

Consecration to Mary

St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716)

My queen and my mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day,

my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve.

Wherefore, good mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen

Favourite of: Shirley Foley, St. Patrick's, Napanee

"It was one of the first prayer I learned from Zoom at the start of the pandemic."

The Memorare

Prayer has been attributed to the abbot St. Bernard of Clairvaux from the 12th century The modern version is taken from that indulgenced by Pope Pius IX in 1846

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

Favourite of:

Fr. Cosmas Ajawara, St. Mary's, Carleton Place Jo-Anne McReynolds, St. John the Evangelist / St. Philomena, Gananoque / Howe Island Patricia Warren, St. Mark the Evangelist, Prescott Mary-Ann Plews, Holy Name of Mary, Marysville St. Patrick / St. Mary Council, Railton / Odessa

Prayer to Mary Dear, My Mother

Fr. James Duffy (1926-2014)

Mary dear, you are my Mother. Please take my hand and tell me where to go, who to see and what to say. Please don't let go of my hand, Mary dear, because I need you and I will always love you. Amen.

Favourite of: Angela Lorbetskie, St. Joseph, Kingston

The Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)

Luke 1: 46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has looked with favour on His lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and Holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Favourite of: Fr. Dale Wright, Spiritual Advisor, Kingston Diocesan Council Marian Murphy, Holy Name of Mary, Marysville

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall.

I am nervous when I'm walking and to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs,

let me know you are beside me, listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination safely, every single day. Help me with each undertaking, as the hours go on their way.

And when evening falls upon me and I fear to be alone, take my hand, O Blessed Mother, once again and lead me home.

Amen

Favourite of: Huguette Hanrahan, St. Francis De Sales / Blessed Sacrament, Smiths Falls / Lombarby Veronica Wemp, St. Anthony of Padua, Centreville

A Consecration Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

This day with the whole court of heaven as witness, I choose you Mary, as my Mother and Queen. I surrender and consecrate myself to you, body and soul, as well as all that belongs to me, both spiritual and material, even including the spiritual value of all my actions past, present and to come. I give you full right to dispose of me and all that belongs to me, without exception, to the greater glory of God in time and throughout eternity. Amen.

Favourite of: Mary Tudin, St. Joseph, Kingston

Mary Queen of Angels and Saints

Fr. Francis Xavier Lasance (1860-1946)

O Mary, ever blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Queen of angels and of saints, I salute thee with the most profound veneration and filial devotion. I renew the consecration of myself and all I have to thee. I thank thee for thy maternal protection and for the many blessings that I have received through thy wondrous mercy and most powerful intercession. In all my necessities I have recourse to thee with unbounded confidence. O help of Christians, O Mary of mercy, I beseech thee now to hear my prayer, and to obtain for me of thy divine Son the favour that I request in this novena.

Obtain for me, also, dearest Mother, the grace that I may imitate thee and become more like to thee in the practice of the virtues of humility, obedience, purity, poverty, submission to the will of God, and charity. Be my protectress in life, guard and guide me in dangers, direct me in perplexities, lead me in the way of perfection, and assist me in the hour of my death, that I may come to Jesus, and with thee enjoy Him, bless Him, and love Him eternally in heaven.

Amen.

Favourite of: June Gervais, St. Edward the Confessor, Westport

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin after Communion

O Mary, you desire so much to see Jesus loved; if you love me, this is the favour which I ask of you, to obtain for me a great personal love of Jesus Christ. You obtain from your Son whatever you please; pray then for me that I may never lose the grace of God and that I may increase in holiness and perfection from day to day. By that grief which you suffered on Calvary, when you beheld Jesus expire on the cross, obtain for me a happy death, that by loving Jesus, and you, my Mother, on earth I may receive the reward of loving and blessing you eternally in heaven.

Submitted by: Debbie Wood, Sacred Heart of Mary, Madoc

This was a favourite prayer of our late member Barbara Stubbings, that she referred to as Prayer to Our Lady of Combermere



Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

O Virgin Mary, faithful Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of your children. Mother whose hands never cease to help, because they are moved by the loving kindness that exists in your Immaculate Heart, cast your eyes of compassion upon me, and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life.

You know all the pains and sorrows caused by these tangled knots.

Mary, my Mother, I entrust to your loving hands the entire ribbon of my life.

In your hands there is no knot which cannot be undone. Most holy Mother,

pray for Divine assistance to come to my aid.

Take this knot (*mention need*) into your eternal hands this day;

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once and for all,

In the name of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Favourite of:
Betty Ann Brown-Davidson, Honourary Life Member,
St. Gregory the Great, Picton
Bernadette Burgess, Life Member,
St. Patrick, Lansdowne
Annette Meadows, St. Mary's, Carleton Place

A Night Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Night is falling dear Mother, long day is o'er, Before thy image I am kneeling once more To thank thee for keeping me safe this day, To ask thee this night to keep evil away.

Many times have I fallen Mother dear, Many graces neglected since last I knelt here, Wilt thou not in pity, my own Mother mild, Ask Jesus to pardon the sins of thy child?

I am going to sleep now, day's work is done, Its hours and its moments have passed one by one. God who will judge me, has counted them all. He has numbered each grace; He has counted each fall.

In His book they are written against the last day. Oh! Mother ask Jesus to wash them away. For one drop of His blood for sinners was spilt, Is sufficient to cleanse the world of its guilt.

And if er' the dawn I should draw my last breath, The sleep I take be the long sleep of death. Be near me Mother for dear Jesus' sake. When at eternity shore my soul shall awake. Amen.

> Favourite of: Mary Gillott, St. Patrick's, Napanee

"I came across this prayer about 10 years ago and it didn't take me long to memorize it. I now use it as one of my nightly prayers. However, because of my back and knees I changed "kneeling to laying." I guess the last verse has something to do with my age."

Prayer to Our Lady of Ransom

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430)

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God.

Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women



consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Favourite of: Lyne Tuepah, St. Mary's, Carleton Place