

LEADER: Please kneel as we pray for the sick:

ALL: Lord, look upon your servants \* laboring under bodily weakness. \* Cherish and revive the souls \* which you have created \* so that, purified by their sufferings \* they may soon find themselves healed by your mercy. \* We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEADER: May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you that he may defend you, within you that he may sustain you, before you that he may lead you, behind you that he may protect you, above you that he may bless you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us renew our confidence in Mary as a perpetual help.

ALL: Mother of Perpetual Help, \* you have been blessed and favored by God. \* You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, \* but the Mother of the redeemed as well. \* We come to you today as your loving children. \* Watch over us and take care of us. \* As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, \* so take us in your arms. \* Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. \* For God who is mighty \* has done great things for you, \* and his mercy is from age to age \* on those who love him. \* Our greatest fear is \* that in time of temptation, \* we may fail to call out to you, \* and become lost children. \* Intercede for us, dear Mother, \* in obtaining pardon for our sins, \* love

for Jesus, \* final perseverance, \* and the grace always to call upon you, \* Mother of Perpetual Help.

*(The following Act of Consecration is to be said the first week of the month.)*

LEADER: Let us renew our Act of Consecration.

ALL: United with the members of your confraternity \* here and throughout the world, \* we consecrate ourselves to your service. \* We promise to renew this dedication once a month \* and frequently to receive the sacraments. \* We beg you to obtain for us \* the grace to imitate your great servant, St. Alphonsus, \* in his love for you and your Son.

LEADER: Let us stand now and unite with the Christians of all ages in praising Mary and in committing ourselves to her powerful protection:

ALL: Hail Mary...

LEADER: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

ALL: That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

LEADER: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us your Mother Mary, whose image we venerate, as a mother ready at every moment to help us; grant, we beg you, that we who call on her help may always enjoy the fruit of your redemption. This we ask through you who live and reign forever.

ALL: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

# HYMNS

## O Mother of Perpetual Help

1. O Mother of Perpetual Help,  
To thee we come imploring help.  
Behold us here, from far and near,  
To ask of thee our help to be.  
Behold us here, from far and near,  
To ask of thee our help to be.
2. Perpetual Help we beg of thee;  
Our souls from sin and sorrow free;  
Direct our wandering feet aright,  
And be thyself our own true light.  
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And be thyself our own true light.

## Immaculate Mary

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing  
Who reigns now with Christ, our Redeemer  
and King.  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!
2. In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim  
On earth we, your children, invoke your  
fair name.  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

## Perpetual Help Hymn

1. Come let us follow  
Where God Himself led.  
Unto the image of her  
Who has said:  
I am your own Perpetual Help.  
I am your own Perpetual Help.
2. Come, sick and troubled  
With stories untold.  
This is your mother,  
Look up and behold,  
She is your own Perpetual Help.  
She is your own Perpetual Help.

## O Mary My Mother

1. O Mary my Mother, to thee do I flee  
In all my afflictions I hasten to thee  
Thy heart is so gentle, so loving, so mild  
Thou canst not reject a poor suppliant child.
2. O Mary my Mother, I'm longing to see  
The glory thy Son has bestowed upon thee  
That heaven of glory so purely thine own  
Reward which thy virtues, thy purity won.