I. OPENING HYMN

(Please stand.)

IMMACULATE MOTHER

1. Immaculate Mother, to you do we plead To ask God, our Father, for help in our need. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria, Ave, Ave, Mari-a.

2. We pray for our country, the land of our birth; We pray for all nations that peace be on earth. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria, Ave, Ave, Mari-a.

Or

LOURDES HYMN

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing; You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Mari-a.

2. Predestined for Christ by eternal decree, God willed you both virgin and mother to be.

3. To you, by an angel, the Lord God made known The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son.

4. Most blest of all women, you heard and believed, Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived.

5. The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God’s Son; Your joy is the joy of all ages to come.

6. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him: He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.
7. In glory for ever now close to your Son,
   All ages will praise you for all God has done.

Or

### ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

**Refrain:**

On this day, O beautiful Mother,
on this day we give thee our love.
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
trusting thy gentle care to prove.

**Verses:**

1. On this day we ask to share,
   Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;
   Aid us ere our feet astray wander from thy guiding way. **Refrain.**

2. Queen of angels, deign to hear
   lisping children’s humble pray’r;
   Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure, sweetly to thy self allure. **Refrain.**

Or

### HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.
   Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria.
   Triumph, all ye Cherubim, sing with us, ye Seraphim,
   Heav’n and earth resound the hymn:

2. The cause of joy to all below, O Maria.
   The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria.
   Angels, all your praises bring, earth and heaven with us sing,
   All creation echoing:

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3. O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria.
The God of light became your Son, O Maria.
Triumph, all ye Cherubim, sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heav’n and earth resound the hymn:

II. OPENING PRAYER
(Please remain standing).

Priest: In the name of the Father, * and of the Son, * and of
the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Priest: Brothers and sisters, * as children of our Blessed Mother, *
we are gathered before her miraculous picture * to honor
her and to pray for all our needs. * Unworthy children
that we are, * let us first of all ask God’s mercy and pardon.
(Pause).

All: Merciful Father, * you sent your Divine Son to redeem
us by his death and resurrection * and to give us new life. *
By this you make us your children * to love one another
in Christ. * How many times in the past have we forgotten
this sublime dignity. * We have sinned against our brothers
and sisters; * we have offended you. * Merciful Father,
forgive us. * Repenting sincerely of our sins, * we ask
your mercy; * may we always live as your truly devoted chil-
dren.

III. HYMN
(Please remain standing).

MARY IMMACULATE

1. Mary Immaculate, star of the morning,
Chosen before the creation began;
Destined to bring through the light of your dawning,
Conquest of Satan and rescue to man.
Refrain:

Bend from your throne at the voice of our crying,
Look to this earth where your footsteps have trod.
Stretch out your arms to us, living and dying,
Mary Immaculate, Mother of God.

2. We sinners honor your sinless perfection,
   Fallen and weak for God’s mercy we plead.
   Grant us the shield of your mighty protection,
   Measure your aid by the depth of our need.

Repeat Refrain.

Or

MARY, FULL OF GRACE

1. Mary, full of grace, __ splendor of our race,
   Holy Virgin Mar-__ia!
   Pray for us to Christ, your Son,
   now and when our life is done!
   O-__ra, __ o-__ra pro no-__bis!

2. Mother, Virgin pure, __ hope and refuge sure,
   Lead us safely to Je-__sus!
   Spirit filled and low-__ly, mirror of the Ho-__ly!
   O-__ra, __ o-__ra pro no-__bis!

Or

MARY, WOMAN OF THE PROMISE

1. Mary, woman of the promise; Vessel of your people’s dreams,
   Through your open, willing__ spirit Waters__ of God’s goodness streamed.

2. Mary, song of holy wisdom, Sung before the world began,
   Faithful to the Word with__ in, you Carried__ our God’s wondrous plan.

3. Mary, morning star of justice; Mirror of the radiant light,
   In the shadows of life’s__ journey, Be a__ beacon for our sight.

4. Mary, model of compassion; Wounded by your offspring’s pain,
   When our hearts are torn by__ sorrow, Teach us__ how to love again.

