

THURSDAY DEVOTION

“O COME, LET US ADORE HIM”



**“REMAIN HERE AND
KEEP WATCH WITH ME”**

MT.26:38

**ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Renton, WA**



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris Hostia

Quæ cæli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

PRIEST: You have given them Bread from heaven (Easter: alleluia)

ALL: Having within it all Sweetness (Easter: 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.

(BLESSING: The priest goes up to the Altar to bless the people with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance then goes back to lead the Divine Praises.)

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

CLOSING SONG and REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY 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! } - Repeat 2x

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!" } - Repeat 2x

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit,
Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
{And adoring bend the knee
While we own the Mystery } - Repeat 2x

DEVOTION FOR PRIESTS

HELPER'S OFFERING AND INVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

My God and Father, in response to the word of your Son on the Mount of Olives, "**Watch and pray with me,**" we ask you to accept us as special helpers for your priests, on behalf of whom, we offer you each Thursday as a sacrifice of love.

With a fervent desire of being such a helper of priests, I, _____, offer you, Father, in complete confidence, each Thursday as a sacrifice of love on behalf of all priests. Take this sacrifice of my poor love and transform it in your Heart into the wine for the Chalice of Strength. Then, Father, send your angels out with this chalice to all priests! Amen.

PRAYER FOR THURSDAY

O Jesus, Eternal Pontiff, Good Shepherd and Fountain of life, who by the special goodness of your Most Sweet Heart, have given us priests to fulfill in us the designs of sanctification which your grace inspires in our hearts, we ask you: come to their aid with the assistance of your mercy.

O Jesus, may they have in their labors a lively faith; in trials an unwavering trust; in their decisions a burning charity.

Grant that your Word, the irradiation of the Eternal Wisdom, may become through continuous meditation the never-failing nourishment of their interior life. Let the example of your life and passion animate their actions and sustain them in their suffering, so that they may teach, enlighten and comfort us in our sorrows. Lord, grant our priests the grace of detachment from purely worldly concerns. Let them be first and foremost solicitous of your glory and keep them faithful to their duties.

Keep them pure in conscience till their last breath, so that when death comes to the body, they may place into your hands their mission faithfully accomplished so that they may find in you, Lord Jesus Christ, who on earth were their Master, the prize of the Crown of Justice, in the glory of the saints. Amen.

- Pope Pius XII

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Almighty, Eternal God, look upon the Face of your Son and for the love of him, who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on your priests. Remember O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands. Keep them close to you, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for the lonely and desolate priests; for your young and old priests; for your sick and dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I commend to you the priests dearest to me, the priest who baptized me, the priests who have absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I have assisted and who have offered me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the priests who have taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me, and the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

- Cardinal Cushing

VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father, you call each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire those whom you call to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S CALL

Lord Jesus, once you called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today your sweet invitation: **"Come and follow me."**

Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life of total consecration to your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send Lord, workers into your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, model of vocations, help us say **"yes"** to the Lord who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation. Amen.

- Pope John Paul II

DEVOTION TO
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



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(Revised Edition)

FOREWORD

Since the Second Vatican Council the liturgy of the Mass has been gradually revised in accordance with the directives of that Council. It is in keeping with the same directives that the Novena has now been similarly revised. "Popular devotions (e.g. the Novena)...should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some fashion derived from it, and lead the people to it." (s.c.13)

HOW TO MAKE THE PERPETUAL NOVENA

1. Attend the Perpetual Novena devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help for nine consecutive Thursdays. If possible, assist at Mass on Novena days. Those unable to go to the church because of sickness or the like, may pray the novena at home before a picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
2. At the conclusion of the Novena, there may be Benediction or Holy Mass. "That practice in a special manner is to be highly commended by which many exercises of piety, customary among the faithful, end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament." (Litt. Encycl. Mediator Dei, Part II, ch. 4).
3. Bring this booklet with you and join in the prayers and hymns.
4. Write your petitions to our Blessed Mother and place it in the box marked, "Petitions".
5. During the Novena, make a good confession
6. Receive Holy Communion as often as possible.
7. When your petition has been answered, write a letter of thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother and place it in the box marked, "Thanksgiving", so that others also be inspired to see the Novena as a means of going to God.

