

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!