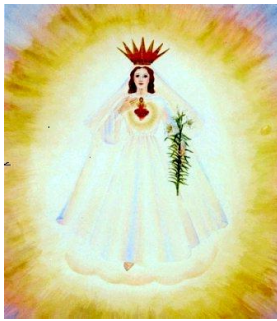


O Immaculate Mother, Queen of Our Country

Reign Over Us with Your King-Son!



O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our Country, open our hearts, our homes, and our Land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's light shining in and about you. Be our Leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, who loves us with infinite charity. (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, Prayer to the Immaculate Conception.)

Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil wrote this prayer on October 5, 1956, just ten days after Our Lady first appeared as Our Lady of America. Our Lady stood beside Sister while she wrote. This was a true apparition, though the words were revealed in her mind. Thereafter Our Lady disappeared. This prayer honors Mary as Mother, Queen, the Immaculate Virgin and Patroness of our beloved land. Our Lady asks that we pray this prayer one or more times a day, and we who love her gladly honor that request!

In her diary, Sister Mildred recounts a 1954 apparition of an angel who stood before her and offered her the sword by which the saints conquer the self, the world and the devil, and the cross, which she freely accepted. He insisted she accept the palm for victory as well. The angel called himself the Angel of Peace, who is St. Michael. On May 8, 1957, St. Michael reappeared and said:

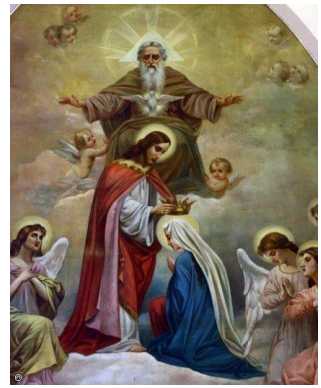


“Write! I am Michael, Angel Captain of the Lord God of Hosts. I come to announce the coming of the kingdom, the kingdom of peace. The time is at hand. Repent, bestir yourselves, O sons of men, repent and make ready your hearts that the King may establish His Kingdom within you. Do not delay, or the time of grace will pass and with it the peace you seek. Behold, the Queen of angels and of men comes beforehand to make all things ready for her King-Son.” (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Pg. 17.)

Those familiar with Sister Mildred's letters know that angels often surrounded her, and that St. Michael had special charge over her. On several occasions she described battles with satan and chided St. Michael for not being there when she needed him. He smiled, said he **was** there, and complimented her on her victory over the ole Boy, as she called satan. **(We do not give satan the respect of a proper name, contrary to our culture that seeks to dethrone Christ and enthrone satan.)** On November 23, 1957, Our Lady appeared to Sister under a new image and called herself **“Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling, handmaid of Him Who dwells within.”** Words on a scroll above her head stated **“All the glory of the King's daughter is within.”** (The Diary, Pgs. 22-23.) Note the references the Diary makes to Our Lady's Queenship! Note also St. Joseph's March 19, 1958 apparition and words. **“Dear child, I was king in the little home of Nazareth, for I sheltered within it the Prince of Peace and the Queen of Heaven.”** (The Diary, Pg. 29.) Scripture confirms Mary and Joseph's royal lineage



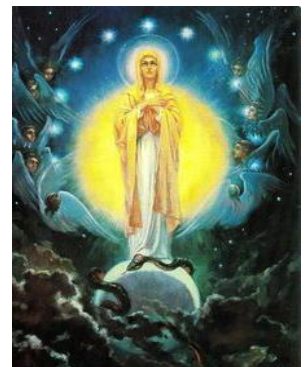
of the house of David. At the Annunciation the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear a son who would sit on the throne of David and rule the house of Jacob forever, for He is the Son of the Most High. The angel also assured Joseph that the child in Mary's womb was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and told Joseph to name Him Jesus, for He would save His people from their sins. Is there anything more royal than to be the Mother of the Son of the Most High God? If he is King of kings and Lord of lords, then she is truly the Queen-Mother of the King of heaven and earth and of all His subjects in heaven and on earth.