THE ANGELUS

(Outside Easter time)

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary . . .

Holy Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

Holy Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Holy Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

REGINA CAELI

(During Easter Season)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

R. For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.

V. Hath risen, as He said, Alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Opening Hymn:

(All Stand)

IMMACULATE MOTHER

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 Prayers: *(Please Remain Standing)*

Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

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. 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.

Reading of Petitions and Thanksgivings *(Please be seated)*

Sermonette: *(In keeping with the liturgical season)*

Hymn:

(All Stand)

MARY IMMACULATE, STAR OF THE MORNING

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CHOSEN BEFORE THE CREATION BEGAN,
DESTINED TO BRING, THROUGH THE LIGHT OF YOUR DAWNING,
CONQUEST OF SATAN AND RESCUE TO MAN.

REFRAIN:

BEND FROM YOUR THRONE AT THE VOICE OF OUR CRYING
LOOK TO THIS EARTH WHERE YOUR FOOTSTEPS HAVE TROD
STRETCH OUT YOUR ARMS TO US, LIVING AND DYING,
MARY IMMACULATE, MOTHER OF GOD.

WE SINNERS HONOR YOUR SINLESS PERFECTION
FALLEN AND WEAK, FOR GOD'S MERCY WE PLEAD.
GRANT US THE SHIELD OF YOUR MIGHTY PROTECTION.
MEASURE YOUR AID BY THE DEPTH OF OUR NEED.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

NOVENA PRAYER

(Please Kneel)

Dear 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.

(PAUSE TO RECALL 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 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 a 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...	<i>* Pray for us.</i>
Holy Virgin, conceived without sin...	<i>* Pray for us.</i>
Our Mother of Perpetual Help...	<i>* Pray for us.</i>
We sinners call to you...	<i>* Loving Mother, help us.</i>

Seasonal:

ADVENT:

That we may prepare like you for the coming of Christ...

** Loving Mother, help us.*

CHRISTMAS:

That we may give our hearts completely to Christ, this Christmas...

** Loving Mother, help us.*

LENT:

That we may be faithful to the promises we made at Baptism...

** Loving Mother, help us.*

EASTER:

That we may rejoice with you at Christ's victory over sin and death...

** Loving Mother, help us.*

Other Weeks:

That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become courageous witnesses of Christ's love for all...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be more and more like our Divine Lord, as you were...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be meek and humble of heart like your Son, Jesus...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may fear losing God's friendship forever by unrepented sin...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness constantly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be aware of God speaking to us in the events of daily life...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may pray daily with love and trust, especially in moments of temptation...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may realize the value of worshipping God together in the Eucharist...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may grow in the love of Christ and neighbor by frequent Communion...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may strive to be true Christians by our loving concern for others...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may proclaim the dignity of work by doing our own work conscientiously...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may forgive from our hearts those who have wronged us...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may see the evil of seeking our own interest at the expense of others...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may work for the just distribution of this world's goods...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may accept our responsibility in the community in a spirit of genuine service...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

To pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen our Pope, the bishops and the clergy...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be blessed with an increase in priestly and religious vocations...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know Him...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be ready at death to enter the throne of our Heavenly Father...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellow human beings...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

That we may be comforted at the death of our dear ones by our hope in the risen Lord...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

To pray that our departed brothers and sisters quickly share in your Son's resurrection...
** Loving Mother, help us.*

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.

CONSECRATION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

(First Thursday of the Month)

Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, you are also our Mother of Perpetual Help. With hearts full of love for you, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart, so that we may be your devoted children. Obtain for us true sorrow for our sins and fidelity to the promises of our Baptism.

