

**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the Americas**

***God saw the world falling to ruin because of fear and
immediately acted to call it back with love.***

***God invited it by grace,
preserved it by love,
and embraced it with compassion.***

**St. Peter Chrysologus
Fourth Century**



**Let us pause and remember that we are in the holy presence of God.
Rise up, Lord, in defense of Your people.
Do not hide Your face from our troubles.
You are the Father of the orphan,
Wealth of the poor.
We find comfort and security in You
especially in times of anxiety and pain.**

**The title of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mother of the Americas is a blending
of the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe
with the title Pope John Paul II gave to the
image in Mexico during the inaugural
celebration of Ecclesia in America. The
appearance of Mary to the native Juan Diego
on the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 had a decisive
effect on evangelization. Its influence has
moved beyond the boundaries of Mexico,
spreading to the whole Continent of America,
which historically has been, and still is, a
melting pot of peoples, has recognized in the
mestiza face of the Virgin of Tepeyac,
“in Blessed Mary of Guadalupe, an impressive
example of a perfectly inculturated
evangelization.” Consequently, not only in
Central and South America, but in North
America as well, the Virgin of Guadalupe
is venerated as Mother of all America.**



HYMN

**They have come to sing in your honor
From the desert and the forest,
From the valleys deep in the mountains;
They make a joyful chorus.
They have brought their drums and their dances,
Ancient ways their parents taught them.**

**O Mother dark and lovely,
Hear the poor who come with their song;
Lead them into Jesus' Kingdom
Where they truly do belong.**

**They dance to show they love you,
Out of faith and deep emotion,
They offer flowers and candles
As a sign of their devotion.
The children run and are laughing
All are sure that you still love them,
While parents weep out of gladness,
For your picture is there above them.**

GALATIANS 4:4-5

**But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might
receive the full rights of sons and daughters.**



**The Lord God the Most High has blessed you, O Mary, above all the
women on the earth.**



**Let us celebrate in joy this day in memory of Our Lady
of Guadalupe. May she intercede for us with her Divine Son.**



**You, O Mary, are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel; you are
the fairest honor of our race.**



**Through you, sinless Virgin, the life we had lost was restored
to us; from heaven you received a Child, and you gave birth to the
Savior of the world.**

REFLECTION Arturo Perez

“Where are you going?” asks Mary of Juan Diego. He is stopped in his tracks. He leaves his “important” plans and becomes her messenger. Build a church where the cries of the poor and the oppressed will be heard. Mary asked for a change of direction in moving from the status quo operations of the day to building up a place where the prayers, the cries, the heartbreak of the people can be heard. This is symbolic of the age-old faithful word of God: to be with the people. Our Lady of Guadalupe’s appearance is both word and symbol. She provides the answers to the prayers of her faithful people: “God is with you!” Her very appearance, as one of the poor, aligns her with them. She proclaims God’s option for the poor.

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The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of human beings who, united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are the bearers of a message of salvation intended for all. That is why Christians cherish a feeling of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.

Ave Maria

**Dios te salve, Maria. Llena eres de gracia: El Señor es contigo.
Bendita tu eres entre todas las mujeres. Y bendito es el fruto de tu
Ventre: Jesús.**

**Santa Maria, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores,
Ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amen.**



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Obedient Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Eternal Word and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, help those who invoke you in their necessities, and obtain for us from your Holy and Divine Son the grace of keeping our faith in the midst of the troubles of life. Watch over all the peoples of the Americas especially the most poor and disenfranchised. Let all the countries of the Americas realize the dignity we share as the daughters and sons of God and work for the good of one another. Mary, lead us to your Son. Amen.



PSALM 146

Praise the LORD, my soul; I shall praise the LORD all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.

I put no trust in princes, in mere mortals powerless to save.

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth; that day all their planning comes to nothing.

Happy those whose help is Jacob's God, whose hope is in the LORD, their God,

The maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever,

secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free;

the LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations! Hallelujah!

INTERCESSIONS

O God, through Mary, our Mother, You revealed Your compassion to the poor;

Bless all people with the awareness of Your tender mercy.

O God, You chose the anawim of the world to confound the mighty.

Give us true humility of spirit and deep faith in You.

The image of the Mother and Your Son was imprinted on the tunic of Juan Diego with features of his race;

Imprint within us a fearless acceptance of all races and peoples.

In Jesus, the Incarnate Word, You have showed us that You are always close to us;

Have mercy on the downtrodden, the abused, and the neglected of this world.

Through Juan Diego, You showed Your love for the simple and the humble;

Forgive us for the injustices imposed upon native peoples of the earth and redress the wrongs they have suffered.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your apparition on the Mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, love and trust in you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions; also to hearken to our supplications, to dry our tears and to give us consolation and relief.

Inspired with this confidence we come before your holy presence, certain that you will beg your Divine Son to fulfill your merciful promises. We are full of hope that, standing beneath your motherly protection nothing will trouble or afflict us. You, O Mary, have desired to remain with us through your admirable image, you who are our Mother, our health and our life. Amen.



**Saint John Baptist de La Salle,
Help us to have a great devotion to the Mother of our Savior.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!