse to her in all our needs.

All: Amen.

Consecration **(1st Wednesday of the Month)**

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

Mother of Christ

(stand)

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.

Silent Prayer (pause)

Thanksgiving Prayer

All: 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 favours we have received through her intercessions 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 honour, glory and thanksgiving* forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer: (Pause)

Prayer for the Sick

All: 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.

The Hail Mary (stand)

Priest: Let us now unite with the Christians of all ages in praising Mary and in committing ourselves to her powerful protection.

All: Hail Mary... Holy Mary...

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ who gave us your Mother Mary whose image we venerate as Mother ready at every moment to help us grant we beg You that we who call on Your help may always enjoy the fruit of Your redemption. This we ask through You who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen

Hail Holy Queen

I

Hail Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria

Chorus

Triumph, all ye cherubim
Sing with us ye seraphim
Heaven and earth resound the hymn
Salve, salve, salve Regina

II

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria
The spring from which all graces flow, O Maria

Repeat Chorus

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Blessing of the Assembly

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy patron, St. Alphonsus* through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help* through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ* present in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar* may the blessings of Almighty God* the Father, Son and Holy Spirit* descend upon you and remain with you forever.

All: Amen.

SONGS FOR THE MASS

Entrance Hymn:

O Most Holy One

I

O most holy one,
O most lowly one,
Loving virgin, Maria!
Mother, maid of fairest love,
Lady, Queen of all above,
Ora, ora pro nobis!

II

Virgin ever fair,
Mother, hear our prayer,
Look upon us, Maria!
Bring to us your treasure,
Grace beyond all measure,
Ora, ora pro nobis!

Offertory Hymn:

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

I

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

Chorus

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.

II

Lady, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those racked on beds of pain;
May the golden light of morrow
Bring them health and joy again.

Communion Hymn:

O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

I

O Lord, I am not worthy
That Thou shouldst come to me,
But speak the words of comfort,
My spirit healed shall be.

II

And humbly I'll receive Thee,
The Bridegroom of my soul,
No more by sin to grieve Thee,
Or fly Thy sweet control.

III

Eternal Holy Spirit,
Unworthy though I be,
Prepare me to receive Him
And trust the Word to me.

Recessional Hymn:

Mother Dear O Pray For Me

I

Mother dear, O pray for me
While far from heav'n and thee
I wander in a fragile bark
O'er life's tempestuous sea.

II

O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,
So bright in bliss above,
Protect your child and cheer my path
With your sweet smile of love.

III

Mother dear, remember me
And never cease your care;
Till in heav'n eternally
Your love and bliss I share

The Shrine at Our Lady of Peace

In August, 1980, Our Lady of Peace Pastor, Fr. John J. Sweeny commissioned noted Wilmington, Delaware Sculptor, Charles C. Parks to design a 32 foot stainless steel statue of Our Lady.

The "awesome Madonna" was finished in the summer of 1982, higher than many 3 story buildings.

The statue was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Pierre DuMaine on October 7, 1983. That day was also the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary and the 15th anniversary of the Parish's monthly 1st Friday all night vigils.

Pope John Paul II sent a special blessing. At the October 9 final service, Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC of Family Rosary Crusade, gave the homily.

The Shrine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at our Lady of Peace is the only major Marian shrine on the West Coast. It is located between our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Portland, Oregon (over 700 miles to the north) and the famous Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City (over 2,300 miles to the south).

**The Shrine of Our Lady of Peace
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Our Lady of Peace Church & Shrine

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