We consecrate our minds and hearts to you, that we may always do the will of our Heavenly Father. We consecrate our lives to you that we may love God better and live not for ourselves but for Christ, your Son and that we may see Him and serve Him in others.

By this humble act of consecration dear Mother of Perpetual Help, we pledge to model our lives on you, the perfect Christian, so that consecrated to you in life and in death, we may belong to your Divine Son for all eternity. Amen.

Hymn:

(All Stand)

MOTHER OF CHRIST

MOTHER OF CHRIST, MOTHER OF CHRIST
WHAT SHALL I ASK OF THEE?
I DO NOT SIGH FOR THE WEALTH OF EARTH
FOR THE JOYS THAT FADE AND FLEE
BUT, MOTHER OF CHRIST, MOTHER OF CHRIST
THIS DO I LONG TO SEE
THE BLISS UNTOLD WHICH YOUR ARMS ENFOLD
THE TREASURE UPON YOUR KNEE.

MOTHER OF CHRIST, MOTHER OF CHRIST
I TOSS ON A STORMY SEA,
OH, LIFT YOUR CHILD AS A BEACON LIGHT
TO THE PORT WHERE I FAIN WOULD BE
AND, MOTHER OF CHRIST, MOTHER OF CHRIST
THIS DO I ASK OF THEE,
WHEN THE VOYAGE IS O'ER,
O STAND ON THE SHORE
AND SHOW HIM AT LAST TO ME.

SILENT PRAYER (PAUSE)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

(Please Kneel)

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.

SILENT PRAYER (PAUSE)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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.

To be Sung:

(All Stand)

HAIL MARY

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE
THE LORD IS WITH YOU
BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB, JESUS.

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH.
AMEN.

PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help and sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I hasten to you. O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you, I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise my petition, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer for Financial Aid

Realizing, dear Mother, that you are our Perpetual Help, not only in spiritual but also in temporal necessities, we ask you to help us in our present financial worry. Because of unavoidable circumstances which have arisen in our lives, we are in great want and financial embarrassment, since we are unable to meet our honest debts. We are not asking, dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, for wealth, if the possession of it is not in accordance with the Will of God; we merely ask you for that assistance which will help us to settle our present obligations. We believe, dear Mother of God, that you are extremely kind and generous to all your loving and devoted children. We plead with you, therefore, dear Mother, to obtain for us the help we so urgently need. We are trying so earnestly to solve our problem but we believe in your powerful intercession with Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

Temptation

Mary, my Mother, your love for us could not be greater or more powerful. You are rich in love and your power brings us relief. You want everyone to be saved. I beg you therefore, protect me in temptation and strengthen me when I weaken. I struggle daily to be faithful to Jesus your Son. Help me, my Mother at every moment. But above all take me by the hand when you see that I am weakening and about to fall. I will have to battle with temptation till the day I die. My Lady, you are my hope, my refuge, my strength; never let me lose the grace of God. In every temptation I resolve to turn to you at once and pray: Mary help me. -- (St. Alphonsus)

Prayer for Company-Keeper

Eternal Father, through the powerful intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help, I come to beg Your guidance and strength, during the important time of courtship.

Help us to realize, that genuine love, deep and lasting, is Your own gift to those who respect and reverence one another. Take from our hearts all trace of selfishness, so that in all things we may help each other to grow in true friendship. Convince us that true love will not hurt... use... or abuse the one loved.

To this end, keep ever growing in us an ardent love of Your Son and Our Savior Jesus Christ, by means of constant prayer, and frequent Holy Communion.

May the bright hope of a happy marriage, make us determined to prepare well, by avoiding sin, and the dangers that can so easily lead us into sin.

We thank You for our love, and we desire to consecrate it to You. Keep it always pure, so that we may continue to live as worthy children of Mary our Mother and You our Heavenly Father. We ask You this through the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit of perfect Love. Amen

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