



THE LITTLE CROWN OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love!

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit dost instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us by this same Spirit to relish what is right and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I CROWN OF EXCELLENCE

**To honor the Divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin, Her ineffable Virginity,
Her purity without stain and Her innumerable virtues.**

OUR FATHER...

HAIL MARY... Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Lord, the Creator of the world; thou didst give birth to Him Who made thee, and remain a Virgin forever.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY... Holy and immaculate Virgin, I know not with what praise to extol thee, since thou didst bear in thy womb the very One Whom the Heavens cannot contain.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY... Thou are all fair, O Virgin Mary, and there is no stain in thee.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Thy virtues, O Virgin, surpass the stars in number.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

GLORY be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and forever world without end.

II CROWN OF POWER

To honor the royalty of the Blessed Virgin, Her magnificence, Her universal mediation and the strength of Her rule.

OUR FATHER...

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee, O Empress of the world! Bring us with thee to the joys of Heaven.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee, O treasure house of the Lord's graces! Grant us a share in thy riches.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee, O Mediatrix between God and man! Through thee may the Almighty be favorable to us.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee who destroy the heresies and crush the demons! Be thou our loving guide.

Rejoice O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

GLORY be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and forever world without end.

III CROWN OF GOODNESS

**To honor the mercy of the Blessed Virgin toward sinners, the poor,
the just and the dying.**

OUR FATHER...

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee, O refuge of sinners! Intercede for us with God.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee, O Mother of orphans! Render the Almighty favorable to us.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee, O joy of the just! Lead us with thee to the joys of Heaven.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

HAIL MARY...Glory be to thee who are ever ready to assist us in life and death! Lead us with thee to the kingdom of Heaven!

Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; Rejoice a thousand times!

GLORY be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and forever world without end.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let Us Pray.

Hail, Mary, Daughter of God the Father.

Hail, Mary, Mother of God the Son.

Hail, Mary, Spouse of the Holy Ghost.

Hail, Mary, Temple of the most Holy Trinity.

Hail, Mary, my Mistress, my treasure, my joy, Queen of my heart; my Mother, my life, my sweetness, my dearest hope, my heart and my soul!

I am all thine and all that I have is Thine, O Virgin blessed above all things! Let thy soul be in me to magnify the Lord; let thy spirit be in me to rejoice in God. Set thyself,

O faithful Virgin, as a seal upon my heart, that in thee and through thee I may be found faithful to God. Receive me, O gracious Virgin, among those whom thou love and teach, whom thou lead, nourishes and protects as thy children. Grant that for love of thee I may despise all earthly consolations and ever cling to those of Heaven until, through thee, His faithful spouse, Jesus Christ thy Son be formed in me for the glory of the Father. Amen.

“They may recite every day of their life, without however making any burden of it, the Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin, composed of 3 Our Fathers and 12 Hail Marys, in honor of our Lady’s twelve privileges and grandeurs. This is a very ancient practice, for it has its foundation in the Holy Scriptures. St. John saw a woman crowned with twelve stars, clothed with the sun, and holding the moon under her feet; and this woman, according to the interpreters, was the most holy Virgin” (True Devotion to Mary, #234)