

DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Hymn: "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.
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2. Perpetual help, we beg of thee, our souls from sin and sorrow free.
Direct our wandering feet aright, and be thyself our own true light.
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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.
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Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (*recited in unison*)

Mother of Perpetual Help, your very name inspires confidence.
We come before your holy picture in praise and thanksgiving to God,
seeking your intercession with Jesus, your Son, for all the needs of our lives today.
We celebrate your holy motherhood
as we proclaim Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

You answered when called to be mother of our Lord.
Obtain for us the grace to be alive to our baptismal call
and especially to embrace the gospel of life
and to respect all life on earth.

You wondered as your Son grew in wisdom, knowledge and grace.
Intercede for us, so that we may welcome the Word of God in our lives
and be bearers of the good news to one and all.

You delighted as your Son healed the sick.
Intercede for our sick, that they may receive good health
and that they in their turn may be healers to others.

You enjoyed peace as your Son comforted the afflicted.
Intercede for all who suffer so that they may know
that we carry their burdens with them
and in this way we keep the law of Christ.

You rejoiced as your Son forgave sins.
Obtain for us the forgiveness of our sins
and lead us to unbind others and set them free.
You suffered at the wounds your Son endured for our salvation.

Help us to bind up the brokenhearted
and to give hope to the downtrodden.

You exulted at your Son's resurrection.
Obtain for us the grace to persevere in his way all the days of our life
and be granted a place in heaven.

You are the first of all the disciples and saints.
we trust in your motherly love and care.
Obtain for us all the graces we need
to fulfil God's plan each day in our lives.

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, at a word from Mary, your Mother, you changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee. Hear our prayers and grant our petitions in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Grant wisdom and courage to all our religious and civil leaders, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our bishops and all who lead us, we pray:

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

Leader: Grant peace, unity and good harvests in all the world, especially in places of conflict, war, famine and need, we pray: **L**

Leader: Grant married couples the grace of their Sacrament, wives and husbands a binding love for one another, parents the grace to welcome and cherish their children,

single-parent families unity and strength, and peace and blessings on all our homes, we pray: **L**

Leader: Grant to our single adults fulfilment in their call, to our young people success in their endeavours and courage to witness to their faith, to our old people vitality, security and contentment in their days, and to the separated and divorced the grace of your Spirit, we pray: **L**

Leader: Grant workers confidence in their work, dignity in their accomplishments, joy in their contributions, a just and living wage, and to the unemployed, grant gainful work, we pray: **L**

Leader: Grant to your Church many labourers for the harvest– good priests, brothers, sisters and laity– who will dedicate their lives to your faithful people, we pray: **L**

Leader: Grant eternal life to all the deceased and a place in the communion of saints, where every tear shall be wiped away and where we shall see you, our God, face-to-face, we pray: **L**

Leader: Grant to each of us the grace to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you each day of our lives, for whatever we do to the least of our sisters or brothers, we do to you, we pray: **L**

Leader: Let us pray.
Mother of Perpetual Help,
we, who call on your most powerful name,
thank you for the graces we have received through your intercession
and for hearing our prayers today, “for God, who is mighty, has done
great things through you, and God’s mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.” Amen.

Closing Blessing

May the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Mary of Perpetual Help,
be with you to defend you, within you to sustain you,
before you to lead you, behind you to protect you
and above you to bless you all the days of your life.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: “Immaculate Mary”

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus, our King.

Chorus: Ave, ave, ave Maria!
 Ave, ave, ave maria!

2. In heaven, the blessed your glory proclaim.
 On earth, we your children invoke your fair name. *Chorus*
3. Your name is our power, your virtues our light.
 Your love is our comfort, your pleading our might. *Chorus*
4. We pray for our mother, the Church upon earth,
 and bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth. *Chorus*