

Two Essential Prayers to the Our Lady of America Devotion: Prayer to the Immaculate Conception and Prayer to the Indwelling Most Holy Trinity

“I am pleased, my child, with the love and honor my children in America give to me, especially through my glorious and unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception. I promise to reward their love by working through the power of my Son’s Heart and my Immaculate Heart miracles of grace among them. I do not promise miracles of the body, but of the soul.” ...

Our Blessed Mother called herself Our Lady of America in response to the love and desire that reached out for this special title in the hearts of her children in America. This title was the sign of her pleasure at the confidence our land places in her and as a reward for its staunch and childlike devotion to her. Her children longed for this personal visit of Our Lady, whether consciously or otherwise, and in her kindness and mercy she responded far beyond all expectations. ...Our Lady, moreover, often emphasized her desire that the Shrine in Washington, D.C., be made a place of special pilgrimage. She wishes to be honored there as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin.”®

(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA®, Lodi, OH, Pgs. 10-12.)

Let us recall that on May 10, 1846, the 6th Provincial Council of Baltimore, the first Catholic diocese in the United States, petitioned Rome to have Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, declared our Patroness. In 1847, Pope Pius IX granted that request, but it wasn’t until December 8, 1854, that Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. How beautifully Our Lady confirmed this dogma when she appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes, France, March 25, 1858, calling herself **“The Immaculate Conception.”** Against this background we see how great is the favor Our Lady has given to America in gratitude for our *staunch and childlike* devotion to her.

On October 5, 1956, I felt suddenly urged to write a prayer to Our Lady, Patroness of our land. I knelt by the little table in my room, and as I did so Our Lady came to me. She stood at my right side very close to me. Though I did not hear any words, the thoughts came into my mind one after the other, and I wrote without stopping until the prayer was finished. Then Our Lady disappeared. (The Diary, Pg. 13.)

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under you banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of Your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments in bringing peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.

May your valiant Spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in “renewing the face of the earth.” Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen. (200 days)

Then, on November 15, 1956, Our Lady asked Sister to draw a picture of her first appearance and request of our bishops that a statue, made in its likeness, be carried in solemn procession and then placed in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. She wishes to be **honored there** in a special way as **“Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin®.”** (The Diary, Pg. 14.) On February 11, 1981, Sister urged us to pray the **Prayer To The Immaculate Conception**, Patroness of the United States, once a day or oftener, to protect us from the Forces of Evil which Our Lady had said are enveloping the world but are particularly focused on the United States because of the mandate given to it to lead the world to peace. (The Diary, Pg. 39.)

The second prayer essential to this devotion is the **PRAYER TO THE INDWELLING MOST HOLY TRINITY**. In a letter to Father Paul Leibold, Sister writes of sitting by the kitchen table when seized with an indescribable impulse; hence, she snatched a piece of paper and wrote. Her whole desire tended toward adoration and praise. Thoughts of the Trinity and being conformed to the likeness of Christ filled her mind and her heart, a theme repeatedly stated in the prayer. She writes:

I was not thinking of myself, my needs, of petition or reparation. My whole longing was to live a life of complete adoration, in union with Christ. That which seems to take on the appearance of petition is simply a desire to put on Christ, that my life of adoration may be the more perfect and thus give greater glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

I was suffering a great deal for I was inconsolable at the thought of my own ingratitude and of the crimes which sin commits against God. ... I couldn't keep back the tears though I am not one to give in emotionally. This was something different and impossible to explain. In the midst of it Our Lord said to me: “Thou art the daughter of My Heart. In thee My Heart is well pleased.” But those words, far from consoling me, made the tears flow more than before. I feel my ingratitude all the more when He lavishes upon me such goodness and mercy.

Later, Our Lord spoke these words to me while I was praying for the sanctification of the community I so dearly love. “Thou shalt be the light of the Community. Thou shalt follow in My Way and be blest forever.” ... “Thou art a

paradise wherein the Trinity takes its delight. My little paradise, I thank thee for giving me shelter in thee.” [She wrote further...]

We are, each one, His paradise, Father, and He takes so much delight in dwelling in us. How sad, Father, that so few souls know this. And of those who know, what a small number make use of it. What a mission is ours, Father, to make souls conscious of God dwelling in them and live a life of continual adoration. There is so much to be done, time is so short. Yet, what a consolation to know that even in eternity we can continue this glorious work of love.

PRAYER TO THE INDWELLING MOST HOLY TRINITY

O my Love, my only Good, Most Holy Trinity, I adore You, hidden in the depths of my soul. To You, to Your honor and glory, I dedicate my life. May every thought, word and deed of mine be an act of adoration and praise directed towards Your Divine Majesty enthroned in my heart.

O Father, Infinite Goodness, behold Your child, clothed in the likeness of Your Son. Extend to me Your arms that I may belong to You forever.

O Son, Divine Lord, made man, crucify me with Yourself that I may become, in union with You, a sacrifice of praise for the glory of Your Father.

O Holy Spirit, Fire of Everlasting Love, consume me on the altar of Divine Charity, that at the end of life, nothing may remain but that which bears the likeness of Christ.

O Blessed Trinity, worthy of all adoration, I wish to remain in spirit on my knees, to acknowledge forever Your reign in me and over me, to Your everlasting glory.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the pure heart of St. Joseph, I consecrate my life to Your adoration and glory.

At the moment of death, receive me, O my Triune Love, that I may continue my adoration of love through all eternity. Amen. (200 days)

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On March 11, 1958, Our Lady told Sister that St. Joseph would come on the eve of his feast with a special message, for he has an important part to play in bringing peace to the world. As promised, he came on the eve of his feast. He said:

“Kneel down, my daughter, for what you will hear and what you will write will bring countless souls to a new way of life. Through you, small one, the Trinity desires to make known to souls its desire to be adored, honored, and loved within the kingdom, the interior kingdom of their hearts.” (The Diary, Pg. 27.)

“My little paradise, I thank thee for giving Me shelter in thee.”

Will we give God a dwelling place within us?

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