

NOVENA DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Priest (Kneel)

Dear brothers and sisters we have come before the picture of our Mother of Perpetual Help to praise God our Father with Mary and to thank Him for the blessings he has given us through her intercessions

Let us once more ask her to pray for us.

THE MEMORARE.....Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother, to thee do I come: before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me AMEN.

PETITIONS

Priest: That we may be faithful to prayer everyday of our lives

People: *Help us, O Loving Mother*

That we may have courage to face up to all our difficulties.....

That we may quickly return to Christ should we fall into serious sin.....

That we may carry out faithfully the duties of our state in life.....

(Family)

In time of sickness in the home.....

In worries about financial difficulties.....

In misunderstandings with those we love.....

That our young people may find their true vocation in life.....

That they may not go astray through addiction to drugs and alcohol.....

(Community)

That those who rule our country may act wisely, justly and for the good of all.....

That we may see our daily works as a service of our fellow men.....

That the burden of the unemployed be lightened by their finding a useful role in society.....

That we may be tolerant and charitable towards those who do not share our views.....

That all who suffer in mind and body may be comforted and if it is the will of your Son, restored to health.

General

That our Holy Father the Pope may have light and guidance in ruling the Church.....

That all men and women may live in peace and unity.....

That our deceased relatives and friends may have eternal rest.....

For the intentions of all who are making the Novena, and for our own personal intentions.....**PAUSE**

NOVENA PRAYER (said by all)

Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life

We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be mother of his Son,

Help us, your children to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you to be concerned with others.

We think of you Mother at the foot of the cross, your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony, but your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the power of evil. Mother of sorrows, help us to realize that we must expect trials and disappointments.

Helps us not to lose heart. May we share with you and you Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life AMEN

Priest: *let us pray*

All: Lord God, it is your will that we come together today to honour Mary as a mother ever ready to help us. May we who implore her motherly help benefit by the great gift of salvation
Through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Priest;

Let us now thank our Mother of Perpetual Help for the favours that we and others have received through her intercessions.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER (Kneel – said by all)

O Mother, of Perpetual Help with grateful hearts we join you in thanking God for all the wonderful things He has done for us. O God our Creator we thank you for the gifts of nature, our senses and faculties.

We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness and for giving us this earth to use and develop, to rule and control.

Despite our failures you continue to show your love for us today by increasing the life of your Spirit in us.

Finally, we thank you, loving Father for giving us Mary the Mother of your Son, to be our Mother of Perpetual Help.

We are grateful for all the favours we have received through her intercession. We pray that those past favours may inspired us to greater confidence in your loving mercy and to seek the aid of our Mother of Perpetual Help. AMEN