

Rosary of Life



For Those With Cancer

Our Lady of the Fields Roman Catholic Church, Millersville, Maryland

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Opening Hymn

Hail, Holy Queen

1. Hail Holy Queen enthron'd above, O Maria
Hail Mother of Mercy and of Love, O Maria
Triumph all ye Cherubim
Sing with us ye Seraphim
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina
2. Our life our sweetness here below, O Maria
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria
Triumph all ye Cherubim
Sing with us ye Seraphim
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina
3. We honour you for Christ, your Son, O Maria
Who has for us redemption won, O Maria
Triumph all ye Cherubim
Sing with us ye Seraphim
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina



In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen

(Place prayer book at feet of the BVM statue saying)

“Holy Mary Mother of Mercy and of Hope,
Graciously hear our prayers and heal all whose names are herein recorded”

We pray also for all others afflicted with cancer.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; and on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

- ❖ For the intention of our Holy Father Pope Benedict 16th we pray, Our Father...
- ❖ For an increase in devotion to Holy Mary Mother of God, Virgin most powerful, Virgin most merciful, Healer of the sick, Comforter of the afflicted, Hope of the hopeless, and Comforter of the dying we pray, Hail Mary (three)...

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

THE FIRST DECADE:

The First Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation – Mary is troubled by the angel’s greeting, yet rejoices to do God’s will. Let us pray that all those who are afflicted with cancer may have the grace to trust in God’s will. **Our Father...**

The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden - ‘Oh how sad and sorrow-laden was that ever blessed Maiden, Mother of the all-holy One!’ Holy Mary, Mother of Sorrows shared the agony Jesus felt for the pain he was to suffer for us. She knows the agony of those diagnosed with cancer. O Virgin most powerful, Virgin most merciful, graciously hear us and come to the aid of those for whom we pray. **Our Father...**

The First Glorious Mystery - The Resurrection - Our Lord Jesus is one in being with the Father. Through His glorious resurrection Jesus has shown his power over life and death. Through the intercession of Holy Mary Mother of God, we ask that those for whom we pray will overcome cancer. **Our Father...**

The First Luminous Mystery – The Baptism of the Lord - When baptized by John, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Holy Mary Mother of Life intercede for us and pray for the lives of all those afflicted with cancer. **Our Father...**

- 1 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Bless and guide all the doctor’s and nurses caring for cancer patients. **Hail Mary...**
- 2 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Bless our world with a lasting cure of cancer.
- 3 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Give strength and courage to cancer patients while receiving their treatments.
- 4 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Have mercy on cancer patients who seek thy protection.
- 5 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Give your love and protection to the children of cancer patients.
- 6 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Strengthen and guide the grandparents who love and care for children of parents fighting cancer.

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- 7 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Strengthen and guide the heads of households of cancer patients in their efforts to sustain their families.
- 8 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Be present with all the saints and angels at the bedside of cancer patients.
- 9 - Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Sustain our trust in your Son, Our Lord Jesus, through whom all things are possible.
- 10- Holy Mary, Mother of Hope: Brighten our hearts with the joy of a cure for all those with cancer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

THE SECOND DECADE:

The Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation - Mary shared her joy at becoming the Mother of God. Holy Mary is the Mother of Love, Mercy and Life. Never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection or implored her help was left unaided. Holy Mother, hear our prayer for a lasting cure for all cancer patients. **Our Father...**

The Second Sorrowful Mystery – The Scourging at the Pillar - ‘For His people’s sins in anguish, She beheld her Jesus languish, by the blood-stained lashes rent.’ Holy Mary truly knows the distress and continuing suffering of cancer patients and their families as they fight for survival. Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick, hear our plea for your intercession and pray that a cure for cancer will soon be announced. **Our Father...**

The Second Glorious Mystery – The Ascension - Our Lord Jesus ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God in judgment of the living and the dead. Through the intercession of Holy Mary Healer of the Sick we pray God, through his love and mercy, will grant a cure to cancer. **Our Father...**

The Second Luminous Mystery – The Wedding of Cana - Jesus, His Mother and disciples were at a wedding and at Mary’s request, Jesus worked his first miracle. Holy Mary Healer of the Sick, we implore your help, pray that your son, Our Lord Jesus will grant a miraculous healing of those for whom we pray. **Our Father...**

- 1 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Give your courage and strength to cancer patients so they may endure and overcome the side effects of drugs and procedures that treat this disease. **Hail Mary...**
- 2 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Help the children of cancer patients know the great love their parents have for them every minute and second they are in the hospital.