In 1981, the Guardian Angel **over the United States** bid us carry out the instructions of the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mother and he will lead us to the hour of peace, striking down the enemies of God with the sword of the Divine white flame of Love and the lightning bolts of His infinite Justice, healing likewise the repentant sinner. He says: **“Follow me, people of God, brothers and sisters, as our Queen paves the way and the peace of the Lord will reign once more upon the earth.”** (Diary, Pg. 41.) The Guardian Angel **over America** urges us to **“listen to the words and warnings of the Queen of Heaven and you will experience my protection and I will fight in your defense that with the people of all Nations you can at last come to the peace of the Kingdom which is within you.”** (Diary, Pg. 41.)

We can only understand the great significance of Mary's titles as Mother and Queen from the Jewish tradition. In Israel the king did not rule alone; he had a queen who was not his wife, as he may have had many wives, but was his mother. She was known as **gebirah, Queen-Mother**. Bathsheba, as wife of King David, would bow to him as her king when she entered his presence; however, when her son Solomon became king and Bathsheba entered his presence, it was King Solomon who bowed to her as his Queen-Mother. Solomon even seated his Queen-Mother on a throne at his right hand, making her the most powerful person in the kingdom, second only to the king. **“Make your request, Mother, for I will not refuse you,”** he said. In the Christian tradition, Jesus is King of heaven and earth, and Mary, His Queen-Mother, sits at His right hand. She is greatest in His kingdom, next to Him. As a dutiful Son, Jesus honors her, but as her King, He bows to **her** as His Queen-Mother. **“Make your request, Mother, for I will not refuse you,”** is a greater promise from Jesus than that of Solomon to Bathsheba; from hence comes our doctrine for Mary's powerful and maternal intercession as Mediatrix of grace for all.

The Book of Revelation describes a woman clothed with the sun and wearing a crown of twelve stars. The crown signifies her queenship over the 12 tribes of Israel and over the new People of God, Christ's Church, built upon the 12 apostles. If the queens of old were so vital to the rule of the kings, how much more vital is Mary to the work of her King-Son in God's plan for the redemption of all mankind. She is certainly no ordinary woman, but is the most powerful woman in the universe as Queen of Heaven and earth, yet always subordinate to her King-Son, the only Savior and one true Mediator for all.



In 1954, Pope Pius XII issued the encyclical *Ad caeli reginam* (*To the Queen of Heaven*), stating Mary deserves the title of Queen because she is Mother of God and is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work as the New Adam, and because of her preeminent perfection and her intercessory power. Her royal dignity rests upon her singular privilege of the Divine Motherhood, as does every other singular privilege and grace bestowed upon her. In an earlier radio message to Fatima, May 13, 1946, the Pope enunciated the theological basis for Mary's Queenship.

He, the Son of God, reflects on His heavenly Mother the glory, the majesty and the dominion of His kingship, for, having been associated to the King of Martyrs in the ... work of human Redemption as Mother and cooperator, she remains forever associated to Him, with a practically unlimited power, in the distribution of the graces which flow from the Redemption. Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father].

Hymns as far back as the 11th and 13th centuries have called Mary Queen and recognized her role as co-redeemer and Mediatrix of grace in the work of redemption. Do we not pray "Hail, Holy Queen" after every rosary and call her our Mother of Mercy? It should not surprise us then that Our Lady states to Sister:

"I am the Mother of the Sacred Humanity, and it is my special work as co-redemptrix of the human race to help souls reach the sanctity of the Father in eternal union by showing them how to put on Christ, to imbibe His Spirit, and thus become one with Him." ... "My heart, my Immaculate Heart, is the channel through which the graces of the Sacred Heart are given to men." (The Diary, Pgs. 24 and 18.)

This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven, she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. ... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix. (Lumen Gentium 62, cited in Catechism, no. 969.)



As the Little Flower would say, she is, nonetheless, always more Mother than Queen!

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