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PERPETUAL NOVENA
TO
MARY QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS

Sing, My Soul

St. Louis De Montfort

Music: Daily, daily sing to Mary

I

Sing, my soul, my Saviour's glory
Sing, my soul, our Lady's name;
Sing the great and gracious favors
Mary's servants all can claim.
Oh, that I to all creation
Could the joyful news attest
That the the happiest of the happy
Are the souls that serve her best.

II

When my soul is sore and troubled
By my sins both night and day,
Comes a peace all thought surpassing
As for Mary's help I pray.
In the midst of all my combats
She it is who says to me:
"Courage, child, and fear no longer;
I can ne'er abandon thee."

NOVENA TO MARY QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS

Opening Prayer

Priest and People:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I unite with all the saints in heaven / with all the just on earth / with all the faithful here assembled. / I unite with Thee / O my Jesus / in order to praise worthily Thy holy Mother / the Queen of All Hearts / and to praise Thee / the King and Center of All Hearts / in her and through her.

I renounce all the distractions / which I may have / during this Novena. / I wish to pray / for the great intentions / of Thy Sacred Heart: / for the conversion of sinners / for the perseverance of the just / and for the relief of the souls in Purgatory. / I wish to pray also / for my own intention / (*pause and name your own intention*) if this be for the greater glory of God / the good of my neighbor / and the salvation of my own soul. Amen.

LITTLE CROWN OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Priest: *Grant that I may praise thee /
holy Virgin!*

People: *Give me strength against thy ene-
mies.*

Crown of Excellence

Priest: Our Father, etc. . . .

People: Give us, etc. . . .

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

1—Blessed art thou / O Virgin Mary /
who didst bear the Lord / the Cre-
ator of the world; / thou didst give
birth / to Him Who made thee /
and remainest a Virgin forever.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

2—O holy and immaculate Virgin / I
know not with what praise / to extol
thee / since thou didst bear in thy
womb / the very one / Whom the
heavens cannot contain.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

3—Thou art all fair / O Virgin Mary /
and there is no stain in thee.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

4—Thy virtues / O Virgin / surpass the
stars of heaven in number.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

People: As it was, etc. . . .

Crown of Power

Priest: Our Father, etc. . . .

People: Give us, etc. . . .

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

5—Glory be to thee, / O empress of
the world! / Bring us with thee / to
the joys of heaven.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

6—Glory be to thee / O treasure-house
of the Lord's graces! / Grant us a
share in thy riches.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

7—Glory be to thee / O Mediatrix between God and man! / Through thee may the Almighty / be favorable to us.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

8—Glory be to thee / who destroyest heresies / and crushest demons. / Be thou our loving guide.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

People: As it was, etc. . . .

Crown of Goodness

Priest: Our Father, etc. . . .

People: Give us, etc. . . .

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

9—Glory be to thee / O refuge of sinners! / Intercede for us with God.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

10—Glory be to thee / O Mother of orphans! / Render the Almighty / favorable to us.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

11—Glory be to thee / O joy of the just! / Lead us with thee / to the joys of heaven.

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Hail Mary, etc. . . .

People: Holy Mary, etc. . . .

Priest and People:

12—Glory be to thee / who are ever
ready to assist us / in life and in
death! / Lead us with thee / to the
kingdom of heaven!

Priest: *Rejoice, O Virgin Mary!*

People: *Rejoice a thousand times!*

Priest: Glory be to the Father, etc. . . .

People: As it was, etc. . . .

Act of Consecration

Priest and People:

O Immaculate Mother / I renew and
ratify today / in thy hands / the vows of
my Baptism: / I renounce forever / Satan,
his pomps and works; / I give myself en-
tirely to Jesus Christ / the Incarnate Wis-
dom / to carry my cross after Him / all
the days of my life / and to be more faith-
ful to Him / than I have ever been be-
fore. /

In the presence of all the heavenly
court / I choose thee this day / for my
Mother and Mistress. / I deliver and con-
secrate to thee / my body and soul / my
goods, both interior and exterior / and
even the value of my good actions / past,

present and future; / leaving to thee / the entire and full right / of disposing of me / and all that belongs to me / without exception / according to thy good pleasure / for the greater glory of God/ in time and in eternity. / Amen.

