



Prayer Resource for December: month of the Immaculate Conception

Prayer: *taken from the Roman Missal*

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer:

Taken from the Novena of the Immaculate Conception:



O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I venerate you as the chosen mother of my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honour of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.

I pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will.

The Hail Mary:

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.



The Memorare:

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, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

A Traditional Prayer:

We praise you, Lord, in this daughter of Israel, who sang the songs of David, who knew the deeds of Judith, and held in her heart the burning words of Isaiah. We pray as Mary did: may your name be holy, may the hungry be filled and the rich know hunger, may the proud be scattered and the oppressed raised up, may your love be ever with your people. We make our prayer always through Mary's child, for from her arose the sun of justice, Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.