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- 3 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Remember the husbands and wives whose hearts are afraid for their loved ones with cancer, make them strong in their faith.
- 4 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Intercede for our loved ones with cancer and lead them to Jesus, your Son.
- 5 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Inspire those who prepare for cancer treatment with your faithful love.
- 6 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Rejoice with us in the word a loved one is cancer free.
- 7 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Stand vigil with family and friends at the sick beds of their loved ones.
- 8 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Bless each cancer patient and their families and helpful friends with the abundance of your love.
- 9 - Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: During the painful hours of treatment embrace all cancer patients with the tenderness of your love.
- 10- Holy Mary, Healer of the Sick: Intercede for our brothers and sisters with cancer and pray God will grant them a cure.

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Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

THE THIRD DECADE:

The Third Joyful Mystery – The Nativity - God came down from heaven and became man. During his ministry Jesus Christ fed the hungry, cured the sick, raised the dead to life and forgave sin. Let us pray that Jesus will cure cancer patients who ask his help and trust in him. **Our Father...**

The Third Sorrowful Mystery – The Crowning with Thorns - ‘How she mourned with bitter grieving, tender Mother, thus perceiving, torments of her glorious Son.’ Holy Mary knows the torments of cancer patients and their families and friends. Let us pray to Holy Mary, Hope of the Hopeless, that our loved ones will survive their cancer. **Our Father...**

The Third Glorious Mystery – The Descent of the Holy Spirit - God taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit to be truly wise. Holy Mary Seat of Wisdom, pray that by the gift of the same Spirit medical doctors and researchers will soon find a cure for cancer. **Our Father...**

The Third Luminous Mystery – The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God - After John was arrested Jesus withdrew to Galilee and began to proclaim the “Kingdom of heaven is at hand”. He toured Galilee and cured the people of every disease and illness. Holy Mary intercede with your Son Jesus asking him to cure those for whom we pray. **Our Father...**

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- 1 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray that Jesus will bless our brothers and sisters with a cure of their cancer just as he healed the lame, the blind, the lepers and restored Lazarus to life. **Hail Mary...**
- 2 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Strengthen our faith so that we may always trust in Jesus.
- 3 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand by all godparents so that they may help lead their children to your Son Jesus.
- 4 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Hold each cancer patient in your Loving embrace.
- 5 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Stand vigil by the bed of all cancer patients.
- 6 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Intercede for cancer patients, family and friends tempted by fear or despair.
- 7 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Be the loving companion of cancer patients alone with no one to comfort or support them.
- 8 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Pray for husbands, fathers, sons, brothers and uncles of cancer patients that they might be like Saint Joseph.
- 9 - Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Comfort mothers and fathers with cancer who worry about their family's needs.
- 10- Holy Mary, Mother of Life: Bless all volunteers who care and serve cancer patients and their families.

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Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

THE FOURTH DECADE:

The Fourth Joyful Mystery - The Presentation in the Temple - The Child Jesus was presented in the Temple because all children belong to God. We are all children of God. Jesus loves us and we can put our trust in him. **Our Father...**

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery – Carrying of the Cross - Mary met Jesus while carrying his cross to Calvary and ‘their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts that loved each other tenderly.’ Let us pray to Holy Mary to comfort the hearts of all those wounded by cancer. **Our Father...**

The Fourth Glorious Mystery - The Assumption - The Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Because of the great love for his mother and us, Jesus hears the intercessions of Mary, Virgin most powerful. Glorious and Blessed Virgin in thy mercy and kindness cure the cancer of all those for whom we pray. **Our Father...**

The Fourth Luminous Mystery – The Transfiguration - Christ is transformed on the mountain, and the disciples see his glory. We see the glory of God in each and every human life and we pray, Holy Mary Mother of Life save those for whom we pray, heal the world of cancer. **Our Father...**

- 1 - Virgin most merciful: Protect cancer patients from exposure to anything harmful while recuperating between treatments at home. **Hail Mary...**
- 2 - Virgin most merciful: Bless those who change and clean the bandages and catheters of cancer patients while at home between treatments.
- 3 - Virgin most merciful: Strengthen and guide husbands and wives as they worry about their partner, children and finances.
- 4 - Virgin most merciful: Relieve the worries of our brothers and sisters with cancer.
- 5 - Virgin most merciful: Renew the strength of those we pray for and speed their recuperation between treatments.
- 6 - Virgin most merciful: Inspire cancer patients with your unselfish love and that of family, friends and those who support them.
- 7 - Virgin most merciful: In your goodness and mercy answer our prayers.
- 8 - Virgin most merciful: Rejoice with mothers and fathers with cancer in the presence of their children and family.
- 9 - Virgin most merciful: Stand by cancer patients when side effects of treatment cause them fear, agony and despair.
- 10- Virgin most merciful: Intercede with your Son Jesus that treatment side effects pass quickly.

