

## NOVENA TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

*(to be said for any nine consecutive days in May)*



O most august and blessed Virgin Mary! holy Mother of God! Glorious Queen of heaven and earth! Powerful protectress of those who love thee, and unfailing advocate of all who invoke thee! Look down, we beseech thee, from thy throne of glory upon thy devoted children.

Accept the solemn offering we present to thee this month, especially dedicated to thee, and receive our ardent, humble desire, that by our love and fervour we may worthily honour thee, who, next to God, art deserving of all honour. Receive us, O Mother of mercy, among thy best beloved children. Extend to us thy maternal tenderness and solicitude; obtain for us a place in the Heart of Jesus and a special share in the gifts of His grace.

Deign, we beseech thee, to recognize our claims on thy protection, to watch over our spiritual and temporal interests, as well as all of those who are dear to us. Deign to infuse into our souls the spirit of Christ and to teach us thyself to become meek, humble, charitable, patient, and submissive to the will of God. May our hearts burn with the love of thy divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity. May we thirst and labour for the promotion of His glory and for thy greater veneration.

Receive us, O Virgin Mary, sure refuge of sinners, and grant us a mother's blessing and a mother's care now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be*

*Let us pray.*

O God, Who, by the message of an Angel, willed to take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant that we, thy supplicants, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession with Thee. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.