



Prayer of Saint Catherine Laboure

Whenever I go to the chapel,
I put myself in the presence of our good Lord,
and I say to him, "Lord, I am here.
Tell me what you would have me to do."

If he gives me some task,
I am content and I thank him.
If he gives me nothing, I still thank him
since I do not deserve to receive
anything more than that.

And then, I tell God everything
that is in my heart.

I tell him about my pains and my joys,
and then I listen.

If you listen, God will also speak to you,
for with the good Lord, you have to both
speak and listen.

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PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

HYMN: IMMACULATE MARY

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing,
you reign now in splendour with Jesus, our King.

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

Your name is our power, your virtues our light,
Your love is our comfort, your pleading our light.

In heaven the blessed, your glory proclaim,
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name.

READING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FAVORS

PRIEST: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

PEOPLE: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

O God, who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: O Mary, conceived without sin.

PEOPLE: Pray for us, who have recourse to you. (3x)



Saint Catherine Labouré and The Miraculous Medal

Saint Catherine was born on May 2, 1806 to Peter and Louise Labouré. On January 22, 1830 she entered the Probation House of the Daughters of Charity at Rue du Bac, Paris. On April 21 of that same year, she officially became a novice. On July 19, she experienced a vision of the blessed Mother sitting in the Director's chair in the chapel. Catherine knelt beside the Blessed Mother, rested her hands on Mary's lap, and felt the Virgin's arms around her. Mary said, "God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace."

On November 27, 1830, the Blessed Mother appeared to her again. Catherine, raising her eyes to the main altar, saw her beautiful Lady standing on a large glove. Mary's silken robe shone with the whiteness of dawn. A pure white veil fell to her feet and beneath the veil she wore a lace band binding her hair. A small golden ball was in her hands which she offered to God with her eyes heavenward. Suddenly, Mary's hands were resplendent and flashed in a brilliant cascade of light. The flood of glory was so bright that the globe on which Mary stood was no longer visible. Catherine understood that the rays symbolized the graces shed on those who sought them. The gems on Our Lady's fingers had no rays. Catherine understood this to symbolize the graces for which people did not ask. Mary's arms swept wide and down. Surrounding her head was an oval frame with the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Then the vision of the Virgin turned completely around. On the other side appeared a huge 'M' with a cross about it. The letter rested on a bar, beneath which appeared two hearts. The first heart was encircled by a crown of thorns, the second was pierced by a sword. Catherine understood this to mean that we have been purchased by a God who was crucified in the very presence of his own mother, the Queen of Martyrs. The Virgin spoke again. This time she gave a direct order. "Have a medal struck in this form. All who wear it will receive great graces." Catherine's confessor obtained permission from the Archbishop to have the medal struck.

Catherine kept this secret all of her life, revealing it only to her confessor. She passed to her eternal reward on December 31, 1876, and was canonized on July 27, 1947. The first parish in the world to be named in her honor was Saint Catherine Labouré parish in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 1, 1948.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

*May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored,
and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of
the world, even to the end of time. Amen*

HYMN

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, pray for us.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us
who have recourse to thee. (2x)



PRIEST AND PEOPLE: O Lord Jesus Christ, who have vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles | the Blessed Virgin Mary, | Immaculate from the first moment of her conception, | grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth, | may eternally enjoy Your presence in heaven, | who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, | live and reign, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, | who for the accomplishment of your greatest works, | have chosen the weak things of the world, | that no flesh may glory in your sight; | and who for a better and more widely diffused belief | in the Immaculate Conception of Your Mother, | have wished that the Miraculous Medal | be manifested to Saint Catherine Laboure, | grant, we beseech You, | that filled with like humility, | we may glorify this mystery by word and work. Amen.

MEMORARE

PRIEST AND PEOPLE: Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, | that never was it known | that anyone who fled to your protection, | implored your assistance, | or sought your intercession, | was left unaided. | Inspired with this confidence, | we fly unto you, | O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; | to you we come; | before you we kneel, | sinful and sorrowful. | O Mother of the Word Incarnate, | despise not our petitions, | but in your clemency hear and answer them. Amen

NOVENA PRAYER

PRIEST AND PEOPLE: O Immaculate Virgin Mary, | Mother of our Lord Jesus and our Mother, | penetrated with the most lively confidence | in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession | manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, | we your loving, and trustful children | implore you to obtain for us | the graces

and favors we ask during this Novena, | if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, | and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here privately form your petitions.)

You know, O Mary, | how often our souls have been the sanctuary of your Son | who hates iniquity. | Obtain for us then | a deep hatred of sin | and that purity of heart | which will attach us to God alone | so that our every thought, word and deed | may tend to His greater glory. | Obtain for us also | a spirit of prayer and self-denial | that we may recover by penance | what we have lost by sin | and at length attain to that blessed abode | where you are the Queen of Angels and of men. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

PRIEST AND PEOPLE: O Virgin Mother of God, | Mary Immaculate, | we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you | under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. | May this Medal be for each one of us | a sure sign of your affection for us | and a constant reminder of our duties toward you. | Ever while wearing it, | may we be blessed by your loving protection | and preserved in the grace of your Son. | O most powerful Virgin, | Mother of our Savior, | keep us close to you | every moment of our lives. | Obtain for us, your children | the grace of a happy death; | so that, in union with you, | we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen

Priest: O, Mary conceived without sin.

People: Pray for us who have recourse to you. (3x)



GOSPEL: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

HOMILY

HYMN: HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.

Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria. R/

**Triumph, all ye Cherubim
Sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.**

The cause of joy to us below, O Maria.

The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria. R/

O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria.

The God of light became your Son, O Maria. R/

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
(Kneel)

Humbly let us voice our homage

For so great a sacrament.

Let all former rites surrender

To the Lord's New Testament.

What our senses fail to fathom

Let us grasp with faith's consent.

Glory, honor, adoration,

Let us sing with one accord!

Praised be God, almighty Father;

Praised be Christ, His Son, Our Lord;

Praised be God the Holy Spirit'

Triune Godhead be adored! Amen.

PRIEST: You have given them the bread of heaven.

PEOPLE: Which has all delight within it.

PRIEST: Let us pray. God, who left us in this wondrous sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, help us, we beg You, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may always experience the effect of Your Redemption. Who live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.**