

DAY THREE: SATURDAY 9 MAY: Our Lady of Walsingham

Read: The Briefing Notes on Walsingham and any related connections

1. **Our Lady of Walsingham at the Slipper Chapel:** we bring to Her our sorrows, failures and the tears of life.



In this Novena we turn to Our Lady of Walsingham, as 'the untier of knots for all our personal, communal and national problems. Our Lady of Walsingham is a Patroness and Queen to whom, down the centuries, people have turned in times of war, trial and tribulation. Many are the sufferings, entanglements and knots which we face as individuals and families, in our parishes, schools, communities, in our Church and as a Nation and World. So many are the problems and knots which need to be untied. Especially at this time of Pestilence, with the Coronavirus pandemic it is to Our Lady of Walsingham that we ask for her powerful intercession.

Our Lady when she appeared in Walsingham in 1061 asked that a replica of the Holy House of the Annunciation, be constructed in Walsingham as an everlasting sign of the Joy of the Annunciation and Mary's response ' Let it be' . Our Lady promises "that all who would seek me there [in Walsingham] in that little house" would be consoled and given help.

Prayer: Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Word, intercede for us with your Son, that we may have the grace to seek nothing other than to do his will, and the courage to live our lives in the faith of him who became incarnate in your womb, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Intention: Let us offer with Mary every instant of our life and especially those important

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The Incarnation: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). For our sake and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, Emmanuel, God-with-us. His presence blessed and sanctified the life of an earthly home, and made of it his Heaven, so that the family becomes a place of security, love and peace. He humbled himself to share our humanity that we might share his divinity.

Prayer: Father in heaven, creator of all, in history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell among us, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel. Teach us to respect the dignity of marriage, and to uphold the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death, and that our homes may reflect the love of the Holy Family. We pray for the protection of all life from the moment of conception to natural death and pray that a culture respecting the sanctity of life, marriage and family may once again prevail in our country and communities.

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At the Original Shrine destroyed at the Reformation:

Prayer: We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers. O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Reflection: The Apostles all "joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary, the Mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). "On the Day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place" (Acts 2:1). "And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And these appeared to them tongues of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:2).

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you gathered your apostles together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and you filled them with the Holy Spirit. Send forth your Spirit upon us and renew in us the graces of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Ignite us, Lord, with an ever-greater passion and love for the Gospel which will enliven our Christian witness and bring about the fulfilment of the "second spring" of the Catholic Faith in our land. May we be once again an Isle of saints. Amen.

We pray for the intentions of Bishops, Priests, Religious men and women, Consecrated men and women, and Hermits, that the power of the Holy Spirit will continually renew them and empower them for ever greater works in the vineyard of the Lord.

We seek the Prayers of Our Lady for the Unity of All Christians

Loving God, we ask that You would grant us the spirit of wisdom and unity, so that we may be one, even as You are one with our Lord Jesus Christ—and He with You.

Enable all the members of the body of Christ to live together in unity and fellowship with one another, and lead us into the paths of peace and righteousness—so that we may be well pleasing in Your sight.

We ask You to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing Your Son Jesus. May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

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Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be ...

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia