

DAY FOUR: SUNDAY 10 MAY: OUR LADY of LOURDES

Opening Prayer:

We are informed by the testimony of St Bernadette:
we pray for grace to understand:



The Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Be blessed, O most pure Virgin, you vouchsafed to manifest your presence shining with, sweetness and beauty, in the Grotto of Lourdes, to the child, Bernadette and saying: "I am the Immaculate Conception." We praise you in the entirety of your being, from Immaculate Conception to Queen of Heaven, and Mother of God. And now, Mother of mercy, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know our wants, our troubles, our sufferings we ask the favour of your merciful hear.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours. Already many have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. We come, therefore, with humble confidence to seek your maternal intercession. Obtain for us, O loving Mother, the granting of our request.

[Mention your person requests for healing here]

Here we might all pray for those suffering in the Coronavirus Pandemic, and for those in Governments and Health Services who are seeking to prevent its spread.

After a period of silence, we continue:

Through gratitude for your favours, we will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that we may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon earth. You have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us that we obtain from your Divine Son our special requests if it be the Divine Will. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

At the Grotto:



St. Bernadette once said of the spring she discovered that "one must have faith and pray; the water will have no virtue without faith."

Let us all be inspired by this prayer to Our Lady : We fly to your protection, most holy Mother of God; please listen to our petitions and needs, and deliver us from all dangers, ever glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer for the Church:



O blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, look upon us mercifully at this hour. Virgin faithful, pray for us. Teach us to believe as you believed. Make our faith in God, in Christ, in the Church, always to be serene, courageous, strong, and generous. Mother worthy of love. Mother of faithful love, pray for us. Teach us to love God and our brothers and sisters as you loved them: make our love for others to be always patient, kindly, and respectful. Cause of our joy pray for us. Teach us to be able to grasp, in faith, the paradox of Christian joy, which springs up and blooms from sorrow, renunciation, and union with your sacrificed Son. Make our joy to be always genuine and full, in order to be able to communicate it to all. Amen.

Prayer for Young People:



Pope Francis in his Apostolic letter 'Sanctuarium in Ecclesia' invites all places of pilgrimage to become more and more places of a New Evangelization. YOUCAT and the Sanctuary of Lourdes have decided to unite their synergies in 2018 in order to propose activities for the youth in the perspective of this New Evangelization.

May we use this opportunity to pray for all Young Catholics, that we may work with others to nurture and cherish their growth in Faith. Mary, our model and mother, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Please help us by your powerful assistance to overcome all our weaknesses, and to fulfil perfectly our tasks in life.

By your compassionate aid may we ever stand in spirit with you beneath the cross of Christ so that we may also rejoice with you in your Divine Son's triumphant victory over sin and death. In your maternal kindness help us to be faithful to prayer in the company of God's Church as you were one with the Apostles in the Upper Room as you waited for the promised Spirit of Pentecost.

With your gracious assistance may we be near you in the glory of Christ's kingdom come to sing with you and all the faithful the eternal praise of God. Amen.

V. O Mary, conceived without sin,

R. Pray for us who have recourse to you.

The Rosary prayers of the Joyful Mysteries

Act of Consecration to Mary

O my Queen, O my Mother, I love you and give myself to you. I give to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole self. Since I am yours, keep me and guard me as your child forever.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Call: Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Response: The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

Call: Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Response: Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Call: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Response: For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.