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Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

THE FIFTH DECADE:

The Fifth Joyful Mystery - The Finding of Jesus in the Temple – The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that Our Lord, Jesus will give doctors, nurses and researchers the wisdom to find a cure for all cancer. **Our Father...**

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery – The Crucifixion - ‘At the Cross her station keeping, Stood the mournful Mother weeping, where her Son, extended, hung.’ Holy Mary is the Mother of Sorrows and is Our Mother. She knows the fear, anguish and distress felt by all who learn that a family member or loved one is afflicted with cancer. Holy Mary, Virgin most merciful, help of those in need, grant that those for whom we pray will survive their cancer. **Our Father...**

The Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Coronation – Mary is the Queen of the Universe. She is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. Holy Mother of God, Virgin most powerful, Virgin most merciful intercede with your Son, Our Lord Jesus to cure the cancer of those for whom we pray. **Our Father...**

The Fifth Luminous Mystery - The Institution of the Eucharist - “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in them.” We believe that in the consecrated Host Jesus Christ is present on our altar as on a throne of love and mercy, to dispense graces and there to show us the love he has for us. Holy Mary Mother of God we implore your help and protection of all afflicted with cancer. **Our Father...**

- 1 - Virgin most powerful: Give us the grace to hear and believe the words of Jesus. **Hail Mary...**
- 2 - Virgin most powerful: Pray that each treatment brings our loved ones closer to a lasting cure of their cancer.
- 3 - Virgin most powerful: Hasten to pray for all cancer patients.
- 4 - Virgin most powerful: Stand by the relatives and friends of cancer patients who give generously of their love and support.
- 5 - Virgin most powerful: Bless all who aid and comfort cancer patients.
- 6 - Virgin most powerful: Look with compassion on cancer patients.
- 7 - Virgin most powerful: Guide the minds and hearts of the medical teams fighting cancer.
- 8 - Virgin most powerful: Pray that Almighty God will save all now afflicted with cancer.
- 9 - Virgin most powerful: Be a model of expectant joy for all cancer patients.
- 10- Virgin most powerful: Weep with joy at the word of each new cancer survivor.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;

O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Memorare

Remember O Most Gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

Sub Tuum Praesidium

Holy Mother of God we turn to you for protection, listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Glorious and Blessed Virgin, save from every danger those afflicted with cancer. Mother of Mercy, Healer of the Sick grant that all for whom we pray will be cancer survivors. Amen.

Let us pray:

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord God, that we Your servants, may enjoy lasting health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enter into the joy of eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

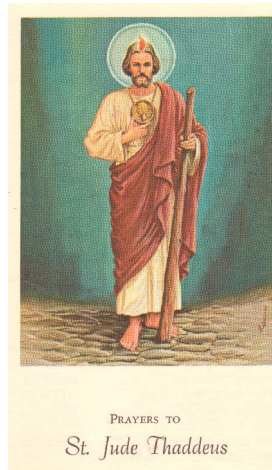
Special Prayers

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to Thee.
That, with Thy Saints, I may praise Thee
For ever and ever. 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 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!



Prayer in Trials

(To be said in great affliction, or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, and for cases despaired of.)

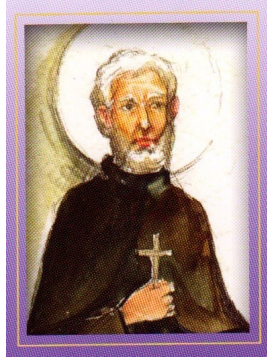
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of.

Pray for those who are so miserable; make use we implore you, of this particular privilege accorded to you, to bring visible and speedy help, where help is almost despaired of. In this great need, come to the aid of:

All those for whom we pray, that they may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven in all their necessities, tribulations and sufferings and pray Our Lord Jesus will grant they survive their cancer)... and that we may bless God with you and all the elect forever.

I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.

May the most just, most high and most adorable Will of God be in all things done, praised and magnified forever and ever. Amen.



Prayer to Saint Peregrine
(Patron Saint for those suffering with Cancer)

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called “The Mighty,” “The Wonder-Worker,” because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more.

You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you.

(Pause here and silently recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, **a song of gratitude** for His great goodness and mercy. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, look upon us with your infinite kindness and receive our thanks for all the spiritual and temporal blessings that you bestow on each of us. We are mindful that because of the sin committed against You by our first parents in the Garden of Eden we no longer are perfect reflections of your image and likeness. Because of our human condition we suffer diseases of both mind and body. In your infinite kindness and mercy You have given us Your own Mother as Queen of Heaven and our Hope. We offer thanks for your gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary who intercedes for us as we pray for a cure of all cancer:

In Your kindness and mercy You give us skilled and dedicated doctors, scientists, and researchers who work hard in the pursuit of a cure for cancer. For their lives we thank You O Lord.

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In Your kindness and mercy You give loving and compassionate care givers in both hospitals and homes to those who suffer from cancer. For their lives we thank You O Lord.

In Your kindness and mercy You give supportive family and friends to those who suffer from cancer. For their lives we thank You O Lord.

