

## **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

*Leader:* Come to our aid, O God

*People:* O Lord, make haste to help us. *Glory be to the Father ...*

*All:* O Mother of Perpetual Succour, you saw in sacred scripture the promise of our redemption, and rejoiced to see this promise fulfilled in your son. As we now listen to God's Word, obtain for us the light to understand it, the courage to dedicate ourselves to God and bear witness by our lives to Christ and his Church. Amen.

**Scripture reading** (*sit unless the Gospel is read*)

### **Homily**

#### **Petitions & Thanksgiving [Kneel]**

*All:* Lord Jesus Christ at a word from Mary your mother, you changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee. Listen to your people gathered here to honour Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Grant our petitions and accept our humble thanks.

*Leader:* Let us pray, grant wisdom and prudence to our Holy Father the Pope, our Bishop and priests, and all the leaders of our nation.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant that all people may live as brothers and sisters in lasting peace.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant that Christians may unite and fulfil your desire that there be but one flock and one shepherd.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant that the Holy Spirit may inspire young men and women of our parish to give themselves generously to the service of your Church.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant that all who have separated themselves from you may speedily return to the practice of their faith.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant comfort and courage to all the sick of our parish, especially those who are dear to us. Console all who suffer in mind or body, that they may serve you in peace and gladness.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant that the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth may inspire all Christians, that your peace and charity may reign in every home.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Grant all the special favours our parish needs .... and especially those we bring before our shrine.

*People:* Jesus and Mary hear us.

*Leader:* Let us silently present our personal petitions to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. ... [*Pause*]

*Leader:* Accept our thanks for the life of grace which we received in Baptism.

*People:* Jesus and Mary we thank you.

*Leader:* Accept our thanks for all the graces received from the Holy Mass and Sacraments of the Church.

*People:* Jesus and Mary we thank you.

*Leader:* Accept our thanks for every spiritual and material blessing you have bestowed on us: (especially.....)

*People:* Jesus and Mary we thank you.

*Leader:* Let us thank Our Lady of Perpetual Succour for all the favours we have received through her powerful intercession. ... [*Pause*]

### **The Magnificat [*Stand*]**

*Leader:* Let us now praise and thank God in the words used by Mary herself.

*All:* My soul glorifies the Lord, My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,

the mercy promised to our fathers, for Abraham and his sons for ever.

*Glory be to the Father, ...*

*Leader:* Let us pray *All:* Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us your mother, Mary, to be our Mother, ready at every moment to help us: grant, as we pray before her image and call on her help, that we may always be faithful to the graces that are ours through your death and resurrection. May the life they bring us be to your glory on earth and our eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

**Prayers for the Intentions of our Holy Father  
to gain the Indulgence**

*Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be to the Father, ...*

Mary, let Perpetual Succour  
Be the answer to our prayer:  
For thy Son, of all the wretched  
Gives to thee perpetual care.

*Ever ready help has thou. Let thy children feel it now.*

Though we try to rise, yet ever  
Down in misery we fall;  
So like feeble children sadly  
For our Mother's help we call.

*Ever ready help has thou. Let thy children feel it now.*

**Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration [Kneel]**

*All:* My Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love which you bear to all remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit you; I believe you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. I adore you from the depth of my nothingness, and I thank you for all the graces you have bestowed upon me, especially, for having given me yourself in this sacrament, for having given me your most holy Mother Mary as my advocate, and for having called me to visit you in this church. My Jesus, I love you with my whole heart. I am sorry for having so many times offended your infinite Goodness. I am resolved never more to offend you for the time to come, and now although unworthy, I give myself completely to you. I renounce my own will, my affections, my desires and all that I possess. From now onwards do you dispose of me and all that I have as you please. All I ask of you and desire is your Holy Love, final perseverance and the perfect fulfilment of your will. Amen.

## **Spiritual Communion**

*All:* My Jesus I believe you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to possess you within my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

## **Benediction**

Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending,	Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, honour, thanks, and praise addressing,
for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.	while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who from both with both is One.

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 spouse most chaste.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

*Leader:* You have given us bread from heaven.

*All:* The bread that is full of all goodness.

*Leader:* Let us pray. O God, in this wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your passion; may our worship of the sacred mysteries of your body and blood be such that we may always feel the effects of the redemption wrought by you, who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.