

# **A PRAYER in HONOR of MARY**

*Blessed are you among all women!*



**The Immaculate Conception,  
Patroness of the U. S. A.**



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



**Coming together as the brothers and sisters of Jesus to honor the Mother of the Christ, we recall that our loving God is always with us and walks with us.**

**My spirit proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my soul rejoices in the Lord.**

**Mary the Dawn, but Christ the perfect Day:  
Mary the Gate, but Christ the heavenly Way.  
Mary the Root, but Christ the mystic Vine:  
Mary the Grape, but Christ the sacred Wine.  
Mary the Wheat-sheaf, Christ the living Bread:  
Mary the Rose-tree, Christ the Rose blood-red.  
Mary the Fount, but Christ the cleansing Flood:  
Mary the Chalice, Christ the holy Blood.  
Mary the Temple, Christ the Temple's Lord:  
Mary the Shrine, but Christ its God adored.  
Mary the Beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest:  
Mary the Mirror, Christ the Vision blest. Amen.**

### **Isaiah 7: 10–14**

**The Lord spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the Lord your God;  
let it be deep in the nether world or high in the sky!**

**But Ahaz answered, I will not ask. I will not tempt the Lord.**

**Then he said, Listen, O House of David!**

**Is it not enough for you to weary men, why must you also weary my God?**

**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you this sign:**

**the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Immanuel.**

### **Psalm 113**

**Praise you servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.**

**From the rising to the setting of the sun**

**is the name of the Lord to be praised.**

**Who is like the Lord our God Who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?**

**He raises up the lowly from the dust;**

**from the dunghill He lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the  
princes of His own people.**

**Glory to You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.**

**As it was, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

### **Luke 1: 39–47**

**Mary set out proceeding in haste into the hill country to a town of Judah,  
where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When  
Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby stirred in her womb. Elizabeth was  
filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice, "Blessed are you  
among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But who am I that the  
mother of my Lord should come to me? Blessed is she who trusted that the  
Lord's words to her would be fulfilled."**

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**You are all fair, O Mary,  
and the original stain is not in you.**

**You are the glory of Jerusalem,**

**You are the joy of Israel,**

**You are the honor of our people,**

**You are the Advocate of sinners!**

**O Mary, Mary,**

**Virgin most pure,  
Mother most merciful;  
pray for us,  
Intercede for us with Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**It is truly proper to honor you who have borne God;  
the Ever-Blessed and Immaculate Mother of our God.  
More honorable than the Cherubim  
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,  
Who a virgin gave birth to God the Word.  
You, truly the Mother of God, we magnify!**



**Whoever possesses a good (firm) faith, says the Hail Mary without danger! Whoever is weak in faith can utter the Hail Mary without danger to his salvation.**

**We should honor Mary as she herself wished and as she expressed it in the Magnificat. She praised God for His deeds. How then can we praise her? The true honor of Mary is the honor of God, the praise of God's grace . . . Mary is nothing for the sake of herself, but for the sake of Christ . . . Mary does not wish that we come to her, but through her to God.**

**Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of all of us even though it was Christ alone who reposed on her knees . . . If He is ours, we ought to be in His situation; there where He is, we ought also to be and all that He has ought to be ours, and His mother is also our mother.**

**- Martin Luther**

**It is truly right to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed  
and most pure, and the Mother of our God.  
More honorable than the Cherubim,  
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim,  
without defilement you gave birth to God the Word:  
True Theotokos, we magnify you.**

**- Megalynarion hymn from the Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy**



**Litany of Mary U.S.A. Consists of 51 invocations of Mary's help for the 50 States of the Union as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, each invocation being chosen from the titles of Marian Churches in that State. In response let us pray for the people of each State. For example, when we invoke "Our Lady of the Gulf in Alabama", please respond "Pray for Alabama", and so forth."**

**Our Lady of the Gulf in Alabama**

**St. Mary of Kodiak and of the Islands in Alaska**

**Our Lady of the Highways in Arizona**

**Our Lady of the Holy Souls in Arkansas**

**Our Lady of the Wayside in California**

**Immaculate Conception in Colorado**

**Notre Dame of Easton in Connecticut**

**Our Mother of Mercy in Delaware**

**Our Lady of La Leche in Florida**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary in Georgia**

**Star of the Sea in Hawaii**

**Our Lady of Limerick in Idaho**

**Queen of the Universe in Illinois**

**Our Lady of Providence in Indiana**

**St. Mary of Nazareth in Iowa**

**Mary Queen of Angels in Kansas**

**Mother of God in Kentucky**

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Louisiana**

**Our Lady of Peace in Maine**

**Our Lady of the Assumption in Maryland**

**Our Lady of the Incarnation in Massachusetts**

**Gate of Heaven in Michigan**

**Mother of the Church in Minnesota**

**Our Lady of Sorrows in Mississippi**

**Our Lady of Calvary in Missouri**

**Our Lady of the Pines in Montana**

**Our Lady of the Presentation in Nebraska**

**Our Lady of Las Vegas in Nevada**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Hampshire**

**Our Lady of Fatima in New Jersey**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe in New Mexico**

**Mary Help of Christians in New York**

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in North Carolina**

**Our Lady of Consolation in North Dakota**

**St. Mary Queen of Heaven in Ohio**

**Queen of All Saints in Oklahoma**

**Our Lady of the Woods in Oregon**

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Pennsylvania**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Rhode Island**

**St. Mary the Virgin Mother in South Carolina**

**Our Lady of the Prairie in South Dakota**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes in Tennessee**  
**Our Lady of the Annunciation in Texas**  
**Our Lady of the Snows in Utah**  
**Our Lady of Grace in Vermont**  
**Queen of the Apostles in Virginia**  
**Our Lady of Good Help in Washington**  
**Our Lady of Victory in West Virginia**  
**Queen of the Americas in Wisconsin**  
**St. Mary in Wyoming**  
**Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC**  
**Our Lady of Divine Providence in Puerto Rico**  
**Our Lady of Wisdom, pray for our Congress and Supreme Court**  
**Our Mother, pray for our President**

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**Happy are you, O holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise;  
from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord.**

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle  
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,  
instill in us a great devotion to Mary.**

**Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!**