5. Mary, woman of the Gospel; Humble home for treasured seed,
   Help us to be true dis-__iples Bearing__ fruit in word and deed.
HAIL MARY: GENTLE WOMAN

Refrain:
Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Verses:
1. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
   You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one. __Refrain.__

2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.
   Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
   Blessed they with gentle hearts. __Refrain.__

IV. NOVENA PRAYERS
(Please kneel down).

1. INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

   All: Dear Mother of Perpetual Help, * from the cross Jesus gave you to us for our Mother. * You are the kindest, * the most loving of all mothers. * Look tenderly on us, your children, * as we now ask you to help us in all our needs, * especially this one... (PLEASE PAUSE TO STATE YOUR PETITIONS IN SILENCE).

   All: While you were here on earth, dear Mother, * you willingly shared in the sufferings of your Son. * Strengthened by your faith and confidence in the fatherly love of God, * you accepted the mysterious designs of his will. * We, too, have our crosses and trials. * Sometimes they almost crush us to the ground. * Dearest Mother, * share with us your abundant faith and confidence in God. *

   Make us aware that God never ceases to love us, * that he answers all our prayers in the way that is best for us. * Strengthen our hearts to carry the cross * in the footsteps of
your Divine Son. * Help us to realize that anyone, * who shares the cross of Christ, * will certainly share his resurrection.

Dearest Mother, * as we worry about our own problems, * let us not forget the needs of others. * You always loved others so much; * help us to do the same. * While praying for our own intentions * and for the intentions of all here present at this Novena, * we earnestly ask you, our Mother, * to help us comfort the sick and the dying, * give hope to the poor and the unemployed, * heal the broken-hearted, * lighten the burdens of the oppressed, * teach justice to the oppressors, * and bring back to God all those who have offended him.

Dearest Mother, * help us to avoid sin, which separates us from our heavenly Father * and from one another. * Full of trust in you, * we place ourselves under the mantle of your maternal protection * and confidently hope for your powerful help. Amen.

2. PRAYER FOR THE HOME

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, * we choose you as Queen of our homes. * We ask you to bless all our families * with your tender, motherly love. * May the Sacrament of Marriage bind husbands and wives so closely together * that they will always be faithful to each other * and love one another as Christ loves his Church.

We ask you to bless all parents. * May they love and cherish the children * whom God has entrusted to them. * May they always give them the example * of a truly Christian life. * Help them to bring up their children * in the love and fear of God. * Bless all children * that they may love, * honor and obey their fathers and mothers. * To your loving care we especially entrust the youth of today.

Give us all a sense of responsibility * that we may do our part * in making our home a haven of peace, * like your own home at Nazareth. * We take you as our model. * Help us
to grow daily in genuine love of God and neighbor, * so that justice and peace may happily reign * in the entire family of mankind. Amen.

3. PETITIONS TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Holy Mary, .................................................... pray for us.
Holy Virgin, conceived without sin, ....................... pray for us.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help, ............................. pray for us.
We sinners call to you, ......................... Loving Mother, help us.

During the Season of ADVENT:
That we may prepare like you for the coming of Christ, .......
Loving Mother, help us.

During the Season of CHRISTMAS:
That we may give our hearts completely to Christ this Christmas season, .............................. Loving Mother, help us.

During the Season of LENT:
That we may be faithful to the promises we made at Baptism, ..
Loving Mother, help us.

During the Season of EASTER:
That we may rejoice with you at Christ’s victory over sin and death ................................. Loving Mother, help us.

That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become courageous witnesses of Christ’s love for men, ...... Loving Mother, help us.
That we may be more and more like our Divine Lord as your were,
Loving Mother, help us.
That we may be meek and humble of heart like your Son, Jesus,
Loving Mother, help us.
That we may fear losing God’s friendship forever by unrepented sin, ................................. Loving Mother, help us.
That we may seek Christ’s mercy and forgiveness constantly in the Sacrament of Penance, ............... Loving Mother, help us.
That we may be aware of God speaking to us in the events of daily life, ................................. Loving Mother, help us.
That we may pray daily with love and trust, especially in moments of temptation, .......................... Loving Mother, help us.
That we may realize the value of worshipping God together in the Eucharist, …………………………………. Loving Mother, help us.

