

Prayers with Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Mother of Justice



Leader: Let us gather together to honor Our Mother of Perpetual Help and seek her intercession on our behalf.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, as a true Mother you sacrificed your own needs, wants, and dreams for our benefit by submitting yourself to God's will and giving birth to our Savior. As your Son hung upon the cross, he gifted you to us as our Mother, and you have acted on our behalf ever since. May you inspire your children to likewise be self-sacrificing rather than self-serving, to give ourselves in loving service to our sisters and brothers

Leader: Mary, you were chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God. To protect him, you left home and family and became an immigrant in a foreign land.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, protect all those parents who make the same hard choice today. Give us the compassion to reach out to those mothers and fathers who have given up home, family, and heritage for the sake of their children.

May our nation be receptive to the dispossessed, the poor, and suffering children of the world. Keep us always mindful that we are all the children of God and our Redeemer died to save all people.

Leader: Mary, as you rejoiced over the gift of your own Son, you wept for all those who lost sons in the Slaughter of the Innocents. You cried out for all those defenseless children whose lives were taken by those motivated out of fear and self-concern.

All: Our Mother of Perpetual Help, protect all innocent life, especially the defenseless. Instill in your children sanctity for all life. Assure those who have been blessed with the gift of life in their womb that they are not alone and that their child is a gift from God. Inspire us to care for all children born and unborn, especially those who need a mother's love and protection. May we, your children, seek to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and comfort the afflicted.

Leader: Mary, from the moment the angel Gabriel first appeared to you until you were assumed into heaven, you pondered everything in your heart and reflected upon its meaning.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, help us to be open to the Word of the Lord. May the Word be planted upon our hearts and may we spend our lives meditating upon its meaning and strive each day to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

Reading from Scripture

Homily or quiet reflection

Leader: Mary, when your friends at Cana were in need, when they had run out of wine and joy, you stepped in and fled to the one you knew had a blessing, who could restore the joy.

All: Mother Mary, help us to trust your Son. You trusted your Son to do what was right and told the stewards to simply do whatever Jesus told them. May we live lives of faith and always turn to your Son and be confident that he can heal our ills, move our mountains, fix our problems and restore our joy.

passing, especially _____. We pray...

Leader: Let us present our petitions.

Leader: We pray for the Church. May she always be a voice of justice in the world, defending those who stand in harms way. We pray...

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for our leaders, for Pope _____, Bishop _____, and all leaders of the Church and state, may they be true servants of God's people. We pray...

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for peace. May the hostility that exists among your children cease. May you dispel our fears and prejudices and open our eyes to your presence dwelling in each of us. We pray...

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for all children. May your Mother and our Mother Mary be a constant help and protection for the children of the world, born and unborn. May we be a worthy example for our children to follow in living the gospel of love. We pray...

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for the oppressed. Send us, Lord, as you sent your son Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, as your ambassadors to serve and defend the poor and most abandoned. We pray...

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for the sick. Place your healing hand upon all who seek healing in body, mind, and spirit, especially _____. We pray...

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for the dead. Prepare a place in your kingdom for our beloved and comfort those who mourn their

All: May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: Let us pause to present our own personal petitions for the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Leader: Mary, as Jesus embraced his public ministry and went forth to proclaim the Good News, you became his first disciple and spent your life in his service.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, we turn to you as our model of discipleship. Inspire us to humbly follow the Good Shepherd. May we spend our lives in loving and serving our God. As disciples, may we always seek to do the will of God and mold our lives in the likeness of your Son and our Lord, Jesus.

Leader: Mary, you wept at the foot of the cross as a sword of sorrow pierced your heart. You had to witness your Son suffer the cruel and merciless death penalty of the cross.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, inspire us to be compassionate to all who suffer. Help us to leave judgment in the hands of your Son, and instead reach out with hands of mercy to those who are trapped in darkness, until we all walk in the Light of your Son.

Leader: May our Mother Mary be your constant help. May she be a true example to you of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, by surrendering your life to the will of God. And may God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.