

THE PRAYERS OF LEGION OF MARY

1. Prayers to be said at the opening of the meeting

In the name of the Father, etc.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V/. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R/. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

God our Father, pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on the world. You sent the Spirit on your Church to begin the teaching of the gospel: now let the Spirit continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V/. You, O Lord, will open my lips.

R/. And my tongue shall announce your praise.

V/. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R/. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V/. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R/. As it was in the beginning, etc.

Then follow five decades of the rosary with the Hail, Holy

Queen!

V/. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased

for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech you, that meditating upon these

mysteries in 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.

V/. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus R/. Have mercy on us.

V/. Immaculate Heart of Mary R/. Pray for us.

V/. St. Joseph R/. Pray for us.

V/. St. John the Evangelist R/. Pray for us.

V/. St. Louis-Marie de Montfort R/. Pray for us.

In the name of the Father, etc.

2. The Catena Legionis

To be said mid-way through the meeting; and daily by every legionary.

Antiphon. Who is she that comes forth as the morning

rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army

set in battle array?

My soul glorifies the Lord, *

my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness; *

henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. *

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, *

on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength*

and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones*
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, *
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, *
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy
Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world
without end, Amen.

Antiphon. Who is she that comes forth as
the morning
rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun,
terrible as an army
set in battle array?

V/. O Mary, conceived without sin.
R/. Pray for us who have recourse to you.

Let us pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, our mediator with the
Father, you have
been pleased to appoint the most Blessed
Virgin, your Mother,
to be our mother also, and our mediatory
with you, mercifully
grant that whoever comes to you seeking
your favors may
rejoice to receive all of them through her.
Amen.

3. The Legion Prayer

*To be said at the conclusion of the meeting.
It is set out in a form which will facilitate
reading.*

In the name of the Father, etc.

We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother
of God; despise

not our prayers in our necessities, but ever
deliver us from all

dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

V/. (Invocation appropriate to praesidium)
R/. Pray for us.

[On all occasions other than praesidium
meetings the invocation

to be used by all members will be: —]

V/. Mary Immaculate, Mediatory of all
Graces R/. Pray for us.

V/. St. Michael and St. Gabriel R/. Pray for
us.

V/. All you heavenly Powers, Mary's
Legion

of Angels R/. Pray for us.

V/. St. John the Baptist R/. Pray for us.

V/. Saints Peter and Paul R/. Pray for us.

The following is to be said in unison down
to the first Amen;

after that by the priest.

Confer, O Lord, on us,

Who serve beneath the standard of Mary,

That fullness of faith in you and trust in
her,

To which it is given to conquer the world.

Grant us a lively faith, animated by charity,

Which will enable us to perform all our
actions

From the motive of pure love of you,

And ever to see you and serve you in our neighbor;

A faith, firm and immovable as a rock,
Through which we shall rest tranquil and steadfast

Amid the crosses, toils and disappointments of life;

A courageous faith which will inspire us

To undertake and carry out without hesitation

Great things for your glory and for the salvation of souls;

A faith which will be our Legion's Pillar of Fire —

To lead us forth united —

To kindle everywhere the fires of divine love—

To enlighten those who are in darkness and in the shadow

of death—

To inflame those who are lukewarm—

To bring back life to those who are dead in sin;

And which will guide our own feet in the way of peace;

So that — the battle of life over —

Our Legion may reassemble,

Without the loss of any one,

In the kingdom of your love and glory.
Amen.

May the souls of our departed legionaries

And the souls of all the faithful departed

Through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

[Then follows immediately the blessing of the priest; or if no

priest be present: — In the name of the Father, etc.]