

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT
SUCCOR

January 8th (begin December 30th)

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

March 25th (begin March 16th)

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

August 15th (begin August 6th)

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8th (begin August 30th)

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 21st (begin November 12th)

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

December 8th (begin November 29th)

NOVENA PRAYERS

FIRST DAY

When we wish to obtain some special favor through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the first disposition to bring to prayer is the humble recognition of our unworthiness, for it is the prayer of the contrite and humble heart that rises to the very throne of God.

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PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, you are after Jesus our only hope. O Most Holy Virgin, whose merits have raised you high above angel choirs to the very throne of the Eternal and whose foot crushed the head of the infernal serpent, you are strong against the enemies of our salvation. O Mother of God, you are our Mediatrix most kind and loving. Hasten, then, to our help, and as you did once save your beloved City from ravaging flames and our Country from an alien foe, do now have pity on our misery, and obtain for us the graces we beg of you. Deliver us from the wiles of Satan, assist us in the many trials which beset our path in this valley of tears, and be to us truly Our Lady of Prompt Succor now and especially at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father may be added, with the Litany of Our Lady of Prompt Succor (p. 22) and the prayer "O Mary, Mother of God" (p. 27).

SECOND DAY

Filial resignation to God's Holy Will is the second disposition required for the obtaining of special graces. This disposition is especially

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necessary when we ask for temporal favors, for we cannot be certain whether they are conducive to our salvation or not.

PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, O Virgin most pure and Mother of the Word Incarnate, you are the dispenser of all graces and the refuge of poor sinners. With lively faith and unbounded confidence we have recourse to your maternal love and we beg you to obtain from your Divine Son the favors we now implore (here name the special favor desired). With filial trust we place our hearts under your motherly care beseeching you to obtain for us the all-important grace of perfect conformity to God's Will, and, O Mary, show yourself to be OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR, especially at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

THIRD DAY

A profound respect for the exalted dignity and sublime prerogatives of Mary is an excellent means to draw down upon us Heaven's choicest blessings.

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PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, O Mary Immaculate, you are the model of all virtues, the path by which we go to Jesus, the mysterious channel through which divine favors are imparted to us. You have such power over the Heart of Jesus, hasten to our assistance and obtain our earnest request (here name the favor desired). In you, O Mary, we put our trust, let it not be said that our hopes have been frustrated. O Mother most chaste, be our strength against temptation, our help in danger, our consolation in sorrow, but especially be OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

FOURTH DAY

A filial eagerness in striving to fathom the treasures of holiness contained in the heart of Mary, the most loving and lovable of mothers, is another means of obtaining Our Lady's special protection.

PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, living temple

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of the Holy Spirit and Queen of Heaven and earth, behold us prostrate at your feet to offer you the filial homage of our hearts, to thank you for the innumerable favors you have obtained for us, and to implore, through your all-powerful intercession, the graces we need, especially (here specify the favor desired). O Mary, be truly to us "Mary," that is, our shield against the darts of temptation, our solace in the midst of trials and afflictions, our firm hope, sweet consolation, and PROMPT SUCCOR at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

FIFTH DAY

One of the surest means to acquire a special right to the protection of Mary is to keep ourselves in the state of grace and endeavor to please her by imitating her virtues.

PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Virgin most powerful and Mirror of Justice, who offered yourself totally to God for the perfect accomplishment of His Holy Will, make us generous in sacrifice. We have recourse to you to obtain the graces we need, especially (here

name the favor desired). O Mary, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, heavenly protectress of souls devoted to your Divine Son, deign to bless us each day of our mortal pilgrimage, cast upon us your eyes of mercy, and after our exile, show unto us Jesus, your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

SIXTH DAY

A tender love for Mary is another efficacious means of obtaining her favors. Since love can be requited only by love, what should not be our sentiments of filial affection for so generous and loving a Mother?

PRAYER

O Mary, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, bright Star of the Sea shining upon life's stormy ocean, we implore your speedy help especially to obtain (here specify the desired favor). Shining Star of our tempest-tossed souls, lovingly guide us among temptation's heaving billows and treacherous shoals, and lead us safely into eternity's peaceful harbor. O sweetest of mothers, we seek your PROMPT SUCCOR now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

SEVENTH DAY

Mary's love for us is tender and generous. Our love for her should be characterized by deep gratitude, filial confidence, and ardent zeal. We should endeavor, by good example and the spirit of sacrifice, to propagate devotion to her under her sweet title of PROMPT SUCCOR.

PRAYER

O Mary, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, whose protection is so powerful and whose help is so prompt and efficacious, we come to lay at your feet all our cares and sorrows, to place into your hands all our hopes, to entrust to you all our interests both spiritual and temporal. Deign, O Most Holy Virgin, to assist us and obtain the graces we now ask, especially (here mention the favor desired). O Mother of PROMPT SUCCOR, close not your ears to our earnest supplications; rather hasten to our help now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

EIGHTH DAY

Confidence is an excellent and necessary means for obtaining Mary's protection. Our Lady of Prompt Succor will bestow favors upon us in proportion to our filial trust in her all-powerful intercession.

PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, sanctuary of every virtue, who was chosen among all women to be the Mother of our Redeemer, be our advocate and protectress. To you do we raise our hearts and hands imploring your powerful intercession to obtain the favors we ask, especially (here mention the favor desired). Assist us by your mediation, O Mary, that your Divine Son may shower His blessings upon us now and at the moment of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

NINTH DAY

Mary became our Mother on Calvary's crest. We are the children of her tears and sorrows. On this last day of our novena, let us take the resolution ever to foster a true and tender devotion to our Immaculate Mother of

Prompt Succor, to cast all our cares and anxieties into her maternal heart. Our confidence will not remain unrewarded.

PRAYER

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Queen of the Universe and Sovereign full of kindness, you are the advocate of sinners, a haven of safety to the shipwrecked, the health of the sick and infirm, the consolation of the afflicted, the refuge and salvation of all on earth. O Mary, grant us, we beseech you, the help of your prayers to obtain the graces we implore, and in particular (here name the favor desired). Let your maternal heart be touched by our misery; hasten to our assistance and be to us, now and at the hour of our death, OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

Our Father, etc., as on first day.

Litany of

Our Lady of Prompt Succor
(For private recitation only)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

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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, pray for us.

Mother of the Infant Jesus, pray for us.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, pray for us.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of all who invoke you with confidence,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of all who are devout toward the Infant Jesus,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for obtaining a lively faith,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for sustaining the hope of Christians,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for obtaining and persevering in charity,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for observing the law of God,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for observing perseverance in virtue and good works,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in every spiritual necessity,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against the revolt of self-will,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in the occasion of sin,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in every

pray for us

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temptation,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against the evil spirit,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for obtaining contrition,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of those wishing to re-enter the path of salvation,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for the conversion of sinners,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in every temporal necessity,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in every affliction,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of afflicted families,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of the sick and the poor,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against contagious diseases and epidemics,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in every accident,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against destruction by fire,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against lightning and tempest,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against destruction by flood,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of travelers,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of navigators,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of the shipwrecked,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against the enemies of our country,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in time of war,

pray for us

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of those aspiring to the Holy Priesthood and the religious life,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of laborers in the Lord's vineyard,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of missionaries who spread the faith,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor of our Holy Father the Pope,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for those searching for the faith,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor against the enemies of the Church,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor at the hour of death,

Our Lady of Prompt Succor for the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory,

pray for us

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.

V. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, pray for us.

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

LET US PRAY

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O Almighty and Eternal God! Who sees us surrounded by so many dangers and miseries, grant in Your infinite goodness that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Divine Son, may defend us from the evil spirit and protect us against all adversities, that always, and with PROMPT SUCCOR, she may deliver us from every evil of soul and body, and safely guide us to the kingdom of heaven, through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (partial indulgence)

LET US PRAY

O most merciful Jesus, Who has placed the riches of Your mercy in the heart of Your Mother Mary, propitiously grant that through her patronage we may be delivered from all evils of mind and body. We beg this of You, merciful Jesus, Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (partial indulgence)

PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

O, Mary, Mother of God, who, amidst the tribulations of the world, watches over us and over the Church of your Son, be to us and to the Church truly OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR, make haste to help us in all our necessities, that in this fleeting life you may be our succor, and obtain for us (here ask the particular favor you desire). Help us to gain life everlasting through the merits of Jesus, your Son, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen. (partial indulgence)

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

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. (Three times.)

O Queen of the Universe, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, sovereign full of kindness, you are the advocate of sinners, a haven of safety to the ship-wrecked; you are the resource of the world, the ransom of captives, the health of the infirm, the consolation of the afflicted, the refuge and salvation of all on earth. We beseech you to grant us the help of your prayers, which incline our Heavenly Father to forgive our sins and grant our petitions in all the necessities of this miserable life, prayers which obtain for us an abundance of graces to

receive the pardon of our faults and arrive at the practice of virtue, prayers which stop our enemies, confound their designs, and triumph over their efforts. Amen. (partial indulgence)

MOST EFFICACIOUS PRAYERS OF ST. ALPHONSE RODRIGUEZ TO OUR BLESSED LADY

O Mary, sweet Refuge of miserable sinners, my most sweet Mother, for the sake of the sorrow you felt in witnessing the death of your Son, hasten to assist me in your mercy and obtain for me (here ask for the particular favor you desire.) And when my soul shall have to depart from this world, succor me promptly, remove from me the infernal enemies, and come to take my soul and present it to the Eternal Judge. My Queen, do not abandon me; you after Jesus shall be my comfort at that terrible moment. Ask your Son to grant me in His goodness the grace to die at your feet and to breathe forth my soul in His Holy Wounds, saying: Jesus and Mary, to you I give my heart and my soul. Amen. (partial indulgence)

THE MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, and 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 mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

HYMN TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

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Hail Mary, Queen of heaven!
Hail Mary, Mother dear.
In thee I find my Jesus,
Near thee I hold no fear.

CHORUS

Hail Mother of Prompt Succor!
Make haste, help me, thy child!
Hail Mother of Prompt Succor!
Make haste, help me, thy child,
Make haste, help me, thy child.