



**Novena in honor of
Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

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with
Prayers for Private Use



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Hymn to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Mother Dear, O Pray for Me

1.

Mother dear, O Pray for me,
 Whilst far from Heaven and Thee
I wander in a fragile bark
 O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne,
 So bright in bliss above,
Protect Thy child, and cheer my path
 With Thy sweet smile of love.

CHORUS

Mother dear, remember me,
 And never cease Thy care,
Till in heaven eternally
 Thy love and bliss I share.

2.

Mother dear, O pray for me
 Should pleasure's siren lay
E'er tempt Thy child to wander far
 From virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way
 And darkling waters flow,
Then, Mary, aid Thy weeping child,
 Thyself a Mother show.

First Novena Prayer (Recite Together)

BEHOLD at Your feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help! * a wretched sinner who has recourse to You and confides in You. * O Mother of Mercy! have pity on me. * I hear You called by all, * the Refuge and the Hope of sinners; * be then, my refuge and my hope. * Assist me, for the love of Jesus Christ; * stretch forth Your hand to a miserable fallen creature, * who recommends himself to You, * and who devotes himself to Your service forever. * I bless and thank Almighty God, * Who in His mercy has given me this confidence in You, * which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. * It is true, dearest Mother, * that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin, * because I had not recourse to You. * I know, that with Your help, I shall conquer. * I know, too, that You will assist me, * if I recommend myself to You; * but I fear, dear Mother, * that in time of danger, * I may neglect to call on You, and thus lose my soul. * This grace, then, I ask of You, * and this I beg, with all the fervor of my soul, * that, in all the attacks of hell, * I may ever have recourse to You. * O Mary! Help me; * O Mother of Perpetual Help, * never suffer me to lose my God. *

3 Hail Marys

(Refer to Page 5 for Oration & Response)

Second Novena Prayer (Recite Together)

O MOTHER of Perpetual Help! * grant that I may ever invoke Your most powerful name, * which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. * O Purest Mary! O Sweetest Mary! * let Your name henceforth be ever on my lips. * Delay not, O Blessed Lady! * to help me whenever I call on You; * for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, * I shall never cease to call on You, * ever repeating Your Sacred Name, Mary! Mary! * O, what consolation, * what sweetness, * what confidence, * what emotion fills my soul * when I utter Your Sacred Name, * or even only think of You! * I thank the Lord for having given You, for my good, * so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. * But I will not be content with merely uttering Your name, * let my love for You prompt me ever to hail You, * Mother of Perpetual Help. *

3 Hail Marys

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Third Novena Prayer (Recite Together)

O MOTHER of Perpetual Help, * You are the dispenser of all the gifts * which God grants to us miserable sinners; * and for this end He has made You so powerful, so rich and so bountiful, * in order that You may help us in our misery. * You are the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners * who have recourse to You; * come to my aid, dearest Mother, * for I recommend myself to You. * In Your hands I place my eternal salvation, * and to You I entrust my soul. * Count me among Your most devoted servants; * take me under Your protection, and it is enough for me. * For, if You protect me, dear Mother, * I fear nothing; * not from my sins, * because You will obtain for me the pardon of them; * nor from the devils, * because You are more powerful than all hell together; * nor even from Jesus, my Judge, * because by one prayer from You, * He will be appeased. * But one thing I fear, * that in the hour of temptation, * I may through negligence fail to have recourse to You * and thus perish miserably. * Obtain for me, therefore, the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance, * and the grace to have recourse to You, * O Mother of Perpetual Help.

3 Hail Marys

(Refer to Page 5 for Oration & Response)

Oration & Response for all Novena Prayers:

Priest: Pray for us, O Mother of Perpetual Help.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let Us Pray

O LORD Jesus Christ who did give us Your Mother Mary, whose renowned image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us, grant, we beseech You, that we who constantly implore her maternal aid may merit to enjoy perpetually the fruits of Your redemption. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to Your protection, implored Your help, or sought Your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence I fly unto 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 clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

Invocations to Our Lady

Priest: O Mother of Perpetual Help, You whose very name inspires confidence.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: That I may be victorious in the trying time of temptation.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: That I may quickly rise again should I have the misfortune to fall into sin.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: That I may break asunder any bonds of Satan in which I may become entangled.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: Against the seductions of the world, evil companions, and bad books.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: That I may soon return to my former fervor should I ever become luke-warm.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: In my preparation for the Sacraments and the performance of my Christian duties.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: In all the trials and troubles of life.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: Against my own inconstancy that I may persevere to the end.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: That I may ever love You and serve You and invoke Your assistance.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: That I may be able to induce others to love, serve and pray to You.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

Priest: O Mother to my last hour, to my last breath do You ever watch over me.

