

**MIDMORNING PRAYER
TO COINCIDE WITH THE HOLY FATHER'S CONSECRATION
OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022
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NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

March 18- March 27

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy,
ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer.
As your children, we implore your intercession
with Jesus your Son.

Receive with understanding and compassion
the petitions we place before you today,
especially for the conversion of Russia and Ukraine.
We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open
to those who ask for your prayer.

We trust to your gentle care and intercession,
those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting.

Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life
until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Presider May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Deacon Go in peace.

All Thanks be to God

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IMMACULATE MARY

LOURDES HYMN
Arranged by Josh Blakesley


consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.


Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat”, on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope”, water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace.

Amen.

Verses




1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up-on earth, And




1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.
2. earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.
3. bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.

Refrain



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A -



- ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

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INVITATORY

All make the sign of the Cross as the presider invokes the Divine Blessing

Presider God, come to my assistance.
All Lord, make haste to help me.

Presider Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Presider Brothers and Sisters, let us not be afraid of our own wounds. Let them be the cracks through which the grace of Christ gets in and sets us free. Mindful of our own need for interior peace—a peace which extends through the whole world. Let us acknowledge our need for God’s mercy through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

~ Sacred Silence ~

protect our world
from the menace of nuclear weapons.
**Queen of the Rosary,
make us realize our need to pray and to love.**

**Queen of the Human Family,
show people the path of fraternity.
Queen of Peace,
obtain peace for our world.**

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: “Behold your son” (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: “Behold, your Mother” (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to

us once more: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?”
You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our
times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, es-
pecially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our
supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you in-
terceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To
preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him:
“They have no wine” (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those
words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out
of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We
have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of
peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructive-
ness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea,
do not let us be shipwrecked
in the tempest of war.
Ark of the New Covenant,
inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.
Queen of Heaven,
restore God’s peace to the world.
Eliminate hatred
and the thirst for revenge,
and teach us forgiveness.
Free us from war,

All I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done and what I have failed to do,

(Striking their breast, they say)

Through my fault, through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the angels and Saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.

Deacon Lord have mercy
All Lord have mercy

Deacon Christ have mercy
All Christ have mercy

Deacon Lord have mercy
All Lord have mercy

PSALMODY

Please be seated

Antiphon (presider) The Virgin Mary came forth from the root of Jesse,
and the Spirit of the Most high came to dwell in her heart.

All: **The Virgin Mary came forth from the root of Jesse,
and the Spirit of the Most high came to dwell in her heart.**

Side “A” is the pavilion side, side “B” is the choir side

*Psalm 120
(Longing for Peace)*

- A)* To the Lord in the hour of my distress
 I call and he answers me.
 “O Lord, save my soul from lying lips,
 from the tongues of the deceitful.”
- B)* What shall he pay you in return,
 o treacherous tongue?
 The warrior’s arrow sharpened
 and coals, red-hot, blazing.
- A)* Alas, that I abide a stranger in Meshech,
 dwell among the tent of Kedar!
- B)* Long enough have I been dwelling
 with those who have peace.
 I am for peace, but when I speak,
 they are for fighting.

Doxology

- (All)* Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and will be forever. Amen

disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples’ dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor’s keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God’s gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to

RESPONSORY

Lector The angel of the Lord brought Gods message to Mary.
All And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

HOMILY

*Act of Consecration
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*



O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have

Please stand

Prayer (presider)

Let us pray,
You declared peacemakers happy, Lord Jesus, since they will be call sons of God. Give us that peace which the world cannot give so that your Church may be freed from the schemes of arrogant men, and, devoted to works of peace, go forward joyfully to meet you, the King of Peace.

Please be seated

*Psalm 121
(Guardian of his people)*

- A)* I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
- B)* May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard.
- A)* The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.
- B)* The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and forever.

- Doxology*
- (All)* Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now
and will be forever. Amen

Please stand

Prayer (presider)

Let us pray,
Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father’s eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil until the end.

Please be seated

Psalm 122
(Holy city Jerusalem)

- A)* 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.
- B)* Jerusalem is built as a city
Strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord.
- A)* 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.
- B)* For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
“Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
In your palaces, peace!”
- A)* For Love of my family and friends
I say: “Peace be upon you.”
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Doxology

(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now
and will be forever. Amen

Please stand

Prayer (presider)

Let us pray,
When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body, and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our Day. Make all nations come to your Church to share in your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

**All The Virgin Mary came forth from the root of Jesse,
and the Spirit of the Most high came to dwell in her heart.**

Please be seated

READING

Ephesians 1:7-10

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
In Christ Jesus we have redemption by His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of His grace that He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, He has made known to us the mystery of His will in accord with His favor that God set forth in Him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

The word of the Lord. *(All)* Thanks be to God