

NOVENA TO MARIA BAMBINA

**“MARY, bearer of a promise,
guardian of hope” (CV, 44.45)**



9TH SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE first MIRACLE OF MARIA BAMBINA

Everything comes from the gratuitous initiative of God, so the first duty of the believer is to recollect himself in the depths of one's heart by participating with the brothers and sisters of faith in the fundamental sentiment of *thanksgiving*. God gives in the sign of superabundance, of totality, does not withdraw himself: he is faithful beyond time and within its flow. In this light we are invited to grasp the meaning of the miracle of Maria Bambina: it is nothing but a sign of the fullness of God's Love towards us; love that become active only when we surrender ourselves into his paternal hands with an attitude of abandonment that of a child.

TO GIVE THANKS TO THE FATHER

At this moment of prayer, **let us express our thanks to Maria Bambina** for what he has given and continues to give through her protection and let us ask her to continue to bless and support us.

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

First moment: HAIL MARY, WISE VIRGIN

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her (Wis 6: 12).

*Thank you, Father, because through the gift of Maria Bambina you make us understand the importance of thanking you and the people who enrich our lives. **To Mary, let us entrust those who stand before this cradle and ask for her help and comfort.***

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All: **Maria Bambina pray for us.**

Second moment: HAIL MARY, DWELLING OF WISDOM

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care (Wis 6: 13-15).

*Thank you, Father, because, over the centuries of the Old Testament and especially in Jesus, you have revealed yourself as a Saviour, as God coming to meet man, and also in devotion to Maria Bambina you give us your blessing. **To Mary, let us entrust those who in this sanctuary have obtained strength, support and 'graces'.***

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All: **Maria Bambina pray for us.**

Third moment: HAIL MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM

Wisdom goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought (Wis 6: 16).

*Thank you, Father, because the poor and the least do not have to remain in a queue before you, but they have the preferential access to you. Grant us to live like the Infant Mary the beatitude of the little ones who accept and lay everything in your hands. **To Mary, let us entrust all those who in this sanctuary look for 'an oasis of peace and prayer'.***

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All: **Maria Bambina pray for us.**

Fourth moment: HAIL MARY, WAY TO WISDOM

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws (Wis 6: 17-18a).

Thank you, Father, for your mercy that has no age or bounds: you go in search of those who are without hope, those who have gone away from home and find difficult to find the way back, who are lonely and feel empty in their life. Through the intercession of Baby Mary, hear our prayer.

To Mary, let us entrust the prayers of those who invoke her from all over the world.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All: **Maria Bambina pray for us.**

Fifth moment: HAIL MARY, SOURCE OF WISDOM

Giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom. Therefore, honour wisdom, so that you may reign forever (Wis 6:18b- 21).

Thank you, Father, for the great things you have done in Mary: you have filled her welcoming void, exalted her humble availability, and have made her a Mother. We entrust ourselves again to you and recommend all those who are dear to us. **Let us entrust all the children and young people under her protection.**

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All: **Maria Bambina pray for us.**

All: **Sweet Child Mary,**

*who, being destined to be the Mother of God,
has also become our beloved Queen and Mother,
for the numberless graces*

*you have obtained for us,
listen to my humble prayers.*

*All my hope is upon you,
in all the needs which surround me.*

O Holy Child,

*by the merits and privileges
which have only been given to you,
be merciful to me.*

*Show that the source of the spiritual treasure
you give out is inexhaustible.*

For the profusion of graces

Almighty God has given you,

**O heavenly Child, grant my prayer
and I will praise your goodness forever. Amen.**