

Novena
to
Our Lady of Guadalupe



Am I not here, I who have the honor to be your mother? Are you not in my shadow and under my protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? (Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego, December 9, 1531)

I. Opening Hymn (all stand)

“Immaculate Mary”

Immaculate Mary,
Your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor
With Jesus, our King

Chorus:

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Maria!

In heaven the Blessed
Your glory proclaim;
on earth we your children
Invoke your fair name. Chorus

II. Exposition (all kneel)

Hymn: O Salutaris Hostia

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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

III. Rosary of Guadalupe Love (kneel or sit)

(after each *Glory be*: Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy, in life, in death, protect us, Our Lady.)

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and people: O God, whose Only-Begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

IV. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (all kneel)

Presider:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

People:

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Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of Good Counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

pray for us.

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| Mother of the Church, | pray for us. |
| Virgin most prudent, | pray for us. |
| Virgin most venerable, | pray for us. |
| Virgin most renowned, | pray for us. |
| Virgin most powerful, | pray for us. |
| Virgin most merciful, | pray for us. |
| Virgin most faithful, | pray for us. |
| Mirror of justice, | pray for us. |
| Seat of wisdom, | pray for us. |
| Cause of our joy, | pray for us. |
| Spiritual vessel, | pray for us. |
| Vessel of honor, | pray for us. |
| Singular vessel of devotion, | pray for us. |
| Mystical rose, | pray for us. |
| Tower of David, | pray for us. |
| Tower of ivory, | pray for us. |
| House of gold, | pray for us. |
| Ark of the covenant, | pray for us. |
| Gate of Heaven, | pray for us. |
| Morning star, | pray for us. |
| Health of the sick, | pray for us. |
| Refuge of sinners, | pray for us. |
| Comforter of the afflicted, | pray for us. |
| Help of Christians, | pray for us. |
| Queen of angels, | pray for us. |
| Queen of patriarchs, | pray for us. |
| Queen of prophets, | pray for us. |
| Queen of apostles, | pray for us. |
| Queen of martyrs, | pray for us. |
| Queen of confessors, | pray for us. |
| Queen of virgins, | pray for us. |
| Queen of all saints, | pray for us. |
| Queen conceived without Original Sin, | pray for us. |
| Queen assumed into Heaven, | pray for us. |
| Queen of the most holy Rosary, | pray for us. |
| Queen of families, | pray for us. |
| Queen of peace, | 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.

Pray for us, O most holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and people: Grant we beseech thee, O Lord, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may we be delivered from present sorrow and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our lord. Amen.

V. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

VI. Reading

VII. Meditation/Reflection

VIII. Novena Prayers (all kneel)

Presider: Let us pray

Presider and people:

O Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of the true God and Mother of the Church!
You, who from this place reveal
your clemency and your compassion
to all those who seek your protection,
hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust,
and present it to your Son Jesus, our sole Redeemer.

Mother of Mercy, Teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice,
to you, who come to meet us sinners,
we dedicate on this day all our being and all our love.
We also dedicate to you our life, our work,
our joys, our infirmities and our sorrows.

Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples;
for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are,
our Lady and Mother.

We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you
along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His Church;
hold us always with your loving hand.

Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas,
we pray to you for all the Bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths
of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls.

Contemplate this immense harvest, and intercede with the Lord
that He may instill a hunger for holiness in the whole people of God,
and grant abundant vocations of priests and religious,
strong in the faith and zealous dispensers of God's mysteries.

Grant to our homes
the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings,
with the same love with which you conceived in your womb
the life of the Son of God.
Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families,
so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children.

You, our hope, look upon us with compassion,
teach us to go continually to Jesus and, if we fall, help us to rise again,
to return to Him, by means of the confession of our faults
and sins in the Sacrament of Penance, which gives peace to the soul.
We beg you to grant us a great love for all the holy Sacraments,
which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth.

Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our conscience,
with our hearts free from evil and hatred,
we will be able to bring to all true joy and true peace,
which come to us from your son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Prayer of St. John Paul II before the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, on his first apostolic visit to Mexico,
January 25, 1979)*

Prayer for mothers

Presider and people:

Holy Mary, who under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe are invoked as Mother by the men and women of Mexico and of Latin America, encouraged by the love that you inspire in us, we once again place our life in your motherly hands.

May you, who are present, hold sway in the hearts of all the mothers of the world and in our own heart.

With great hope, we turn to you and trust in you.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

the Lord is with thee,

blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Pray for us.

(Prayer of His Holiness Benedict XVI before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Vatican gardens, May 2005)

Prayer to St. Juan Diego

Presider and people:

Blessed Juan Diego, a good, Christian Indian,

whom simple people have always considered a saint!

