



May Crowning Prayer Service for the Home



Gathering Song - Immaculate Mary

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

Refrain:

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.
(Refrain)

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless holy Mary, the land of our birth. *(Refrain)*

Opening Prayer

O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world
By the Resurrection of you Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin
Mary,
We may receive the joys of everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading – Luke 1:46-55

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord.

Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his lowly servant;
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered the promise of his mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.”

Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months
and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Litany of the Blessed Mother

Leader:

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

God our Father
in heaven
God the Son,
Redeemer of the world
God the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, one God

Holy Mary
Holy Mother of God

Most honored of virgins
Mother of Christ

Mother of the Church
Mother of divine grace

Mother most pure
Mother of chaste love

Mother and virgin
Sinless Mother

Dearest of Mothers
Model of motherhood

Mother of good counsel
Mother of our Creator

Virgin most wise
Virgin rightly praised

Response:

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

have mercy on us

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pray for us
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Virgin rightly renowned	pray for us
Virgin most powerful	pray for us
Virgin gentle in mercy	pray for us
Faithful Virgin	pray for us
Mirror of justice	pray for us
Throne of wisdom	pray for us
Cause of our joy	pray for us
Shrine of the Spirit	pray for us
Glory of Israel	pray for us
Vessel of selfless devotion	pray for us
Mystical Rose	pray for us
Tower of David	pray for us
Tower of ivory	pray for us
House of gold	pray for us
Ark of the covenant	pray for us
Gate of heaven	pray for us
Morning star	pray for us
Health of the sick	pray for us
Refuge of sinners	pray for us
Comfort of the troubled	pray for us
Help of Christians	pray for us
Queen of angels	pray for us
Queen of patriarchs and prophets	pray for us
Queen of apostles and martyrs	pray for us
Queen of confessors and virgins	pray for us
Queen of all saints	pray for us
Queen conceived without sin	pray for us
Queen assumed into heaven	pray for us
Queen of the rosary	pray for us

Queen of peace pray for us

Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.
That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Leader: Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

Response: That we may become worthy of the promises
of Christ.

Crowning of the Blessed Mother

Prayer – The Hail Mary

Sending Song – *Hail, Holy Queen*

Hail holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

Refrain:
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria! (*Refrain*)

And when our life breath leaves us, O Maria!
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus, O Maria! (*Refrain*)

Our Blessed Mother

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Before you begin

- ❖ Read through the prayer service beforehand, and choose someone to lead the service, someone to do the reading, and someone to crown the Blessed Mother. The person who does the crowning can be the youngest family member, or someone whose birthday is in May, etc.
- ❖ If you have a statue of Mary, place it on a pedestal or on someplace in your space where everyone is able to see her. If you have a small crown, it will be placed at the end of the prayer service. *If you do not have a statue and/or a crown, that is okay! This purpose of this service is for honoring the Blessed Mother, which you will do with your prayers and participation whether you have a statue or not.
- ❖ If you need some help with the songs, there are many recordings of the songs here available online that you can play during the service. 😊