That we may grow in the love of Christ and neighbor by frequent Communion, …………………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit,
Loving Mother, help us.

That we may strive to be true Christians by our loving concern for others, ………………………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may proclaim the dignity of work by doing our own work conscientiously, ………………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may forgive from our heart those who have wronged us,
Loving Mother, help us.

That we may see the evil of seeking our own interest at the expense of others, …………………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may work for the just distribution of this world’s goods,
Loving Mother, help us.

That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community, …………………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may accept our responsibility in the community in a spirit of genuine service, ………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen Pope Benedict XVI, our bishop Charles, and the clergy, …….. Loving Mother, help us.

That we may be blessed with an increase of priestly and religious vocations, …………………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know him, ……………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements, …………………… Loving Mother, help us.

That we may be ready at death to enter the home of our heavenly Father, …………………………… Loving Mother, help us.
That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellowmen, ........
........................................................................ Loving Mother, help us.

That we may be comforted at the death of our dear ones by our hope in the risen Lord, ................ Loving Mother, help us.

That our departed brothers and sisters may quickly share in your Son’s resurrection, ......................... Loving Mother, help us.

**Let us pray in silence for our own intentions** (please pause to state your petitions) .................... Loving Mother, help us.

All: Holy Mary, help us in our needs. * Pray for all the people of God; * may all experience your perpetual help.

Priest: Lord, you gave us Mary * to be our Mother ever ready to help us; * grant us the grace to have recourse to her in all our needs.

All: Amen.

**4. CONSECRATION**

(Recited on first Wednesdays of the month).

All: Immaculate Virgin Mary, * Mother of God and Mother of the Church, * you are also our Mother of Perpetual Help. * With hearts full of love for you, * we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart, * so that we may be your devoted children. *

Obtain for us true sorrow for our sins * and fidelity to the promises of our Baptism.* We consecrate our minds and hearts to you * that we may always do the will of our Heavenly Father. * We consecrate our lives to you * that we may love God better * and live not just for ourselves, * but also for Christ, your Son, * and that we may see him and serve him in others.

By this humble act of consecration, * dear Mother of Perpetual Help, * we pledge to model our lives on you, * the perfect Christian,* so that, consecrated to you in life and in death, * we may belong to your Divine Son for all eternity. Amen.
5. HYMN: MOTHER OF CHRIST

(Please stand).

1. Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
   what shall I ask of thee?
   I do not sigh for the wealth of earth,
   for the joys that fade and flee.

   But Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
   this do I long to see:
   The bliss untold which thine arms enfold,
   the treasure upon thy knee.

2. Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
   I toss on a stormy sea;
   Oh, lift thy Child as a beacon light
   to the port where I fain would be.

   And Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ,
   this do I ask of thee:
   When the voyage is o’er, O stand on the shore,
   and show him at last to me.

Or

STAR ABOVE THE OCEAN

1. Star above the ocean, Maria!
   Flame of our devotion, Maria!
   Mother of Cre-__ation, lead us to sal-__vation, Maria!

2. Holy Virgin Mother, Maria!
   Queen above all others, Maria!
   Hear you children__ lowly; make us pure and__ holy, Maria!

3. Spring of purest water, Maria!
   Heaven’s holy daughter, Maria!
   Hear our voices__ lifted; you by God are__ gifted; Maria!
SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin mother undefiled,
   Sing of God’s own Son most holy, who became her little child.
   Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
   Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth.
   Toil and labor cannot weary love enduring unto death.
   Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side.
   Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

3. Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son;
   Glory be to God the Spirit; glory to the Three in One.
   From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends,
   And the church the strain reechoes unto earth’s remotest ends.

Or

SING WE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

1. Sing we of the blessed Mother Who received the angel’s word,
   And obedient to the summons Bore in love the infant Lord;
   Sing we of the joys of Mary At whose breast that child was fed
   Who is Son of God eternal And the everlasting Bread.