We ask you to accompany the Church on her pilgrimage...,

so that she may be more evangelizing and more missionary each day.

Encourage the Bishops, support the priests,

inspire new and holy vocations,

help all those who give their lives

to the cause of Christ and the spread of his Kingdom.

Happy Juan Diego, true and faithful man!

We entrust to you our lay brothers and sisters

so that, feeling the call to holiness,

they may imbue every area of social life
with the spirit of the Gospel.
Bless families, strengthen spouses in their marriage,
sustain the efforts of parents
to give their children a Christian upbringing.

Look with favor upon the pain of those who are suffering
in body or in spirit, on those afflicted by poverty,
loneliness, marginalization or ignorance.
May all people, civic leaders and ordinary citizens,
always act in accordance with the demands of justice
and with respect for the dignity of each person,
so that in this way peace may be reinforced.

Beloved Juan Diego, "the talking eagle"!
Show us the way that leads to the "Dark Virgin" of Tepeyac,
that she may receive us in the depths of her heart,
for she is the loving, compassionate Mother
who guides us to the true God. Amen.

(Prayer to St. Juan Diego on his canonization, St. John Paul II, Mexico City, July 31, 2002)



IX. Hymn (all stand)

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above,

O Maria.

Hail, Mother of mercy and of love,

O Maria.

Chorus:

Triumph, all ye Cherubim

Sing with us, ye Seraphim

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

Our life, our sweetness here below,

O Maria.

Our hope in sorrow and in woe,

O Maria.

-Chorus-

X. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament (all kneel)

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

Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Presider: You have given them bread from Heaven.

People: Having all sweetness within it.

Presider: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: 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 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. Amen.

Presider and people: May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, now and until the end of time.
Amen

XI. Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (all stand)

Holy God, we praise Thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy sceptre 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!

The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning, December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

He was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared and within it stood a young Native American maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan Diego to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan Diego's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Diego to try to avoid the lady. The lady found Diego, nevertheless, assured him that his uncle would recover and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the bishop sank to his knees. On Juan Diego's tilma appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. It was December 12, 1531.

- Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531.
- The image left on Saint Juan Diego's tilma is the only *true picture* of Our Lady of Guadalupe in existence.
- The image has remained intact with all its original vibrancy for 475 years. The natural life span of a cloak made with fiber from the gage or maguey plant is only about 30 years.
- The image is a *pictograph* which could be read and understood by the Aztec Indians.
- Our Lady appears as a beautiful young Indian maiden and Queen.
- Her eyes are looking down with humility and compassion. She is human, not God.
- She is wearing a blue-green mantle (the color worn by royalty) covered with stars.
- The stars signify she comes from heaven – the Queen of Heaven. The constellations are in the exact position as appeared before dawn on the morning of December 12, 1531.
- Her robe is colored rose or pale red and covered with Aztec flowers, symbolic of an Aztec princess.
- In the center of her robe, overlying her womb, is a four petal quincunx flower in the shape of a cross which is the sign of the Divine and the center of the cosmic order to the Aztec. The Virgin's Baby, Jesus, is Divine and the new center of the universe.
- Her hands are joined in prayer and, therefore, she is not God but clearly there is one greater than she and she points her finger to the cross on her brooch.
- Her fur cuffs symbolize royalty.
- She wears a black maternity band signifying she is with Child.
- A black cross is on the brooch around her neck. This signifies she is a follower of the God of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ who died on the cross for all.
- She stands in front of the sun. The sun symbolizes the greatest Aztec god – Huitzilopochtli. She announces the God who is greater than their sun god.

- She stands on the moon. The crescent moon symbolized the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent moon god. She has clearly crushed and defeated him.
- An angel with eagle's wings supports the Mother of God. The eagle was the "bird of the sun." Here the eagle is the servant of the Virgin. She holds her mantle in one hand and robe with the other, signifying the Son she bears is from both heaven and earth.
- To date the image cannot be explained by science.
- The image on the tilma was able to do what up to that time the missionaries were not able to do significantly. Namely, clearly explain Christianity to the Indian people. The proof is in the fact that after the apparitions, eight million natives of Mexico converted to Catholicism from 1531 to 1538.

(from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe; La Crosse, Wisconsin)

"Looking to Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that the Lord's visit always passes through those who manage to "make flesh" his Word, who seek to embody the life of God within themselves, becoming living signs of his mercy....

Let us not be afraid to go out and look upon others with the same gaze. A gaze that makes us brothers and sisters. We do so because, like Juan Diego, we know that our mother is here, we know that we are beneath her shadow and under her protection, which is the source of our joy, that we are within her embrace (cf. Nicam Mopohua, 119)."

(from the HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, Vatican Basilica, 12 December 2016)

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