

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

O SALUTARIS

1	1
O saving victim, open wide The gate of heav'n to man below, Our foes press on from ev'ry side; Your aid supply; your strength bestow.	O salutaris Hostia Quae caeli pandis ostium Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium.

2	2
To your great name be endless praise Immortal Godhead, One in Three; Grant us, endless length of days, In our tree native land to be. Amen.	Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

- Rosary -

PRIEST: Most holy and Immaculate Virgin and our Mother Mary * you are our Perpetual Help, our refuge and our hope.

PEOPLE: We come to you today. * We thank God for all the graces you have obtained for us. * Mother of Perpetual Help, we love you. * To show our love we promise to serve you always * and to do all in our power to lead others to you.

PRIEST: Mother of Perpetual Help, powerful with God, obtain for us these graces:

PEOPLE: The strength to triumph over temptation, * a perfect love for Jesus Christ, * and a holy death * so that we will live with you and your Son for all eternity.

PRIEST: Mother of Perpetual Help,

PEOPLE: Pray for us.

Reading from the Bible (Stand)

PRIEST: Let us pray.

ALL (PRIEST AND PEOPLE): O Mother of Perpetual Help * you continually sought the plan of God in His word. * You were filled with joy * to see this plan fulfilled in your Son. * As we listen to God's word * obtain for us the light to understand, * the courage to commit ourselves to Christ * and the grace to carry on His mission.

PRIEST: Let us listen to the words of God.

Prayer of the Assembly (Kneel)

PRIEST: Lord Jesus Christ, at a word from Mary Your Mother You changed water into wine at Cana of Galilee. Listen now to the people of God gathered here to honor Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Grant our petitions and accept our sincere thanks.

ALL: O Mother of Perpetual Help, * we call upon your most powerful name. * You are the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. * Your name will always be on our lips, * especially in time of temptation, * and at the hour of our death. * Your name is confidence and power. * Blessed Lady, * help us whenever we call on you. * We will not be satisfied * with merely pronouncing your name. * Our daily lives will proclaim * that you are truly Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Prayer in Temporal Wants

ALL: O Mother of Perpetual Help, * with the greatest confidence we kneel before you. * We implore your help in the problems of our daily life. * Trials and sorrows often depress us; * reverses of fortune and painful privations * bring misery into our lives; * everywhere we meet the cross. * Have pity on us, compassionate Mother. * Take care of our needs, * free us from our sufferings * or if it be the will of God * that we should suffer still longer * grant that we may endure all with love and patience. * These graces we ask, * trusting not in our merits * but in your love and power, * O Mother of Perpetual Help.

Litany of the Assembly (Stand)

Petitions

PRIEST: Let us Pray.

Grant wisdom and prudence to the Holy Father, Pope _____, our Bishop _____, our priests and all the leaders of our nation, state, and community.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant that all men may live as brothers in social peace and religious unity.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant that the Holy Spirit guide the sons and daughters of our parish in choosing their way of life.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant that the people of our parish retain their health and that the sick, especially _____ regain their health according to Your holy will.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant eternal rest to all the deceased members of our parish, especially _____ and to the souls of all the faithful departed.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant guidance and aid in all the special intentions of this parish, especially _____ and all the needs of those present.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Let us silently present our personal petitions to our Mother of Perpetual Help.

(Pause)

Thanksgivings

PRIEST: Accept, O Lord, our thanks for the new life of grace You give us.

PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Accept our thanks for all the graces received from the sacramental life of the Church.

PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Accept our thanks for the spiritual and material blessings, especially _____ given to our parish family.

PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Let us thank Our Mother of Perpetual Help for the favors we have received.

(Pause)

Prayer for the Sick (Kneel)

PRIEST: Let us Pray.

ALL: O Lord look upon Your servants * laboring under bodily weakness. * Cherish and revive the souls * which you have created * so that, purified by our sufferings * we may soon find ourselves healed by Your mercy * through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIEST: May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you that He may defend you, within you that He may sustain you, before you that He may lead you, behind you that He may protect you, above you that He may bless you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

ALL: O Mother of Perpetual Help, * you are both rich and generous. * You distribute all the gifts that God grants to us. * You are the hope of sinners. * Come, then, dear Mother, * for we turn to you. * In your hands is salvation * and we are in your hands. * We are your children. * Take care of us, dear Mother. For if you do, there is nothing to fear. * From Christ you obtain forgiveness of our sins; * with Christ you are more powerful than all hell combined. * With you at our side * we look forward to meeting our Judge, your Son, and our Brother. * Our only fear is * that in time of temptation * we may fail to call on you * and become lost children. * Obtain for us, then, * the pardon of our sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance * and the grace always to call upon you, * O Mother of Perpetual Help.

Act of Consecration

(To be said the first week of the month)

ALL: United with the members of your confraternity * here and throughout the world * we consecrate ourselves to your service. * We promise to renew this dedication once a month * and frequently to receive the sacraments. * We beg you to obtain for us * the grace to imitate your great servant, St. Alphonsus, * in his love for you and your Son.

Blessing of the Assembly

PRIEST: Through the prayers of our Holy patron, St. Alphonsus, through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar, may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain forever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Hail Mary (Stand)

PRIEST: Let us now unite with the Christians of all ages in praising Mary and in committing ourselves to her powerful protection:

ALL: Hail Mary, etc.

PRIEST: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

PEOPLE: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRIEST: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us your Mother Mary, whose image we venerate, as a mother ready at every moment to help us; grant, we beg You, that we who call on her help may always enjoy the fruit of Your redemption. This we ask through You who live and reign forever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

TANTUM ERGO

1	1
Down in adoration falling, This great Sacrament we hail; Over ancient forms of worship Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith will tell us Christ is present, When our human senses fail.	Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum, Sensuum defectui.

2	2
To the everlasting Father, And the Son who made us free, And the Spirit, God proceeding From them Each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen.	Genitori Genitoque Laus et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudation. Amen.

PRIEST: You have given them Bread from Heaven
(P.T. Alleluia.)

ALL: Having all sweetness within it (P.T. Alleluia.)

PRIEST: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood, help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

- Benediction -

- Divine Praises -

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THEY NAME

Holy God, we praise thy name: Lord of all, we bow before thee; All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign!	Hark! The loud celestial hymn, Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy Lord!
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