

Novena of Maria Bambina - 2020

Mary, seat of wisdom pray for us



NINTH: 7/9 Monday

Maternal Mediation: Mary, in the life of the Church and of each Christian

Mary is thus present in the mystery of the Church as a model. But the Church's mystery also consists in generating people to a new and immortal life: this is her motherhood in the Holy Spirit. And here Mary is not only the model and figure of the Church; she is much more. For, "with maternal love she cooperates in the birth and development" of the sons and daughters of Mother Church. The Church's motherhood is accomplished not only according to the model and figure of the Mother of God but also with her "cooperation." The Church draws abundantly from this cooperation, that is to say from the maternal mediation which is characteristic of Mary, insofar as already on earth she cooperated in the rebirth and development of the Church's sons and daughters, as the Mother of that Son whom the Father "placed as the first-born among many brethren. She cooperated, as the Second Vatican Council teaches, with a maternal love"(RM n. 44).

Meditating on the mysteries of joy

Let us pray FOR THOSE WHO ASK FOR PRAYERS

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

1st mystery: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE ANGEL TO MARY

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Lk 1,35.38).

Mary, we thank you because you have taught us the great art of knowing to wait for the time of God's consolation, God who is faithful and who disposes every event according his promises. Look upon the sick with tender love and listen to their prayers.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. Maria Bambina, pray for all the sick.

2nd mystery: MARY, VISITS ELIZABETH

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth (Lk 1, 39-40).

Mary you have shown us attentiveness in running to the one who was in need, help us to be challenged by the needs of humanity and by the loneliness, we see in the persons and in the society. Sustain us in the evangelizing mission and make us witnesses of the infinite love with which God cares for each of his children.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. Maria Bambina, sustain the priests, consecrated men and women and the missionaries.

3rd mystery: THE BIRTH OF JESUS AT BETHLEHEM

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn (Lk 2,7).

Mary, during her earthly life teaches us not to have fear of future, but to entrust ourselves with trust in the plans of the Father. Help us also to recognize in simple signs of our daily life the consoling presence of Jesus, the Emmanuel, God with us.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. *Maria Bambina, bless the couples who long for a child*

4th mystery: *MARY PRESENTS JESUS IN THE TEMPLE*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too" (Lk 2, 22. 34-35).

Mary, while you were offering your Son, you received the prophecy of Simon. Help us to discover in the faith of the Church, the prophecy that opens to future in the certainty that God consoles the hearts that trust him with simplicity.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. *Maria Bambina, listen to the prayers of those in need.*

5th mystery: *JESUS IS LOST AND FOUND IN THE TEMPLE*

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. (Lk 2, 43.46.48-50)

Mary, you too have experienced the sense of being lost and incomprehension in front of the mystery of your son. Help us to read also in our history the Word that enlightens, so that we may be able to welcome the plan of God that is revealed in the life of the new generation and may adhere to it even when we do not understand it fully.

Our Father, Hail Mary (10), Glory be

All. *Maria Bambina, bless and protect the little ones entrusted to you.*

Salve Regina...

***Hymn: Alzate O Maria dalla vostra culla,
alzate la tenera vostra manina,
e a tutti impartite la santa benedizion (2)***