

Holy Virgin of virgins, **pray for us.**

Mother of Christ, **pray for us.**

*After each invocation...*, **pray for us.**

Queen of peace, **pray for us.**

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
**spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
**graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
**that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy everlasting happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



**S** Al- ve, \* Re- gí- -na, má-ter mi- se-ri-córdi- æ: Vi- ta, dul- cé- do, et  
spes nóstra, sál- ve. Ad te clamá- mus, éxsu- les, fi- li- i Hé- væ. Ad te suspi- rá- mus,  
geméntes et flén- tes in hac lacri- má- rum vál- le. E- ia ergo, Advo- cá- ta nóstra, il- los  
tú- os mi- se-ri- cór- des ó- cu- los ad nos convér- te. Et Jé- sum, be- ne- dí- ctum frúctum  
véntris tú- i, nó- bis post hoc exsí- li- um os- tén- de. O clé- mens: O pí- a:  
O dúlcis \* Virgo Ma- rí- a.

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Patron Saint Statue Pilgrimage

## Prayerful Reception and Celebration

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### Entrance Procession of the Statue

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

Refrain:  
Ave, ave, ave, María! Ave, ave, María!

2 In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name. [Refrain]

3 Your name is our power, your virtues our light;  
Your love is our comfort, your prayers our might. [Refrain]

4 We pray for the Church, our true mother on earth;  
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth. [Refrain]

## Introduction and Greeting

### Opening Prayer

Memorare Prayer, *recited together*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

### Reflection

- Mary's role in the life of the Church since Apostolic times
- Mary's role as patroness of our diocese under the title Mary, Mother of God
- Mary's "visits" to faithful souls, as she visited St. Elizabeth
- As we honor Mary we ask her intercession for each of us

### Reading

"The Cult of the Blessed Virgin in the Church," from the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: Lumen gentium* of the Second Vatican Council, para. 66-67

### The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

*During the recitation of the Holy Rosary, the faithful are invited come up to light a votive candle before the statue for their special intentions, and/or place a rose around her statue in thanksgiving for her intercession and protection.*

1. The Annunciation - And when the angel had come to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women." (Luke 1:28)  
Fruit of the Mystery: Humility

2. The Visitation - Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:41-42)  
Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor

3. The Birth of Jesus - She gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged. (Luke 2:7)  
Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty

4. The Presentation - When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." (Luke 2:22-23)  
Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience

5. Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple - On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Luke 2:46)  
Fruit of the Mystery: Joy in Finding Jesus

### Litany of Loreto

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**  
Christ have mercy on us. **Christ have mercy on us.**  
Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**  
Christ hear us. **Christ, hear us.**  
Christ, graciously 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.**

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Holy Mother of God, **pray for us.**