

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

(WEDNESDAY BEFORE MASS)

Priest/Deacon: Most holy and Immaculate Virgin and our Mother Mary, You are our Perpetual Help, our refuge, and our Hope.

All: We come to You today. We thank God for all the graces received through Your intercession. 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/Deacon: Mother of Perpetual Help, powerful with God, obtain for us these graces:

All: The strength to overcome 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/Deacon: Let us pray to be open to God's word.

All: O Mother of Perpetual Help, You continually sought the meaning of God's word and actions in our life. As we listen to God's word every day, may the Holy Spirit enlighten our understanding and give us the courage to put His word into practice in our daily lives.

(If homily follows, all should be seated)

Priest/Deacon: Let us, as a community of faith, rely on the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Mary, all generations have called You blessed, and the Almighty has done great things for You.

All: O Mother of Perpetual Help, we call upon Your most powerful name. Your very name inspires confidence and hope. May it always be on our lips, especially in times of temptation and at the hour of our death. Blessed Lady, help us whenever we call on You. Let us not be content with merely pronouncing Your name. May our daily lives proclaim that You are Our Mother and our Perpetual Help.

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for our temporal needs.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we implore Your help in the problems of our daily life. Trials and sorrows often depress us; misfortunes and privations bring misery into our lives; everywhere we meet the cross. Comforter of the afflicted, beg Your Son, Jesus, to strengthen us as we bear our burdens and to free us from our sufferings. Or if it be the will of God that we should suffer still longer, help us endure all with love and patience. May we follow the example of Your Son, and through Him, with Him, and in Him, commend ourselves to the care of our Heavenly Father.

Priest/Deacon: Let us present our petitions and our thanks. 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 our sincere thanks.

Priest/Deacon: Grant wisdom and guidance to our Holy Father, Pope....., our bishop, our priests and all the leaders of our community.

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

Priest/Deacon: Grant peace and unity throughout the world, especially in our homes and families.

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

Priest/Deacon: Grant us continued health of mind and body, and help the sick, _____ to regain their health according to Your holy will.

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

Priest/Deacon: Grant eternal rest to all our deceased, and to the souls of all the faithful departed.

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

Priest/Deacon: Let us pause, now, to silently present our own petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

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Priest/Deacon: Lord, accept our thanks for the new life of grace You gave us.

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

Priest/Deacon: Accept our thanks for the spiritual and material blessings we have received.

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

Priest/Deacon: Let us, silently, thank our Mother of Perpetual Help for our own favors received.

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for the sick:

All: Lord, look upon Your servants laboring under bodily weakness. Cherish and revive the souls which You have created so that, purified by their sufferings they may, soon, find themselves healed by Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Priest/Deacon: 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 protect You; above You, that he may Bless You, in the Name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

(Individual blessing and veneration)



Mother Dear, O pray for me

1

Mother dear, O pray for me, Whilst far from heav'n and thee.
I wander in a fragile bark, o'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from thy throne, so bright in bliss above.
Protect thy child and cheer my path with thy sweet smile of love.

Refrain

Mother dear, remember me, and never cease thy care,
'Till in heaven eternally, Thy love and bliss I share.

2

Mother dear, O pray for me! Should pleasure's siren lay.
E'er tempt thy child to wander far from Virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way, and darkling waters flow.
Then, Mary, aid thy weeping child, thyself a mother show.

Remember, Holy Mary

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Remember, Holy Mary, twas never head or known
That anyone who sought Thee and made to Thee his moan,
That anyone who hastened to seek Thy gentle care
Was ever yet abandoned and left to his despair.

2

And so, to Thee, my Mother, with filial faith I call
For Jesus dying gave Thee as Mother to us all.
To Thee, O Queen of virgins, O Mother meek,
To Thee, I run with trustful fondness, like child to mother's knee.

Mother Dearest

1

Mother dearest, Mother fairest, Help of all who call on Thee,
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest, help us, help, we pray to Thee.

Refrain

Mary, help us, help, we pray. Mary, help us, help, we pray.
Help us in all care and sorrow. Mary, help us, help we pray.

2

Lady, help in pain and sorrow, soothe those racked on beds of pain
May the golden light of morrow bring them health and joy again.

3

Lady, help the absent loved ones. How we miss their presence here
May the hand of Thy protection guide and guard them, far and near.

O Mother of Perpetual Help

1

O Mother of Perpetual Help, to thee we come imploring help.
Behold us here from far and near, to ask of thee our help to be.

2

Perpetual Help we beg of thee, our soul from sin and sorrow free.
Direct our wandering feet aright and be thyself our own true light.

3

And when this life is o'er for me, this last request I ask of Thee:
Obtain for me in heaven this grace to see my God there, face to face