

LITTLE OFFICE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Preparatory Prayers Prayer to the Holy Ghost

(Recommended for recitation at the beginning of prayers)

Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, O Creator Spirit blest! And in our souls take up Thy rest,
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete! To Thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known, Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
True promise of the Father, Thou, who dost the tongue with power endow.

Kindle our senses from above, and make our hearts overflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us Thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow The Father and the Son to know,
And Thee through endless times confessed of both the eternal Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run Be to the Father and the Son Who rose from death;
The same to Thee O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

Ave, Maris Stella

Hail, bright star of ocean, God's Own Mother blest, ever sinless Virgin, gate of heavenly rest.
Taking that sweet Ave which from Gabriel came, peace confirm within us, changing Eva's
name.

Break the captives' fetters, light on blindness pour, all our ills expelling, every bliss implore.
Show Thyself a Mother; may the Word Divine, born for us Thine Infant, hear our prayers
through Thine.

Virgin all excelling, mildest of the mild, freed from guilt, preserve us, pure and undefiled.
Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure, till we find in Jesus joy forevermore.
Through the highest heaven to the Almighty Three, Father, Son and Spirit, One same glory be.
Amen.

Terce Hour

V. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

R. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As always before, so now and evermore. Amen.

*During Lent, instead of Alleluia this is said: **Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.**

Hymn (to be read)

Hail, Solomon's throne, pure ark of the law, fair rainbow, and bush, which the patriarch saw.

Hail, Gedeon's fleece, Hail, blossoming rod, Samson's sweet honeycomb, portal of God.

Well-fitting it was, that a Son so divine should preserve from all touch of original sin,
Nor suffer by smallest defect to be stained, that Mother, whom He for Himself had ordained.

Amen.

V. I dwell in the highest.

R. And My throne is on the pillar of the clouds.

V. O Lady, aid my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray. Holy Mary, Queen of Heaven, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Mistress of the world, who forsakes no one, and despises no one, look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of Thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins; that, as I now celebrate, with devout affection, Thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him Whom Thou, in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ Our Lord: Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, live and reign, in perfect Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lady, aid my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen

Seven Sorrows Rosary

Please refer to the Daughters of the Lamb blue booklet (*see email attachment*)