

## Litany of the Immaculate Conception

God the Father, Source of all sanctity, Have mercy on us. God the Son, uncreated Sanctity, Have mercy on us. God the Holy Ghost, Spirit of Sanctity, Have mercy on us. Most sacred Trinity, one God, Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, immaculate, Pray for us. Virgin of virgins, immaculate, Pray for us. Holy Virgin, by predestination immaculate, Pray for us. Holy Virgin, in thy conception immaculate, Pray for us. Holy Virgin, after thy conception immaculate, Pray for us. Daughter of the Father, immaculate, Pray for us. Mother of the Son, immaculate, Pray for us. Spouse of the Holy Ghost, immaculate, Pray for us. Seat of the most Holy Trinity, immaculate, Pray for us. Image of the Wisdom of God, immaculate, Pray for us. Dawn of the Sun of justice, immaculate, Pray for us. Living ark of the body of Christ, immaculate, Pray for us. Daughter of David, immaculate, Pray for us. Guide to Jesus, immaculate, Pray for us. Virgin, triumphing over original sin, immaculate, Pray for us. Virgin, crushing the head of the serpent, immaculate, Pray for us. Queen of heaven and earth, immaculate, Pray for us. Gate of the heavenly Jerusalem, immaculate, Pray for us. Dispenser of graces, immaculate, Pray for us. Spouse of Saint Joseph, immaculate, Pray for us. Star of the world, immaculate, Pray for us. Impregnable tower of the Church Militant, immaculate, Pray for us. Rose amid thorns, immaculate, Pray for us. Olive of the fields, immaculate, Pray for us. Model of all perfection, immaculate, Pray for us. Cause of our hope, immaculate, Pray for us. Pillar of our faith, immaculate, Pray for us. Source of Divine Love, immaculate, Pray for us. Sure sign of our salvation, immaculate, Pray for us. Rule of perfect obedience, immaculate, Pray for us.

Pattern of holy poverty, immaculate, Pray for us. School of devotion, immaculate, Pray for us. Abode of chaste modesty, immaculate, Pray for us. Anchor of our salvation, immaculate, Pray for us. Light of Angels, immaculate, Pray for us. Crown of Patriarchs, immaculate, Pray for us. Glory of Prophets, immaculate, Pray for us. Lady and Mistress of Apostles, immaculate, Pray for us. Support of Martyrs, immaculate, Pray for us. Strength of Confessors, immaculate, Pray for us. Diadem of Virgins, immaculate, Pray for us. Splendor of all Saints, immaculate, Pray for us. Sanctity of all Christians, immaculate, Pray for us. Companion of devout souls, immaculate, Pray for us. Joy of those who hope in thee, immaculate, Pray for us. Health of the sick, immaculate, Pray for us. Advocate of sinners, immaculate, Pray for us. Terror of heretics, immaculate, Pray for us. Protectress of all mankind, immaculate, Pray for us. Patroness of those who honor thee, immaculate, Pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: Spare us, O Lord. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: Graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

V. In thy Conception, O Virgin Mary, thou wast immaculate. R. Pray for us to the Father, Whose Son Jesus, conceived of the Holy Ghost, thou didst bring forth.

Let us pray, O Almighty and Eternal God, Who didst prepare for Thy Son a worthy habitation, by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: we beseech Thee that, as Thou didst preserve her from every stain of sin, through the merits of the pre-ordained atonement of Jesus Christ, so Thou wouldst grant that we also may come without spot to Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. R. Amen.

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### The Immaculate Conception

*Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin. This age-old belief of the Church was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as an article of revealed truth.*

*Mary was in need of redemption and she was indeed redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. The manner of Mary's redemption, however, was unique. Instead of being freed from original sin after having contracted it, she was preserved from contracting it. This was a most fitting favor for the Mother of the Redeemer.*

**INVOCATION** O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

**TO THE VIRGIN IMMACULATE** O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from thy sublime height turn upon me thine eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in thy goodness and knowing full well thy power, I beseech thee to extend to me thine assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of dangers for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to thee. I consecrate my heart to thee for ever, my only desire being to love thy divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.

**PRAYER OF PRAISE** O pure and immaculate and likewise blessed Virgin, who art the sinless Mother of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe, thou who art inviolate and altogether holy, the hope of the hopeless and sinful, we sing thy praises. We bless thee, as full of every grace, thou who didst bear the God-Man: we all bow low before thee; we invoke thee and implore thine aid. Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin, from every necessity that presses upon us and from all the temptations of the devil. Be our intercessor and advocate at the hour of death and judgment; deliver us from the fire that is not extinguished and from the outer darkness; make us worthy of the glory of thy Son, O dearest and most clement Virgin Mother. Thou indeed art our only hope, most sure and sacred in God's sight, to whom be honor and glory, majesty and dominion for ever and ever world without end. Amen.

**PRAYER OF POPE PIUS XII** *This prayer, dedicated to Mary Immaculate, was composed by the Pope for the Marian Year (December 8, 1953 - December 8, 1954), which was proclaimed to mark the centenary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.*

Enraptured by the splendor of your heavenly beauty, and impelled by the anxieties of the world, we cast ourselves into your arms, O Immaculate Mother of Jesus and our Mother, Mary, confident of finding in your most loving heart appeasement of our ardent desires, and a safe harbor from the tempests which beset us on every side.

Though degraded by our faults and overwhelmed

by infinite misery, we admire and praise the peerless richness of sublime gifts with which God has filled you, above every other mere creature, from the first moment of your conception until the day on which, after your assumption into heaven, He crowned you Queen of the Universe.

O crystal fountain of faith, bathe our minds with the eternal truths! O fragrant Lily of all holiness, captivate our hearts with your heavenly perfume! O Conqueress of evil and death, inspire in us a deep horror of sin, which makes the soul detestable to God and a slave of hell!

O well-beloved of God, hear the ardent cry which rises up from every heart. Bend tenderly over our aching wounds. Convert the wicked, dry the tears of the afflicted and oppressed, comfort the poor and humble, quench hatreds, sweeten harshness, safeguard the flower of purity in youth, protect the holy Church, make all men feel the attraction of Christian goodness. In your name, resounding harmoniously in heaven, may they recognize that they are brothers, and that the nations are members of one family, upon which may they shine forth the sun of a universal and sincere peace.

Receive, O most sweet Mother, our humble supplications, and above all obtain for us that, one day, happy with you, we may repeat before your throne that hymn which today is sung on earth around your altars: You are all-beautiful, O Mary! You are the glory, you are the joy, you are the honor of our people! Amen.