2. Sing we, too, of Mary’s sorrows, O the sword that pierced her through,
   When beneath the cross of Jesus She his weight of suff’ring knew,
   Looked upon her Son and Savior Reigning from the awful tree,
   Saw the price of our redemption Paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary When she saw the risen Lord,
   And in prayer with Christ’s apostles, Waited on his promised word:
   From on high the blazing glory Of the Spirit’s presence came,
   Heav’nly breath of God’s own being, Tokened in the wind and flame.

4. Sing the greatest joy of Mary When on earth her work was done,
   And the Lord of all creation Brought her to his heav’nly home:
   Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, Raised on high and crowned with grace,
   May your Son, the world’s redeemer, Grant us all to see his face.
ALL WHO CLAIM THE FAITH OF JESUS

1. All who claim the faith of Jesus Sing the wonders that were done  
   When the love of God the Father O’er our sins the vict’ry won,  
   When he made the Virgin Mary Mother of his only Son.

2. Blessed were the chosen people Out of whom the Lord did come;  
   Blessed was the land of promise Fashioned for his earthly home;  
   But more blessed far the moth-er, She who bore him in her womb.

3. Therefore let all faithful people Sing the honor of her name;  
   Let the Church, in her foreshadowed, Part in her thanksgiving claim;  
   What Christ’s mother sang in glad-ness Let Christ’s people sing the same:

4. “Magnify, my soul, God’s greatness; In my Savior I rejoice;  
   All the ages call me blessed, In his praise I lift my voice;  
   He has cast down all the might-y, And the lowly are his choice.”

6. THANKSGIVING PRAYER

   All: Lord Jesus Christ, * truly present in the Most Blessed  
      Eucharist, * we adore you. * It has pleased the Father *  
      that in you all his fullness should dwell * and that through  
      you, * he should reconcile all things to himself. * Grant us  
      the grace to be truly grateful * for all that our Father has  
      done for us. * Grant that we may be truly sorry for our  
      sins * and do penance for them.

      Through you, we thank the Eternal Father for the gift of  
      life. * He has created all the wonderful things of this  
      world for us. * May we learn to use them well, * so that  
      through them * we may grow in love for him.

      Above all, we thank our Father * for sending you to us *  
      as the greatest expression of his love * to save us and all  
      creation * by your death and resurrection.

      We thank you, Lord, * for giving us your own Mother * to  
      be our Mother of Perpetual Help. * May the countless fa-  
      vors we have received through her intercession, * and es-

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especially through this Novena, * inspire us to greater confidence in God’s loving mercy * and her Perpetual Help. * Grant that we may always do the holy will of God * and persevere in his love.

To the Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, * be honor, glory and thanksgiving forever and ever. Amen

7. PRAYER FOR THE SICK

(Please pause to mention in silence the persons you would like to pray for).

All: Lord Jesus Christ, * you bore our sufferings and carried our sorrows * in order to show us clearly the value of human weakness and patience; * graciously hear our prayers for the sick. * Grant that those, who are weighed down with pain and other afflictions of illness, * may realize that they are among the chosen ones * whom you call blessed. * Help them to understand * that they are united with you in your sufferings * for the salvation of the world. Amen.

8. HAIL MARY

Priest: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed are thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

9. THE “MEMORARE”

All: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, * that never was it known * that anyone who fled to your protection, * implored your help and sought your intercession, * was left unaided. * Inspired with this confidence, * I hasten to you, * O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. * To you I come, * before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. * O Mother of
the Word Incarnate, * do not despise my petitions, * but
in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

V. CLOSING HYMN

(Please stand)

MOTHER DEAREST

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

Refrain:

Mary, help us, help, we pray,
Mary, help us, help, we pray;
Help us in all cares and sorrows,
Mary, help us, help, we pray.

2. Lady, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those racked on bed of pain.
May the golden light of morrow
Bring the health and joy again.

Refrain:

Mary, help us, help, we pray,
Mary, help us, help, we pray;
Help us in all cares and sorrows,
Mary, help us, help, we pray.

Or:

MOTHER DEAR

1. Mother dear, O pray for me,
Whilst far from heaven and thee,
I wander in a fragile bark
O’er life’s tempest-ous sea.
O Virgin Mo-ther, from thy throne
So bright in bliss above,
Protect thy child, and cheer my path
With thy sweet smile of love.

