

Prayers to Our Lady



Prayers to Our Lady of Walsingham

The Walsingham Story is well known and our links with the Shrine are second to none. Here in front of her image we unite ourselves spiritually with the Pilgrims as though we are standing and praying in the Holy House. Water from the Holy Well of Walsingham is available on the window sill next to this altar.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

let it be to me according to your word.’

Hail Mary...

The Word was made flesh

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O most holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: We beseech you, O Lord, to pour your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer

O Mary, recall the solemn moment, when Jesus your divine Son dying on the Cross, confided us to your maternal care. You are our Mother, we desire ever to remain your devout children. Let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. Make your name again glorious in Walsingham once renowned throughout our land by your visits, favours and many miracles. Pray, O holy Mother of God, for the conversion of England, restoration of the sick, consolation of the afflicted repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. O blessed Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us. Amen.

Prayers to Our Lady of Greatness

Blessed Mary, you have been blessed and favoured by God. You became not only the Mother of Jesus, but ours as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us, as you did with all our forbears who venerated you here in Sevenoaks. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready in every moment to help us. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, and the grace always to call upon you, Our Lady of Greatness. **Amen.**

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

Allow me to praise thee, holy Virgin.

Give me strength against thy enemies.

Let us pray: Grant, O merciful God, to our weak natures Thy protection, that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God may, by the help of her intercession, arise from our iniquities. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, virgin and mother, queen of heaven, chosen from all eternity to be the mother of the Eternal Word and in virtue of this title preserved from original sin, we kneel before you as did little Bernadette at Lourdes. We pray with childlike trust in you that as we contemplate your glorious appearance at Lourdes, you will look with mercy on our present petition and secure for us a favourable answer to the request we now make.

O brilliant star of purity, Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, glorious in your assumption, triumphant in your coronation, show your mercy as the Mother of God. Virgin Mary, queen and Mother, be our comfort, hope, strength, and consolation. **Amen.**