

NOVENA TO **OUR MOTHER** OF PERPETUAL HELP (Wednesday)





Opening Hymn

Immaculate Mother To You do we plead To ask God, our Father For help in our need. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria





We pray for our country The land of our birth, We pray for all nations, That peace be on earth. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria





Opening Prayer Leader:

Brothers and sisters, as children of our Blessed Mother, we are gathered before her miraculous picture to honor her and to pray for all our needs.





Opening Prayer

Unworthy children that we are, let us first of all ask God's mercy and pardon.





All:

Merciful Father you sent your Divine Son to redeem us by his death and resurrection and to give us new life. By this you make us your children to love one





another in Christ. How many times in the past we have forgotten this sublime dignity. We have sinned against our brothers and sisters; we have offended you, Merciful Father, forgive





us. Repenting sincerely of our sins we ask your mercy; may we always live as your truly devoted children.

PLEASE KNEEL





Novena Prayer

Dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, from the cross Jesus gave you to us for our Mother. You are the kindest, the most loving of all mothers. Look tenderly on us your





children, as we now ask you to help us in all our needs, especially this one

(say your petition...)
While you were on earth,
dear Mother, you
willingly shared in the
sufferings of your Son.





Strengthened by your faith and confidence in the fatherly love of God, you accepted the mysterious designs of His will.

We, too have our crosses and trials. Sometimes





they almost crush us to the ground. Dearest Mother, share with us your abundant faith and confidence in God. Make us aware that God never ceases to love us; that He answers all our prayers





in the way that is best for us.

Strengthen our hearts to carry the cross in the footsteps of your Divine Son. Help us to realize that he who shares the cross of Christ will





certainly share his resurrection. Dearest Mother, as we worry about our own problems, let us not forget the needs of others. You have always loved others so much; help us





to do the same. While praying for our own intentions and for the intentions of all here present at this Novena, we earnestly ask you, our Mother, to help us comfort the sick and the





dying; give hope to the poor and the unemployed; heal the broken-hearted; lighten the burden of the oppressed; teach justice to their oppressors and bring back to God all





those who have offended Him.

Dearest Mother, help us to avoid sin, which separates us from our **Heavenly Father and** from one another. Full of trust in you, we place





ourselves under the mantle of your maternal protection and confidently hope for your powerful help. Amen.





Prayer for the Home Mother of Perpetual Help, we choose you as Queen of our homes. We ask you to bless all our families with your tender motherly love. May the Sacrament of Marriage





bind husbands and wives so closely together that they will always be faithful to each other and love one another as Christ loves his church. We ask you to bless all parents. May they love





and cherish the children whom God has entrusted to them. May they always give them the example of a truly Christian life. Help them to bring up their children in the love and fear of God.





Bless all children that they may love, honor and obey their fathers and mothers.

To your loving care, we especially entrust the youth of today. Give us all sense of responsibility





that we may do our part in making our home a haven of peace like your own home at Nazareth. We take you as our model. Help us to grow daily in genuine love of God and neighbor so that





justice and peace may happily reign in the entire family of mankind. Amen.





Petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Holy Mary... Pray for us.
Holy Virgin conceived
without sin... Pray for us.
Our Mother of Perpetual
Help... Pray for us.





We sinners call to you...

Loving Mother help us.





That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become courageous witnesses of Christ's love for men...





That we may be more and more like our Divine Lord, as you were...

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit...





That we may be meek and humble of heart like your Son, Jesus...

That we may fear losing God's friendship forever by unrepented sin...





That we may seek
Christ's mercy and
forgiveness constantly in
the sacrament of
Penance...





That we may be aware of God speaking to us in the events of daily life...

That we may pray daily with love and trust,





especially in moments of temptation...

That we may realize the value of worshipping God together in the Eucharist...





That we may grow in the love of Christ and neighbor by frequent Communion...

That we may strive to be





true Christians by our loving concern for others...

That we may proclaim the dignity of work by





doing our own work conscientiously...

That we may forgive from our hearts those who have wronged us...





That we may see the evil of seeking our own interest at the expense of others....

That we may work for the





just distribution of this world's goods...

That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community...





That we may accept our responsibility in the community in a spirit of genuine service...





That the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen Pope Francis, the bishops, and the clergy...





That we may be blessed with an increase of priestly and religious vocations...





That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know Him...





That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements...





That we may be ready at death to enter the home of our heavenly Father...





That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellowmen...

That we may be comforted at the death of





our dear ones in the hope of the Risen Lord...

That our departed brothers and sisters quickly share in your Son's resurrection...





Let us pray in silence for our own intentions...

...(pause)...





ALL:

Holy Mary help us in our needs, pray for all the people of God; may all experience your perpetual help.





LEADER:

Lord you gave us Mary to be our Mother ever ready to help us; grant us the grace to have recourse to her in all our needs.



ALL: Amen.



Thanksgiving Prayer: ALL:

Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Eucharist, we adore you. It has pleased the Father that in You all





his fullness should dwell and that through You He should reconcile all things to Himself. Grant us the grace to be truly grateful for all that our Father has done for us. Grant that we may be





truly sorry for our sins and do penance for them. Through you, we thank the Eternal Father for the gift of life. He has created all the wonderful things of this world for us. May we learn to use them well





so that through them we may grow in love for Him.

Above all, we thank our Father for sending you to us, as the greatest expression of his love; to save us and all creation





by Your death and resurrection. We thank you Lord for giving us your own Mother to be our Mother of Perpetual Help. May the countless favors we have received through





her intercession, and especially through the Novena, inspire us to greater confidence in God's loving mercy and her perpetual help. Grant that we may always do the holy will of God





and persevere in his love. To the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be honor, glory and thanksgiving forever and ever. Amen.





Prayer for the Sick ALL:

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sufferings and carried our sorrows in order to show us clearly the value of human





weakness and patience; graciously hear our prayers for the sick. Grant that those who are weighed down with pain and other afflictions of illness may realize that they are among the





chosen ones whom you call blessed. Help them to understand that they are united with You in Your sufferings for the salvation of the world. Amen.

