

## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us. *Glory be to the Father...*

O Mother of Perpetual Succour, you saw in sacred scripture the promise of our redemption, and rejoiced to see this promise fulfilled in your son. By God's Word, obtain for us the light to understand it, the courage to dedicate ourselves to God and bear witness by our lives to Christ and his Church. Amen.

### *Scripture reading*

#### **Prayers of Petition**

Lord Jesus Christ at a word from Mary your mother, you changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee. Listen to us who seek to honour Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Grant our petitions and accept our humble thanks.

Grant dedication and perseverance to our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop Ralph and to all our priests and deacons.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant wisdom and prudence to all the leaders of our nation and communities.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant to all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant that all people may live as brothers and sisters in lasting peace and be mindful of serving one another.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant that Christians may unite and fulfil your desire that there be but one flock and one shepherd.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant that the Holy Spirit may inspire young men and women of our parish to give themselves generously to the service of your Church.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant that all who have separated themselves from you may speedily return to the practice of their faith.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant comfort and courage to all the sick of our parish, especially those who are dear to us. Console all who suffer in mind or body, that they may serve you in peace and gladness.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant that the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth may inspire all Christians, that your peace and charity may reign in every home.

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

Grant all the favours our parish needs and especially my personal petitions that I place before you now...

*Jesus and Mary hear us.*

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Accept our thanks for the life of grace which we received in Baptism.

*Jesus and Mary we thank you.*

Accept our thanks for all the graces received from the Holy Mass and Sacraments of the Church. May their grace sustain us still, especially when we are unable to celebrate them together.

*Jesus and Mary we thank you.*

Accept our thanks for every spiritual and material blessing you have bestowed on us: (*especially...*)

*Jesus and Mary we thank you.*

I thank Our Lady of Perpetual Succour for all favours I have received through her powerful intercession ...

### **The Magnificat**

We praise and thank God with the words used by Mary herself.

My soul glorifies the Lord, My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,

the mercy promised to our fathers, for Abraham and his sons for ever.

*Glory be to the Father ...*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us your mother, Mary, to be our Mother, ready at every moment to help us: grant, as we pray before her image and call on her help, that we may always be faithful to the graces that are ours through your death and resurrection. May the life they bring us be to your glory on earth and our eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

### **Prayers for the Intentions of our Holy Father to gain the Plenary Indulgence**

*Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be to the Father...*

#### **Hymn**

Mary, let Perpetual Succour

*Sung or recited*

Be the answer to our prayer:

For thy Son, of all the wretched

Gives to thee perpetual care.

*Ever ready help has thou. Let thy children feel it now.*

Though we try to rise, yet ever

Down in misery we fall;

So like feeble children sadly

For our Mother's help we call.

*Ever ready help has thou. Let thy children feel it now.*

### **Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus I believe you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to possess you within my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**Making the Sign of the Cross we conclude by praying:**

May the Lord bless us protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.