People: Help me, O loving Mother.

(This prayer is optional)

Prayer for Perseverance

(Priest and People)

O HOLY Virgin Mary * who to inspire us with boundless confidence * has been pleased to take the sweet name of Perpetual Help * I implore You * to come to my aid always and everywhere * in my temptations * after my falls * in my difficulties * in all the miseries of life * and above all at the hour of my death. * Give me, O loving Mother the desire * nay more, the habit * always to have recourse to You * for I feel assured that if I invoke You with fidelity * You will be faithful to come to my assistance. * Obtain for me then this grace of graces, * the grace to pray to You * without ceasing and with childlike prayer * that I may ensure Your perpetual help * and final perseverance. * O Mother of Perpetual Help * pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.



Sermon

Act of Consecration

(Priest and People)

DESIRING to consecrate myself entirely * to the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary, * from Whom, after God, * I expect all help and assistance * in life and in death, * I unite myself to the members * of this pious archconfraternity, * which has been erected * in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

As my special patron, * I choose the glorious St. Alphonsus, * that he may obtain for me * a true and lasting devotion' * to the ever Blessed Virgin, * Who is honored by so sweet a name.

I promise moreover, * to renew my consecration * to the Mother of God and to St. Alphonsus * at least once each month, * frequently to receive the Holy Sacraments.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * receive me as Your servant, * and grant that I may ever experience * Your constant motherly protection. * I promise to have recourse to You * in all my spiritual and temporal necessities.

My holy patron, St. Alphonsus * obtain for me * the grace of an ardent love for Jesus Christ, * and the grace of invoking * the Mother of Perpetual Help.

Blessing of the Sick

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who has made Heaven and earth.

Priest: O Lord hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come unto You.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let Us Pray

Look down O Lord upon Your servants failing from bodily weakness and refresh their souls which You have created that being bettered by Your chastisements they may presently feel themselves saved by Your pity. Amen. Grant O Lord we beseech You that these Your servants may enjoy continual health of body and soul and through the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin be freed from their present sorrow and enjoy eternal gladness through Christ our Lord. Amen The Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you; within you to preserve you; before you to lead you; behind you to guide you; above you to bless you; Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. The blessing of Almighty God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Blessing of All Present

*The Priest blesses the entire congregation
with the Miraculous Picture, saying:*

Through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help may the blessing of Almighty God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

O Mother of Perpetual Help

1

O Mother of Perpetual Help,
To Thee we come imploring help.
Behold us here, from far and near,
To ask of Thee our help to be.

2

Perpetual Help, we beg of Thee
Our souls from sin and sorrow free;
Direct our wandering feet aright,
And be Thyself our own true light.

3

And when this life is o'er for me,
This last request I ask of Thee:
Obtain for me in heaven this grace,
To see my God there face to face.

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

MOTHER dearest, Mother fairest,
Help of all who call on Thee,
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,
Help us, help, we cry to Thee.

Mary, help us, help we pray,
Mary, help us, help we pray,
Help us in all care and sorrow;
Mary, help us, help we pray.

Lady, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those rack'd on bed of pain,
May the golden light of morrow,
Bring them health and joy again.

Help our priests, our virgins holy,
Help our Pope, long may he reign,
Pray that we who sing Thy praises,
May in heav'n all meet again.

Lady, help the absent loved ones,
How we miss their presence here,
May the hand of Thy protection
Guide and guard them far and near.

Veneration of the Picture

O Salutaris Hostia

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium!
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur; fer auxilium.
Uni Trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo, Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui.
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio,
Procedenti ab utroque
Campar sit laudatio. Amen.

Priest: Panem de coelo praestitisti eis;
(Alleluia).

People: Omne delectamentum * in se habentem. (Alleluia).

Priest: 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 jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen.

O Salutaris Hostia

O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply; Thy strength bestow.
To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three!
Oh, grant us endless length of days
'In our true native land with Thee.

Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Down in adoration falling,
Lo, the Sacred Host we hail.
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high,
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from Each eternally;
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

Priest: Thou has given them bread from heaven.

People: Having in itself all sweetness.

Priest: Let Us Pray: O God. Who under a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Your passion, grant us, we beseech You, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Your redemption, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

While the priest blesses the people by making the sign of the cross with the Blessed Sacrament, say silently, while looking at the Sacred Host:

My Lord and my God.

The Divine Praises

(Priest and People)

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 most chaste spouse!

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints!

Prayers for Private Use

Prayer in Spiritual Wants

O MOTHER of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence I come before Your sacred picture in order to invoke Your aid. You have seen the wounds which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake; You have seen the Blood of Your Son flowing for our salvation; You know how Your Son desires to apply to us the fruit of His Redemption. Behold I cast myself at Your feet, and pray You to obtain for my soul the grace I stand so much in need of. O Mary, most loving of all mothers, obtain for me from the heart of Jesus, the source of every good, this grace (here mention it). O Mother of Perpetual Help You desire our salvation far more than we ourselves; Your Son has given You to us for our Mother; You have yourself chosen to be called Mother of Perpetual Help. I trust not in my merits, but in Your powerful intercession; I trust in Your goodness; I trust in Your motherly love. Mother of Perpetual Help, for the love You bear to Jesus, Your Son and my Redeemer, for the love of Your great servant Alphonsus, for the love of my soul, obtain for me the grace I ask from You. Amen.

Prayer in Temporal Wants

O MOTHER of Perpetual Help, numerous clients continually surround Your holy Picture, all imploring Your mercy. All bless You as the assured help of the miserable; all feel the benefit of Your maternal protection. With confidence, then, do I present myself before You in my misery. See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; see how numerous are our wants. Trials and sorrows often depress us; reverses of fortune and privations are grievous, bring misery into our homes; everywhere we meet the cross. Have pity, compassionate Mother, on us and our families; especially in this my necessity (here mention it). Help me, O my Mother, in my distress; deliver me from all my ills; or if it be the will of God that I should suffer still longer, grant that I may endure all with love and patience. This grace I expect of You with confidence, because You are our Perpetual Help. Amen.

Prayer

“Oh Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me. My Protector, St. Alphonsus, in all my wants make me have recourse to Mary.”

Prayer For Financial Aid

REALIZING, dear Mother Mary, that You are our perpetual help, not only in spiritual but likewise in temporal necessities, we approach You with submissive and humble hearts, because we have a childlike confidence in Your power and goodness, beseeching You to assist us in our present financial worry. Owing to untoward circumstances which have arisen in our lives, we are in dire want and pecuniary embarrassment, being unable to meet our honest debts. We are not asking, dearest Mother, for wealth, if the possession of it is not in accordance with the holy will of God; we merely beg for that assistance which will enable us to satisfy our pressing obligations. We believe, dear Mother, that You are the Queen of heaven and of earth, and as such the instrument and special dispensation of Your divine Son Jesus Christ; that You have acquired by virtue of Your wonderful dignity a sweet jurisdiction over all creation. We believe that You are not only rich and bountiful, but extremely kind and generous to all Your loving children. We plead with You then, dear Mother, to obtain for us the help we so urgently need in our present financial difficulty. We thank You, dear Lady, and promise to publish far and wide the marvels of Your glorious Picture. Amen.

Prayer in Sickness

O DEAR Mother of Perpetual Help, behold how much I suffer from this my sickness. Together with the body my soul is also afflicted. I have not even the strength to say a prayer as I ought to do. Nothing is able to give me any relief. Even the visit and compassion of my best friends does not give me any comfort. Hence, my courage begins to fail; impatience and sadness oppress my soul. In this my great distress I put all my trust in You, most tender of all mothers. Your compassionate heart will certainly have pity on me; yes, most merciful Mother, You will not forget Your poor, afflicted child. Obtain then, for me, courage and strength to accept all these trials from the hand of God with patience and resignation. If it is for the good of my soul, grant that I may recover my former health; but if it is the will of God that I should suffer still longer, or that this sickness should lead me to a better life, I am perfectly resigned, for I am sure that You, O loving Mother, will obtain for me the grace to do whatever God demands of me. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of a Non-Catholic