Novena Prayer

O Mary, Queen of All Hearts, / Advocate of the most hopeless cases; / Mother most pure / most compassionate; / Mother of divine love / full of divine light / we confide to thy care / the favors which we ask of thee today.

Consider our misery / our interior trials and sufferings! / We know that thou canst help us / through the merits of thy Divine Son, Jesus. / We promise / if our prayers are heard / to spread thy glory / by making thee known / under the title of Mary / Queen of All Hearts / Queen of the Universe.

Grant, we beseech thee / hear our prayers at thine altar / where every day / thou givest so many proofs / of thy love and power / to heal both body and soul.

We hope against all hope. / Ask Jesus to cure us / pardon us / and grant us final perseverance.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of All Hearts!

People: Cure us / we have confidence in thee!

(Repeat this invocation three times.)

PIUS XII'S PRAYER TO OUR QUEEN

Out of the depths of this valley of tears, / through which suffering humanity painfully struggles, / up from the billows of this sea, / endlessly buffeted by the waves of suffering, / we raise our eyes to you, / most beloved Mother Mary, / to be comforted by the contemplation of your glory / and to hail you / as Queen of Heaven and earth, / Queen and Mother of mankind.

With legitimate filial pride, / we wish to exalt your queenship / and to recognize it / as due to the sovereign excellence / of your entire being, / O dearest one / truly Mother of Him Who is King by right, / by inheritance and by conquest.

Reign, O Mother and Queen, / by showing us the path of holiness, / and by guiding and assisting us / that we may never stray from it.

In the heights of heaven, / you exercise

your primacy over the choirs of angels, /
who acclaim you as their sovereign, / and
over the legions of saints / who delight in
beholding your radiant beauty. / So, too, /
reign over the entire human race / above
all by opening the path of faith / to those
who do not yet know your Divine Son.

Reign over the Church / which ac-
knowledges and extols your gentle do-
minion / and has recourse to you as a safe
refuge / amidst the calamities of our day. /

Reign especially over that part of the
Church / which is persecuted and op-
pressed; / give it strength to bear adver-
sity, / constancy never to yield under un-
just compulsion, / light to avoid falling
into the snares of the enemy / firmness to
resist overt attack, / and at every mo-
ment / unwavering faithfulness to your
kingdom.

Reign over the minds of men, / that
they may seek only what is true; / over
their wills, / that they may follow solely
what is good; / over their hearts, / that
they may love nothing but what you your-
self love.

Reign over individuals and over fami-
lies, / as well as over societies and na-
tions; / over the assemblies of the power-

ful, / the counsels of the wise, / as over
the simple aspirations of the humble.

Reign in the streets and the squares, /
in the cities and the villages, / in the val-
leys and the mountains, / in the air, on
land and on the sea; / and hear the pious
prayer / of all those who recognize / that
yours is a reign of mercy, / in which every
petition is heard, / every sorrow com-
forted, / every misfortune relieved, /
every infirmity healed, / and in which, at
a gesture from your gentle hands, from
death itself there arises smiling life.

Obtain for us / that all who now, / in
every corner of the world, / acclaim and
hail you Queen and Mistress, / may one
day in heaven / enjoy the fullness of your
kingdom / in the vision of your Divine
Son, / Who with the Father and the Holy
Ghost, / liveth and reigneth for ever and
ever. / Amen.

Rosary

(see page 21)

or

Sermon

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris

I

O salutaris Hostia,
O saving Victim,

Quae coeli pandis ostium,
Who opens the gate of heaven

Bella premunt hostilia;
Evil forces press against us;

Da robur, fer auxilium.
Give us strength, send us help.

II

Uni Trinoque Domino
To the Triune Lord

Sit sempiterna gloria,
Be everlasting glory,

Qui vitam sino termino
Who giveth life without end

Nobis donet in patria. Amen.
To us in our heavenly home. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
This wonderful sacrament

Veneremur cernui:
Let us adore with heads bowed low,

Et antiquum documentum
And let the sacrifices of the Old Law

Novo cedat ritui:
Give place to the sacrifice of the New

Praestet fides supplementum
Let faith supply for

Sensuum defectui.
What our eyes do not see.

