

mighty God through the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, this special favor which I beg of thee...

Cease not to intercede for me until, through Divine Mercy, my request may be granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace one day to behold my God face to face and with thee and Mary and all the Saints praise and bless Him through all eternity. Amen.

Litany of Saint Ann

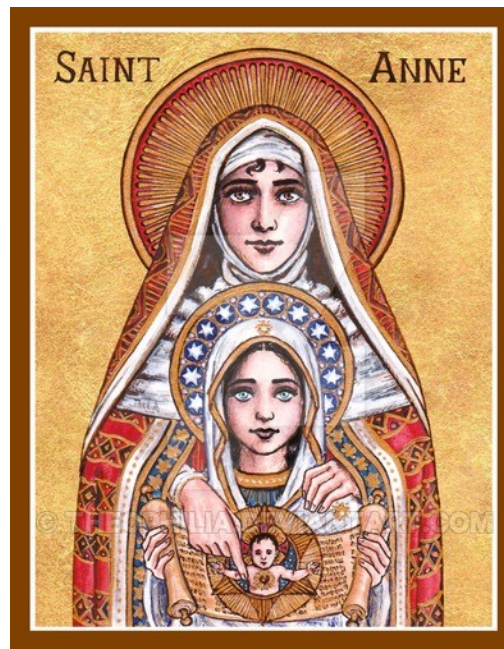
For our daily bread.....Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For comfortable shelter... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For suitable clothing..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For daily work..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For happy amusements..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For joyous companionship, Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In our temptations..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In our troubles..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In our sufferings..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In our good deeds..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In our weaknesses..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In the hours of danger.....Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In the hours of trial..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
In the hour of death..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For our families..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For our friends..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For our enemies..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the pagans..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the Christians..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the priests..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the just..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the sinners..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the sick and afflicted, Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the needy..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the oppressed..... Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For the souls in purgatory, Saint Ann, Pray for Us!
For those who have none to pray for them.....
Saint Ann, Pray for Us!

Amen

Prayer to St Anne on Behalf of a Sick Person

O Good St. Anne, so justly called the mother of the infirm, the cure of those who suffer from disease, look kindly upon the sick person for whom I pray; alleviate his (her) sufferings, cause him (her) to sanctify them by patience and by complete submission to divine will; finally deign to obtain health for him (her) and with it the firm resolution to honor Jesus, Mary, and thyself by the faithful performance of his (her) duties.

But merciful St. Anne, I ask thee, above all, salvation of the soul, rather than bodily health, for I am convinced that this fleeting life is given us solely to assure us a better one. Now, we cannot obtain that better life without the help of God's graces. I earnestly beg them of thee for him (her) and for myself, through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of His Immaculate Mother and through thy efficacious and powerful mediation, O glorious St. Anne. Amen.



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Saint Ann, Grandmother of Jesus

The universal tradition of honoring St. Anne or Ann can be traced back to 1584. Father Weiser explains the history and customs surrounding Saint Ann or Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Her feast day is shared with her husband Joachim on July 26.



Saint Anne, or Ann, is not mentioned in the Bible. It was only in legendary books of the early Christian centuries that the names of Mary's parents were given as Joachim and Anne. Since the Fathers of the Church rejected the use of such legendary sources, the faithful in Europe had no feast in honor of our Lord's grand-parents. In the Middle East, however, the veneration of Saint Anne can be traced back to the fourth century.

The Crusaders brought the name and legend of Saint Anne to Europe, and the famous Dominican Jacobus de Voragine (1298) printed the story in his Golden Legend. From that time on the popular veneration of the saint spread into all parts of the Christian world. It was encouraged by the religious orders of the Franciscans, Dominicans, Augustinians, and Carmelites. In southern France a Feast of Saint Anne was celebrated as early as the fourteenth century. Pope Urban VI in 1378 extended it to England at the king's request. Not until 1584, however, did the feast become universal, when Pope Gregory XIII prescribed it for the whole Church.

As grandmother of Christ and mother of Mary, Saint Anne soon became the patron of married

women, and for childless couples a special aid in obtaining children. According to legend she was married three times, first to Joachim, after his death to Cleophas, and finally to Salomas. This detail of the ancient story inspired young women to turn to her for help in finding a husband. After all, since she had had three husbands herself, should she not be able and willing to provide at least one bridegroom for those who trustingly appealed to her? In the languages of all European nations young women implored her:

I beg you, holy mother Anne, Send me a good and loving man.

Her patronage of fertility was extended also to the soil. Thus she became a patron of rain. It is a popular saying in Italy that "rain is Saint Anne's gift"; in Germany, July rain was called "Saint Anne's dowry"

Finally, the gentle grandmother of the Lord is everywhere invoked as one of the great helpers for various needs of body and soul. Many churches have been erected to her, most of them becoming famous centers of pilgrimages. One of the best-known shrines in this part of the world is St. Anne's Church, Bukit Mertajam, Penang.

The Church of St. Anne was founded in 1846. The first chapel was built on top of the hill. As soon as the Catholic population began to increase, a new church was built. It was opened in 1888. This is the church which is now the St Anne's Shrine. In 2002, another new church was built. This church could fit 2,200 people, and is one of the largest churches in Malaysia. It was opened by the then Apostolic Delegate to Malaysia on 26 July 2002. This church has Minangkabau roofs, truly reflecting the



Malaysian culture.

Novena to St. Anne

This novena begins on July 17 and ends on July 26.

O glorious St. Ann, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer! Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention which I recommend to you in your special care.

Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and place it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But, above all, obtain for me the grace one day to see my God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen.

Our Father, . . . Hail Mary . . .

O Jesus, Holy Mary, St. Ann, help me now and at the hour of my death.

Good St. Ann, intercede for me.

Memorare to St. Anne to Obtain a Special Favor

Remember, O glorious and Good Saint Anne, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored they help and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, behold, I cast myself at thy feet, and beseech thee, by thy great prerogative of being the Mother of the Queen of Heaven and the Grandmother of Jesus, come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, and obtain from Al-