TRUSTING in Your goodness, O sweet Lady of Perpetual Help, because You are the Mother of mercy and the refuge of sinners, we beseech You to look with pitying eyes upon those who are living outside the pale of the one true Church. So many non-Catholics possessed of kind hearts, with a charity for God's poor, are honestly seeking religious truth, but with difficulty, because they are blinded by misinformation and inherited prejudice. These souls, O Mother of Perpetual Help, are destitute of the knowledge of the one true faith, yet they must be dear to You as they are to Your adorable Son Jesus, because redeemed by His precious blood. We plead with You, O Mary, for the conversion of all those who walk in the darkness of error and sin. Virgin Mother, as You are called the "Seat of Wisdom", enlighten the minds of our separated brethren, that they may discover the consoling truths of our holy faith, and having discovered them, willingly accept and believe in them. O Mary, grant us this wonderful favor, that all immortal souls ransomed by the blood of Your dying Son, may soon be united to us by the bonds of divine charity, so that there may be but one fold and one Shepherd. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of a Sinner

O MARY, Mother of Perpetual Help, You know so well the great value of an immortal soul. You know what it means, that every soul has been redeemed by the Blood of Your Divine Son; You will not then despise my prayer if I ask from You the conversion of a sinner, nay a great sinner who is rapidly hurrying on towards eternal ruin. You, O good merciful Mother, know well his/her irregular life. Remember that You are the refuge of sinners, remember that God has given You power to bring about the conversion of even the most wretched sinners. All that has been done for his/her soul has been unsuccessful; if You do not come to his/her assistance, he/she will go from bad to worse. Obtain for him/her an effectual grace that he/she may be moved and brought back to God and his/her duties. Send him/her, if necessary, temporal calamities and trials, that he/she may enter into himself/herself, and put an end to his/her sinful course. You, O most merciful Mother, have converted so many sinners at the intercession of their friends. Be, then also moved by my prayer, and bring this unhappy soul to true conversion of heart. O Mother of Perpetual Help, show that You are the Advocate and Refuge of sinners. So I hope, so may it be. Amen.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus In Honor of The Blessed Virgin

MOST holy and Immaculate Virgin and my Mother Mary, to You who are the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, the advocate, the hope, and the refuge of sinners, I have recourse today, I who am the most miserable of all. I render You my most humble homages, O great Queen; and I thank You for all the graces You have conferred on me until now; particularly for having delivered me from hell, which I have so often deserved. I love You, O most amiable Lady; and for the love which I bear You, I promise to serve You always, and to do all in my power to make others love You also. I place in You all my hopes, I confide my salvation to Your care. Accept me for Your servant, and receive me under Your mantle, O Mother of mercy. And since You are so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations, or rather obtain for me strength to triumph over them until death. Of You I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ. Through You I hope to die a good death. O my Mother, by the love which You bear to God, I beseech You to help me at all times, but especially at the last moment of my life. Leave me not, I beseech You, until You see me safe in heaven, blessing You and singing Your mercy for all eternity. Amen; so I hope. So may it be!

LITANY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Queen conceived without the stain of original sin,

Queen assumed into Heaven,

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

O Mother of Perpetual Help, whose very name inspires confidence,

That I may love God with all my heart,

That I may in all things conform my will to that of Your Divine Son,

That I may always shun sin, the only real evil,

That I may always remember my last end,

That I may often and devoutly receive the sacraments,

That I may avoid every proximate occasion of sin,

That I may never neglect prayer,

That I may ever remember to invoke You, particularly in time of temptation,

That I may always be victorious in the hour of temptation,

That I may generously pardon my enemies,

That I may arise quickly, should I have the misfortune of falling into mortal sin,