Refrain:
Mother dear, O pray for me,
And never cease thy care,
Till in heaven eternally
thy love and bliss I share.

2. Mother dear, O pray for me,
Should pleasures siren lay
E’er tempt thy child to wander far
From virtue’s pathway.
When thorns beset life’s devious way
And darkling waters flow,
Then, Mary, aid thy weeping child,
Thyself, a mother show.

Repeat Refrain.

Or

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN (SALVE, REGINA)

Hail, Queen of Heaven, hail, our Mother compassionate,
True life and comfort and our hope, we greet you!
To you we exiles, children of Eve, raise our voices.
We send up sighs to you, as mourning and weeping,
we pass through this vale of sorrow. Then turn to us,
O most gracious Woman, those eyes of yours, so full
of love and tenderness, so full of pity,
And grant us after these, our days of lonely exile,
the sight of your blest Son and Lord, Christ Jesus,
O gentle, O loving, O holy sweet Virgin Mary.

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae:
Vita, dulce do et spes nostra salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo,
advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes
MAGNIFICAT

1. My soul gives glory to the Lord,
   In God my Savior I rejoice.
   My lowliness he did regard,
   Exalting me by his own choice.
   From this day all shall call me blest,
   For he has done great things for me,
   Of all great names his is the best,
   For it is holy; strong is he.

2. His mercy goes to all who fear,
   from age to age and to all parts.
   His arm of strength to all is near;
   He scatters those who have proud hearts.
   He casts the mighty from their throne
   And raises those of low degree;
   He feeds the hungry as his own,
   The rich depart in poverty.

3. He raised his servant Israel,
   Remem-b’ring his eternal grace,
   As from of old he did foretell
   To Abraham and all his race.
   O Father, Son and Spirit blest,
   In threefold Name are you adored,
   To you be ev’ry prayer addrest,
   From age to age the only Lord.

MARY’S SONG

1. My soul proclaims the Lord my God.
   My spirit sings God’s praise,
   Who looks on me, and lifts me up,
   That gladness fills my days,
2. All nations now will share my joy;
   For gifts God has outpoured.
   This lowly one has been made great.
   I magnify the Lord.

3. For those who fear the Holy One,
   God’s mercy will not die.
   Whose strong right arm puts down the proud,
   And lifts the lowly high.

4. God fills the hungry with good things,
   And sends the rich away;
   The promise made to Abraham
   Is filled to endless day.

5. Then let all nations praise our God,
   The Father and the Son,
   The Spirit blest, who lives in us,
   While endless ages run.

PRAYERS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

PRAYER FOR FINANCIAL AID

Realizing, dear Mother, that you are our Perpetual Help, not only in spiritual but also in temporal necessities, we ask you to help us in our present financial worry. Because of unavoidable circumstances, which have arisen in our lives, we are in great want and financial embarrassment, since we are unable to meet our honest debts. We are not asking, dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, for wealth, if the possession of it is not in accordance with the will of God; we merely ask you for that assistance, which will help us to settle our present obligations. We believe, dear Mother of God, that you are extremely kind and generous to all your loving and devoted children. We plead with you, therefore, dear Mother, to obtain for us the help we so urgently need. We are trying so earnestly to solve our problem, but we believe in your powerful intercession with Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer. Amen.
PRAYER IN TIME OF TEMPTATION

Mary, my Mother, your love for us could not be greater or more powerful. You are rich in love and your power brings us relief. You want everyone to be saved. I beg you, therefore, protect me in temptation and strengthen me when I weaken. I struggled daily to be faithful to Jesus, your Son. Help me, my Mother, at every moment. But above all, take me by the hand when you see that I am weakening and about to fall. I will have to battle with temptation till the day I die. My Lady, you are my hope, my refuge, my strength; never let me lose the grace of God. In every temptation I resolve to turn to you at once and pray: Mary, help me (composed by St. Alphonsus Di Liguori).

THE ANGELUS

1. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
   R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

   Hail Mary ....................

2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
   R. Be it done to me according to your word.

   Hail Mary ....................

3. And the Word was made flesh:
   R. And dwelt among us.

   Hail Mary ....................

   Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
   R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray:

All: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.