II

Genitori, Genitoque
To the Father and to the Son

Laus et jubilatio,
Be praise and exaltation,

Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Salvation, honor and power

Sit et benedictio:

And blessing to Them as well.

Procedenti ab utroque

To the Holy Spirit proceeding from Both

Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Be equal praise. Amen.

V. Panem de coelo praestitisti eis,

R. Thou gavest them bread from heaven

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Containing in itself all sweetness.

OREMUS

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

PRAYER

Priest:

O God, what a wonderful remembrance of Thy passion Thou hast left us in this

sacrament! Give us the grace to reverence this mystery of Thy Body and Blood, so as always to enjoy the fruits of Thy redemption. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

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 Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar!

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!

Holy God

Holy God, we praise Thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.

Infinite Thy vast domain
Everlasting is Thy reign

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising.

Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy! Holy! Holy Lord!



Immaculate Heart of Mary

THE ROSARY

(Method of St. Louis Mary De Montfort)

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O
Most Holy Trinity / this Creed / in
honor of all the mysteries of our Faith /
this Our Father / and these three Hail
Marys / in honor of the unity of Thy
Essence / and the Trinity of Thy Per-
sons. / We ask of Thee a lively faith /
a firm hope / and an ardent charity. /
Amen.

Apostles' Creed Our Father

Three Hail Marys

Glory be to the Father

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THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this first decade / in honor of Thy Incarnation in Mary's womb / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through her intercession / a profound humility. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Annunciation / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

2. The Visitation

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this second decade / in honor of the Visitation of Thy Holy Mother / to her cousin St. Elizabeth / and the sanctification of St. John the Baptist / and we ask of Thee / through

this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy Holy Mother / charity toward our neighbor. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Visitation / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

3. The Nativity

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this third decade / in honor of Thy Nativity in the stable of Bethlehem / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / detachment from the things of the world / contempt of riches / and love of poverty. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Nativity / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

4. The Presentation in the Temple

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this fourth decade / in honor of Thy Presentation in the Temple / and the Purification of Mary / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / purity of body and soul. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Presentation / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this fifth decade / in honor of Mary's finding Thee in the Temple / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through her intercession / the gift of true wisdom. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Finding of Jesus in the Temple / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

6. The Agony in the Garden

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this sixth decade / in honor of Thy Agony in the Garden of Olives / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / contrition for our sins. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Agony in the Garden / come down into our souls.

People: Amen

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

7. The Scourging

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this seventh decade / in honor of Thy bloody Scourging / and

we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / the grace of mortifying our senses. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Scourging / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

8. The Crowning with Thorns

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this eighth decade / in honor of Thy being crowned with thorns / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / contempt of the world. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Crowning with thorns / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

9. The Carrying of the Cross

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this ninth decade / in honor of Thy carrying of the Cross / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / patience in bearing our crosses. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Carrying of the Cross / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of*

hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.

10. The Crucifixion

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this tenth decade / in honor of Thy Crucifixion and ignominious death on Calvary; / we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / the conversion of sinners / the perseverance of the just / and the relief of the souls in Purgatory. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Crucifixion / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

11. The Resurrection

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this eleventh decade / in honor of Thy glorious Resurrection / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / love of God and fervor in Thy service. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Resurrection / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

12. The Ascension

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this twelfth decade / in honor of Thy triumphant Ascension /

and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / an ardent desire for heaven our true home. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Ascension / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

13. The Descent of the Holy Ghost

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this thirteenth decade / in honor of the Mystery of Pentecost / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother / the coming of the Holy Ghost into our souls. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of Pentecost / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

14. The Assumption

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Jesus / this fourteenth decade / in honor of the resurrection and triumphant Assumption / of Thy holy Mother into heaven / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through her intercession / tender devotion for so good a Mother. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Assumption / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of*

hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.