That I may courageously resist the seductions of evil companions,

That I may be strong against my own inconstancy,

That I may not delay my conversion from day to day,

That I may labor zealously to eradicate my evil habits,

That I may ever love and serve You,

That I may lead others to love and serve You,

Pray for me

That I may live and die in the friendship of God,
 In sickness and pain,
 In poverty and distress,
 In persecution and abandonment,
 In grief and dereliction of mind,
 In time of war, famine and contagion,
 In every danger of sin,
 When assailed by the evil spirits,
 When tempted by the allurements of a deceitful world,
 When struggling against the inclinations of my corrupt nature,
 When tempted against the holy virtue of purity,
 When death is nigh,
 When the loss of my senses will warn me that my earthly career is at an end,
 When the thought of my approaching dissolution will fill me with fear
 and terror,
 When at the decisive hour of my death, the evil spirit will endeavor to
 plunge my soul into despair,
 When the minister of God will give me his last absolution and his last blessing,
 When my friends and relations, surrounding my bed, moved with
 compassion, will invoke Your clemency in my behalf,
 When the world will vanish from my sight, and my heart will cease to beat,
 When I shall yield my soul into the hands of its Creator,
 When my soul will appear before its Sovereign Judge,
 When the irrevocable sentence will be pronounced,
 When I will be suffering in Purgatory, and sighing for the vision of God,

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

V. Pray for us, O Mother of Perpetual Help.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and merciful God, Who, in order to assist the human race, has willed the Blessed Virgin Mary to become the Mother of Your only begotten Son, grant we beseech You, that by her intercession we may avoid the contagion of sin and serve You with a pure heart through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

History of the Miraculous Picture

ABOUT the time that Columbus brought the "Santa Maria" to the shores of the Americas, another sailing vessel was bringing this wonder-working image to the shores of Europe. Who painted it, or when, we do not know. It had been venerated in the isle of Crete and from Crete it came to Rome. There it was retained by a private family until our Blessed Mother herself appeared to the little girl of the household and told her that she wished her picture to be placed in a Church. She even designated the place—"between my beloved Church of St. Mary Major's and that of my beloved son, St. John of Lateran."

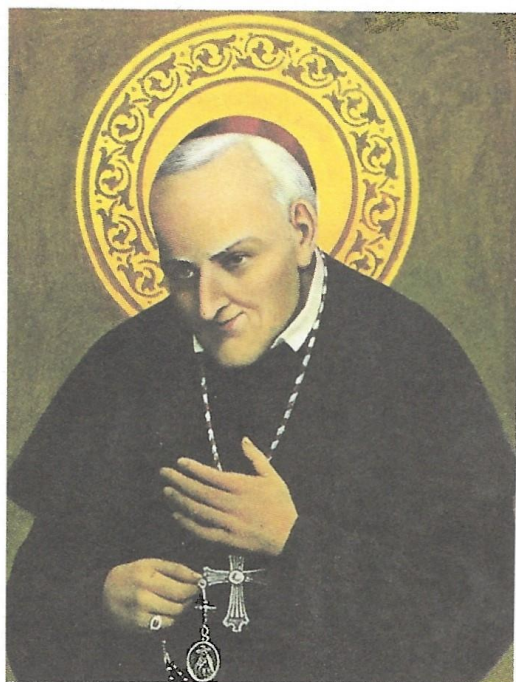
On March 27, 1499, the picture was exposed for veneration, as she ordered, in the Church of St. Matthew where it remained for three long centuries drawing pilgrims from all parts of the Christian world. In 1798 war demolished the venerable structure, but the picture was not allowed to perish. The good Augustinian Fathers, who all these years had been in charge of St. Matthew's, took it with them to the new monastery granted them by Pope Pius VII in another part of the city.

The very last member of their order to

be professed in old St. Matthew's was Brother Augustine Orsetti. In his new home he had as a frequent visitor a youth named Michael Marchi, who later became a Redemptorist priest. The Redemptorists came to Rome in 1855 and built a Church in honor of their founder, St. Alphonsus, on the site of the ancient St. Matthew's. The old Brother had often spoken to young Michael about the Madonna in the monastery Chapel saying, "Don't forget now-mind me well-the picture in our Chapel is the one that was venerated in old St. Matthew's." It was indeed a miraculous picture.

So when Father Marchi told of the miracle-working image in the Augustinian monastery, the Redemptorists petitioned Pope Pius IX to have the image placed in the Church on the spot chosen by Our Lady herself. And the Pope in granting the request said: "It is our will that this picture of the Blessed Virgin be returned to the Church between St. Mary Major's and St. John Lateran's." At the same time he commanded the Redemptorists to "make her known" all over the world.

On April 26, 1866, a solemn procession carried the miraculous Madonna to her chosen spot in the Church of St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, one of Mary's greatest lovers and defenders. Today the original painting reposes in Rome while millions of replicas bring her and her PERPETUAL HELP to all men everywhere.



St. Alphonsus Maria
De Liguori