

St. John Paul II Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Hail Mary, poor and humble Woman, Blessed by the Most High! Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era, we join in your song of praise, to celebrate the Lord's mercy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and the full liberation of humanity.

Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord, Glorious Mother of Christ! Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place of the Word, teach us to persevere in listening to the Word, and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit, attentive to his promptings in the depths of our conscience and to his manifestations in the events of history.

Hail Mary, Woman of sorrows, Mother of the living! Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve, Be our guide along the paths of the world. Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ, to stand with you before the innumerable crosses on which your Son is still crucified.

Hail Mary, woman of faith, First of the disciples! Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account for the hope that is in us, with trust in human goodness and the Father's love. Teach us to build up the world beginning from within: in the depths of silence and prayer, in the joy of fraternal love, in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.

Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes,
R/ pray for us.

Amen.

*(This prayer was said during the Holy Father's August 15, 2004 visit to Lourdes, France.
The Pope asked her among other things to be our guide along the paths of the world.)*

Closing Hymn

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK



 **CHATHAM CATHOLIC**
FAMILY OF PARISHES

POPE FRANCIS

World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2024

“To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.

At this time of epochal change, we Christians in particular are called to adopt the compassion-filled gaze of Jesus. Let us care for those who suffer and are alone, perhaps marginalized and cast aside. With the love for one another that Christ the Lord bestows on us in prayer, especially in the Eucharist, let us tend the wounds of solitude and isolation. In this way, we will cooperate in combating the culture of individualism, indifference and waste, and enable the growth of a culture of tenderness and compassion.

The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships.”



January 10, 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes, Strength of the weak; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Refuge of sinners; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes,
Comforter of the suffering; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, help of the dying; **Pray for us.**
Queen of heaven; **Pray for us.**
Queen of peace; **Pray for us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

R/ Spare us O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

R/ Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

R/ Have mercy on us.

Christ hear us;

R/ Christ graciously hear us.

Let us pray:

Grant us, your servants, we pray you, Lord God, to enjoy perpetual health of mind and body. By the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, may we be delivered from present sorrows, and enjoy everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.



LITANY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy; **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy.**
Christ hear us; **Christ graciously hear us.**

God the Father of
Heaven; **Have mercy on us.**
God the Son, Redeemer
of the world; **Have mercy on us.**
God the Holy Spirit; **Have mercy on us.**
Holy Trinity, one God; **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Mary; **Pray for us.**
Holy Mother of God; **Pray for us.**
Mother of Christ; **Pray for us.**
Mother of our Savior; **Pray for us.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Help of Christians; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Source of love; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of the poor; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of
the handicapped; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of orphans; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of all children; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of all nations; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of the Church; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Friend of the lonely; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Comforter
of those who mourn; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Shelter of
the homeless; **Pray for us.**
Our Lady of Lourdes, Guide of travelers; **Pray for us.**

PRAYER SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God, may with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

First Reading:

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R: You, O Lord, are my refuge

With a loud voice I cry out to the LORD; with a loud voice I beseech the LORD. My complaint I pour out before him, before him I lay bare my distress. **R/**

When my spirit is faint within me, you know my path. In the way along which I walk they have hid a trap for me. **R/**

I look to the right to see, but there is no one there who pays me heed. I have lost all means of escape; there is no one who cares for my life. I cry out to you, O LORD: I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." **R/**

Attend to my cry, for I am brought low indeed. Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. **R/**

Lead me out of my prison, that I may give thanks to your name. The just shall gather around me when you have been good to me. **R/**

Gospel Reading – Wedding Feast at Cana

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet

come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.'

So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'



Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily & Anointing of the Sick

(hymns during anointing)