15. The Coronation

Priest and People: We offer Thee / O Lord Jesus / this fifteenth decade / in honor of the Coronation of Thy holy Mother / and we ask of Thee / through this Mystery / and through her intercession / perseverance in grace / and a crown of glory hereafter. / Amen.

Our Father . . . Ten Hail Marys . . .
Glory be . . .

Priest: May the grace of the Mystery of the Coronation / come down into our souls.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: *O my Jesus / forgive us our sins / save us from the fire of hell / and lead all souls to heaven / especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.*

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO MARY QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS

Christianity is the reign of Christ in the hearts of men. It is divine life flowing through human veins: a life that tends to reproduce Christ in human souls. In other words, the Kingdom of Christ is principally a spiritual kingdom. He reigns over a soul when, by His grace, He dwells in that soul and that soul dwells in Him. That is why the Church calls Him "The King and Center of All Hearts."

The aim of Christianity is, therefore, to establish the reign of Christ in the hearts of men. All our efforts, all our prayers, all our devotions must have no other object in mind but to foster the reign of Christ in human souls.

St. Louis De Montfort tells us that since it was through Mary that the reign of Christ was inaugurated, it is also through her that it will attain its fullness. "It was through the most holy Virgin Mary that Jesus came into the world, and it is also through her that He has to reign in the world!" (*True Devotion*, No. 1.)

This means that Jesus first came into the world (to save souls) through Mary, and that He still comes into the world (of human souls)

through her. She is the Mother who gives birth to Jesus in human hearts by her all-powerful mediation.

But Mary's Motherhood does not stop there. Like any mother, Mary has rights over her spiritual children—rights by which she can guide and command us. She can say to us, as she said to the servants at Cana: "Do whatever He will tell you." And thus the life of Jesus grows in us.

In other words, our Blessed Mother is also a Queen. St. Louis De Montfort tells us that "Mary is Queen of heaven and earth by grace, as Jesus is King of them by nature and by conquest." She is Queen of the same spiritual domain over which Christ reigns supreme, that is, the hearts of men. "It is principally in the hearts that she is more glorified with her Son. And so we may call her, as the saints do, the Queen of All Hearts." (*True Devotion*, No. 38.)

Echoing these words of St. Louis De Montfort, our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, says: "Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest and by singular election. Her kingdom is as vast as that of her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from her dominion." (May 13, 1946.)

If Mary is our Queen then we must be her

subjects, then we must serve her as loving children. Again, Pope Pius XII makes this clear for all to know: "Let all Christians, therefore, glory in being subjects of the Virgin Mother of God, who, while wielding royal power, burns with a mother's love." (*Ad coeli Reginam.*)

The principal object of devotion to Mary Queen of All Hearts is precisely to acknowledge and to profess openly our Blessed Mother's queenly power over our souls. This we do by consecrating ourselves totally to Jesus through the hands of Mary, as children and slaves of love, for time and eternity. That is the first step. The second consists in living this total consecration in our everyday lives by doing all our actions through Mary, with Mary, in Mary and for Mary.

From all this it is obvious that the chief aim of this devotion is to hasten the reign of Christ in human hearts by fostering the reign of Mary. It is a perfect living of the well-known motto: **TO JESUS THROUGH MARY.**

The purpose of the present PERPETUAL NOVENA in honor of Mary Queen of All Hearts is twofold: first, and principally, to foster true and perfect devotion to Mary, our Queen and Mother, and thereby hasten the reign of Christ in the world; secondly, and secondarily only, to obtain through Mary's intercession spiritual and

temporal favors, if such be God's holy will to bestow them upon us.

May these spiritual exercises draw more and more souls closer to Christ through a more perfect dedication of themselves to Mary, the Queen of All Hearts.

Explanation of Little Crown

St. John, the beloved disciple of Jesus and Mary, was privileged to behold a wonderful sign in heaven: "A Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." (*Apoc.* Ch. 12.)

Scripture commentators tell us this vision portrays the Blessed Virgin with her virtues and privileges, especially her divine motherhood. This gave rise to the Triple Crown of Twelve Stars of the Blessed Virgin which heaven has blessed with countless favors. St. John Berchmans and many other devoted children of Mary made the Little Crown their daily favorite.

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