

Intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe

+Donald J. Kettler's Choice, Bishop of Saint Cloud



“...do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?” (Our Lady to Juan Diego, Dec. 12, 1531).

The Prayer:

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

Intercession of St. Joseph – Protector of the Family

+My Spiritual Director's Choice



While God is always with us and stands by us as our ultimate protector, He also allows the Saints and Angels a unique role as intercessors, who can call upon His power to protect us in our time of need. One of the most well-known and powerful protectors is St. Joseph, who was the Guardian of Jesus when He was a child. He kept him safe from harm as long as he could, until he died a happy death in Jesus' arms. Who would be better to call on to ask for protection other than the former Guardian of the Child Jesus?

This prayer is said to be over 1900 years old and has claimed to have some considerable success by those who prayed the prayer and kept a copy with them wherever they went.

Prayer to St. Joseph for Protection

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

Intercession of St. Corona

+the Padre's choice



I'd have to agree, it would seem rather odd invoking a Saint who bears the name similar to the pandemic that we find ourselves in today, yet what is probably even more odd is that she really isn't the patron Saint of pandemics either (...though countries like Austria, Germany, and Italy may beg to differ & have even constructed shrines and devotions to her for helping them in similar situations), rather Corona is the patron Saint of treasure hunting – though hunting for the right prayer was quite the treasure finding this one. Not much is known about St. Corona, other than she was martyred at a young age of 15 or 16 around 170 AD. At a time when Christianity faced much hostility for being new and considered a threat to pagan traditions, St. Corona was discovered a Christian while encouraging her brother in law to not give up his own Christian faith in the process of his own martyrdom. The unique fact about St. Corona is that her feast day is coming up – May 14. And it wouldn't hurt trying something or someone new. Who knows, maybe invoking her will help clear the air with prayer.

The Prayer:

Almighty God, who forgive the sins of Your people and heal all their faults, You who are called the Lord our Healer and sent Your beloved Son to heal our sickness, look upon us who stand humbly before You. We pray to You in this time of pandemic and need, remember Your love and kindness that You have always shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Just as You graciously looked upon Aaron's atonement and stopped the plague that broke out, just as You accepted David's sacrifice and commanded the destroying angel to withdraw his hand, accept also today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep this disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness, and do not let the pandemic spread any further.

*Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. Saint Corona, pray for us.
Saint Sebastian & Saint Roch, pray for us. Amen.*

Intercession of St. Michael the Archangel

+Pope Gregory the Great's Choice, Bishop of Rome (590 – 604 AD).



Around 590 A.D., Rome suffered a terrible plague causing many deaths. Pope St. Gregory the Great pleaded for the Angels' help to fight this epidemic. The pontiff celebrated Masses and tirelessly processed through Rome with prayers and incense. St. Michael later appeared on top of the castle with his sword. And lo and behold! The poisonous uncleanness of the air yielded to the image as if fleeing from it and being unable to withstand its presence: the passage of the picture brought about a wonderful serenity and purity in the air. We are also told that the voices of the Angels were heard around the image, singing... Then the Pope saw an Angel of the Lord standing on top of the Castle of Crescentius, wiping a bloody sword and sheathing it. Gregory understood at that moment that the plague had ended, as indeed, it happened. Thereafter the castle was called the Castle of the Holy Angel. Gregory then built the St. Michael statue on top of the Castle, representing His protection over Rome and the Church.

The Prayer:

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.*

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts,

by the power of God,

thrust into Hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.