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Foreword

The long awaited prayer booklet for the Marist Province of West Africa is finally here. While I thank Brothers Philip Ninfaasie and Cho Nchang for making it happen, I acknowledge and appreciate the hard work and commitment put into its production.

The booklet is a collection of inspiring texts that are meant to be used to enrich and nourish our spiritual life. They will help build or enhance our relationship of love with our God so that we can receive all that He has for us when we pray them with faith.

With a heart full of joy, I therefore present this booklet to you all, for use in the Province of West Africa and beyond. Let us use it for both our personal and communal prayers.

May Mary, our Good Mother, intercede for us any request we make to her Son, Jesus who is our brother and Saviour. Amen!

Br Cyprain Gandeebo

Provincial Superior

September 8th 2022 (***Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***)

MARIAL SALUTATIONS

SALVE REGINA

Salve, Regína, mater misericórdiæ; vita dulcédo et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamámus, éxsules fílii Evæ, ad te suspirámus geméntes et flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. Eia ergo, advocáta nostra, illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos converte; et Jesum benedíctum fructum ventris tui, nobis, post hoc exsílium, osténde. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo María !

HAIL BLESSED LADY.



Hail Blessed Lady, mother most kind and merciful, fountain of goodness, hope of life immortal. We are but sinners, children of Eve still in exile. To you we send our sighs, the trials that befall us passing through this vale of sorrow. Hear then our plea as our intercessor. Turn then to us those loving eyes compassionate to give us comfort. Then holy maid, when our exile here on earth is ended, lead us to Jesus Christ, your Son in glory. O gentle, O loving, O gracious, O Virgin Mary.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sights, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate your eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

In 1830, a period of revolution broke out in France. Faced with hostility against the Church, many priests and seminarians decided not to wear any distinctive clothing or symbols in public. Father Champagnat decided on only one protective measure for the community at the Hermitage: from then on they would sing the Salve Regina at the start of morning prayer. Such was his confidence in the protection of Mary.

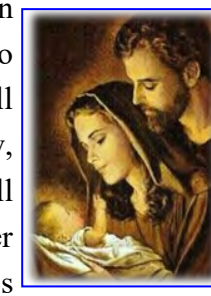
SALUT Ô REINE

Salut, ô Reine, Mère de miséricorde, douceur de notre vie, notre espérance, salut ! Enfants d'Ève, exilés, nous crions vers toi. Vers toi nous soupirons, gémissant et pleurant dans cette vallée de larmes. Toi, notre avocate tourne vers nous ton regard miséricordieux. Et, après cet exil, montre-nous Jésus, le fruit béni de ton sein. Ô clémente, O miséricordieuse, Ô douce Vierge Marie.

WE GREET YOU MARY

We greet you, Mary, the Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you. You were troubled by the angel's message and wondered what his words meant. You asked, "How can this be?" But you believed that there is nothing that God cannot do. Holy Mary, our Ordinary Resource, you were so free to say, "I am the Lord's servant; may it happen to me as you have said." Pray for us, who bear your name, that we too, may courageously say "Yes" to God's invitation to bear Christ to the world in the realities we find ourselves in, now and in the days to come. Amen.

MOTHER AND QUEEN OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Mother and Queen of God's people, Daughter of Sion and humble servant of God, With you, we rejoice to know Jesus Christ, our Saviour; With you we shall praise him and follow him always. Walk with us now, O Mary our Mother. Teach us to live with hearts full of compassion, and pray for us sinners. Then, after this earthly journey is over, Show us your womb's blessed fruit, Jesus.

NOUS TE SALUONS, O MERE PLEINE DE BONTE

Nous te saluons, O Mère pleine de bonté. Toi, notre Reine et notre espérance. Nous crions vers Toi, sur la terre encore exilés, Vers Toi nous accourrons pour libérer nos cœurs. Du poids de nos détresses. Vers tes enfants, O Toi leur grand appui, Laisse tomber le réconfort d'un long regard Plein de tendresse. Et que le Christ soit enfanté par toi dans notre cœur, Par toi qu'au ciel il soit notre allégresse. O notre Mère, reçois l'amour de tes enfants, Comble nos cœurs à tout jamais, Source de Vie.

BONJOUR, MARIE



R/ Bonjour Marie, pleine de grâce, le Seigneur vit toujours en toi. Bonjour Marie, pleine de grâce, reçois au ciel nos chants de joie.

1. Plus que les femmes de la terre, tu es bénie dans tous les temps. Fruit de ton corps, fruit de ton cœur, béni soit Jésus, ton Enfant.
2. Entends la prière du monde, des grands, des pauvres, des petits. Viens te pencher sur tous les hommes qui doivent mourir aujourd'hui.

MARY,QUICK TO HEAR THE PROMPTING OF THE SPIRIT

Mary, quick to hear the prompting of the Spirit, you mothered God into the world. You listened to that Word alive in your heart, in tradition and in the world. Striving to be faithful, you respond to the call to compassion ever fresh in your heart. We are your family. Take us by the hand this morning and lead us into that Word alive in our day, in our hearts and in our experience. May we, too, follow the promptings of the same Holy Spirit calling us to brother God in the poor and neglected of our world.