In Your kindness and mercy O Lord You have heard our prayers and cured the cancer of many. For these blessings we thank You O Lord.

In Your kindness and mercy O Lord You have heard our prayers and have placed in remission the cancers of many. For these blessings we thank You O Lord

In Your kindness and mercy O Lord You have heard our prayers and have granted significant achievement in the cancer treatment of many. For these blessings we thank You O Lord.

In Your kindness and mercy O Lord You promise the gift of eternal salvation to those who take up their cross and follow Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. For this opportunity we thank You O Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Immaculate Mary

1. Immaculate Mary,
Your praises we sing.
You Reign now in splendor
With Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed
Your glory proclaim.
On earth we your children
Invoke your sweet name.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

3. We pray for the Church,
Our true Mother on earth,
And beg you to watch
O'er the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria



THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
In Honor of the Sacred Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
(*Optional Prayer*)

(By the devout recital of this prayer for the above space of time, we may mercifully hope to obtain our lawful request. It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all Fridays throughout the year.)

EVER glorious and blessed Mary, Queen of virgins, Mother of mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart, whilst thine only Son, Christ Jesus, our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross; through that filial tenderness and pure love He had for thee, grieving in thy sorrows, whilst from His cross He recommended thee to the care and protection of His beloved disciple, St. John; take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries.

Thou art the mother of mercies, the sweet consolatrix and refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and the afflicted. Cast, therefore an eye of pity on a miserable, forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer, for since, in just punishment of my sins, I now find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection?

Attend; therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion, to my humble and earnest request. I ask it through the bowels of mercy of thy dear Son, through that love and condescension wherewith He embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent; and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou didst bring forth from thy chaste womb, to visit this world, and bless it with his presence. I ask it through the anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when He besought His eternal Father, to remove from Him, if possible, the bitter chalice of His future passion. I ask it through the threefold repetition of His prayers in the garden, whence afterward with sorrowful steps and mournful tears thou didst accompany Him to the doleful theatre of His death and sufferings.

I ask it through the stripes and sores of His virginal Flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith He was bound and scourged, when stripped of His seamless garment for which His executioners afterward cast lots. I ask it through the scoffs and ignominies by which He was insulted, the false accusations and unjust sentence by which He was condemned to death, and which He bore with heavenly patience. I ask it through his bitter tears and bloody sweat, His silence and resignation, His sadness and grief of heart. I ask it through the blood which trickled from His royal and sacred head when struck with the scepter of a reed and pierced with His crown of thorns. I ask it through the excruciating torments He suffered when His hands and feet were fastened with large nails to the tree of the cross.

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I ask it through His vehement thirst and bitter potion of vinegar and gall. I ask it through His dereliction on the cross, when He exclaimed: "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" I ask it through His mercy extended to the repentant thief; and through His recommending His precious Soul and Spirit into the hands of His eternal Father, before He expired, saying: "All is consummated."

I ask it through the Blood mixed with water, which issued from His sacred side when pierced with a lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it through His immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the bursting of rocks, rending of the veil of the temple, the earthquake and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it through His descent into hell, where He comforted the saints of the Old Law with His presence, and led captivity captive.

I ask it through His glorious victory over death, when He arose again to life on the third day; and through the joy which His appearance for forty days after gave thee, His blessed Mother, His apostles, and the rest of His disciples, when in thine and their presence, He miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of His disciples, when He descended upon them in the form of fire tongues, and by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the world, when they went to preach the Gospel. I ask it through the awful appearance of thy Son at the last dreadful day, when He shall come to judge the living and the dead, and destroy the world by fire.

I ask it through the compassion He bore thee in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine Assumption into heaven, where thou are eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of His divine perfections. O glorious and ever-blessed Virgin, comfort the heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me:

**** The blessing of increased devotion to Holy Mary Mother of God, Mother most merciful, Healer of the sick, a cure of all cancer and that all for whom we pray will be cancer survivors. ****

And as I am persuaded, my Divine Savior doth honor thee as His beloved Mother, to whom He refuses nothing, because you ask nothing contrary to His honor, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and His filial living heart, Who mercifully granteth the request, and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear Him.

Wherefore, O most Blessed Virgin, besides the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, a horror of sin, love of God and my neighbor, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignominies: nay, even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God, perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortification of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind, as may enable me worthily to receive the last sacraments of the Church, and die in thy friendship and favor. Lastly, obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relatives and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

* (Here mention or reflect on your lawful request, with the reservation of its being agreeable to the Will of God, Who sees whether it will contribute toward your spiritual good.)

Note: THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY was taken from The Marian Sunday Missal, compiled by Sylvester P. Juergens, S. M. Doctor of Sacred Theology, The Regina Press, New York, 1962.