

Liturgy of the Hours

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

INTRODUCTION

V - O God, come to our aid
R - O Lord, make haste to help us
Glory be...

Intercessions:

Let us praise God the Father who chose Mary as the mother of His Son and wanted all generations to call her blessed. With confidence we pray:

R: May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.

Father, you have looked on the Virgin Mary and made her the mother of mercy; may those who are in danger experience the depth of her love. **R**

You called Mary to be the mother in the house of Jesus and Joseph; through her prayers help all mothers to make their homes places of love and holiness. **R**

You gave Mary the strength to stand beneath the cross and made her radiant with joy in the resurrection; raise up the sorrowful and transform their lives with hope. **R**

Mary was your faithful handmaid who treasured your words in her heart; through her intercession let us become true disciples of your Son, devoted to his service. **R**

Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary and crowned her queen of heaven; may the dead enter your kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever. **R**

Concluding Prayer:

Almighty God, grant that your faithful who rejoices in the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may be delivered from every evil here on earth through her prayer, and come to the enduring joys of heaven.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. AMEN.



OUR FATHER

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

Mother dearest, Mother fairest,
Help of all who call on thee,
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,
Help us, help, we cry to thee.

Chorus:

*Mary, help us, help we pray;
Mary, help us, help we pray;
Help us all care and sorrow;
Mary, help us, help we pray;*

Lady, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those rack'd on bed of pain,
May the golden light of morrow,
Bring them health and joy again.

Lady, help the absent loved ones,
How we miss their presence here,
May the hand of thy protection,
Guard and guide them far and near.



Ant. 1: Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.

Psalm 121 (122)

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant.: Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.

Ant. 2: I am the servant of the Lord; let it be as you have said.

Psalm 126 (127)

If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labour;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising,
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat:
when He pours gifts on His beloved while
they slumber.

Truly, sons are a gift from the Lord,
a blessing, a fruit of the womb.
Indeed the sons of youth
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!
He will have no cause for shame when he
disputes with his foes in the gateways.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant.: I am the servant of the Lord; let it be as you have said.

Ant. 3: You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Canticle – Eph. 1: 3 – 10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the richness of his grace
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us
in all wisdom and insight
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant.: You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Scripture Reading:

Gal 4: 4 – 5

When the appointed time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons.

Short Responsoy

R: Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.

V: Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.

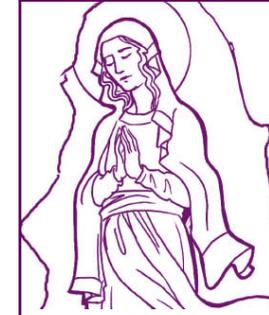
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MAGNIFICAT



Ant: Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you. You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God,
my Saviour.
He looks on His servant
in her lowliness; Henceforth all ages
will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy His name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth His arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from
their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel His servant,
remembering His mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Glory Be to the Father...

Ant: Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you. You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.