NOUS TE SALUONS, NOTRE REINE

Nous te saluons, notre Reine, nous te saluons.
Toi qui donnes la vie, notre Reine, toi qui donnes la vie.
Toi qui donnes l'espoir, notre Reine, toi qui donnes l'espoir.
Nous te saluons, notre Reine, nous te saluons.
Nous sommes de passage sur cette terre, nous sommes de passage.
Pour éclairer la route, sois notre guide, pour éclairer la route.
Nous te saluons, notre Reine, nous te saluons.
Montre-nous ton Fils dans nos frères, montre-nous ton Fils.
Fais briller sur nous son visage, fais briller sur nous.
Nous te saluons, notre Reine, nous te saluons.
Au bout du chemin, sois la porte, au bout du chemin.
Et nous verrons Dieu face à face, et nous verrons Dieu.
Nous te saluons, notre Reine, nous te saluons.

V. Grant that I may praise you, Holy Virgin
R. Give me strength against your enemies.
V. Blessed be God in his Saints.
R. Amen.
Let's us pray:
Almighty and everlasting God, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you prepared a dwelling worthy of your Son in the body and soul of blessed Mary the Virgin Mother. Grant then that we who are happy to celebrate her memory may, by her maternal intercession, be freed from present ills and everlasting death. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen!

In 1867, our Institute sent a group of Brothers on mission outside Europe for the first time. On this occasion, Brother Louis-Marie, our second Superior General, invited the whole Institute to pray a set of invocations daily to support the pioneers destined for far-away Cape Town.

INVOCATIONS

Sacred Heart of Jesus; ***have mercy on us.***
Immaculate Heart of Mary; ***pray for us.***
St Joseph; ***pray for us.***
St Michael and all you holy angels; ***pray for us.***
Venerable Bros. Francois & Alfano; ***pray for us.***
Blessed Marist Martyrs of Spain; ***pray for us.***
Blessed Brother Henri Verges; ***pray for us.***
St Marcellin and all you Marist saints; ***pray for us.***
All you holy men and women, saints of God; ***Intercede for us.***
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen*!**

V./ Prie pour nous Sainte Mère de Dieu
R./ Afin que nous soyons rendus digne des promesses du Christ
Prions:
Dieu Eternel et Tout Puissant, par l'action de l'Esprit Saint, tu as préparé le corps et l'âme de Marie, la glorieuse Vierge et Mère pour en faire la digne demeure de ton Fils. A nous qui célébrons avec joie sa mémoire, accorde par sa maternelle intercession, d'être délivrés du mal présent et de la mort éternelle. Par le Christ notre Seigneur. Amen.

INVOCATIONS

Cœur sacré de Jésus; ***Ayez pitié de nous.***
Cœur Immaculé de Marie; ***Priez pour nous.***
Saint Joseph; ***Priez pour nous.***
Bienheureux Frères Martyrs; ***Priez pour nous.***
Vénérables Frères François et Alfano; ***Priez pour nous.***
Tous les saints Maristes; ***Priez pour nous.***
Saint Marcellin Champagnat; ***Priez pour nous.***
Tous les Saints Anges du Ciel; ***Priez pour nous.***
Saints et Saintes de Dieu; ***Intercédez pour nous.***
Que les âmes des fidèles défunts reposent en paix par la miséricorde de Dieu; ***Amen*!**

MORNING OFFERING

1. Divine Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we offer you our prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our offences and for all the Intentions for which you continually immolate yourself upon our altars. We offer them in particular for the monthly intentions of the Holy Father…..Amen

2.  Father of us all, at the beginning of this day, we acknowledge your creation and care of the world in love. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, may all our thoughts and actions be united with the self-offering of Jesus, in thanksgiving for your goodness towards us. We commend to you the needs of the Church, the congregation, our community and our apostolates, and all our parents living and dead. In union with Mary the perfect example of redeemed humanity, may we express in our lives, and show to others, the Mystery of Christ.

3. Take back, O Lord, all my freedom, Accept the whole of my memory, my understanding, and my will; whatever I have, or possess, comes from you. I give it all back to you; surrender it all to the guidance of your will. Grant me only your grace and your love; Give me but that, and I ask for nothing more.

4. **Gift of a New Day** : I thank you, Lord, for the gift of this new day and for bringing me safely to its beginning. I thank you for the gift of sleep during the night. Grant me the grace I need this day to walk in your love and your truth. Above all, Lord, give me the gift of a joyful heart that in all things I may see your hand at work and give myself over to what you want of me this day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. ***(Abbot Justin DuVall, OSB)***

5. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Help me to live one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right as I surrender to his will. Amen. (***Reinhold Niebuhr 1971)***



6. Gracious Creator, the rising of the sun holds the promise of new beginnings. Help me to surrender the cares of yesterday and increase my awareness of your goodness and mercy throughout this day. Help me to be welcoming to all whom I meet, especially those I find challenging. Amen
7. God of us all, we come before you to make a simple offering of our lives to you. In the events of this day, may we be attuned to receive your Word and respond generously as Mary did. May the gifts that you continue to give us be a source of new life and hope to all we meet. Amen.
8. Gracious God, I know you have given me everything I really need. Help me to face the day's challenges with confidence that you will never leave me to struggle alone. Open my heart to your truth and guide me in your way so that I may serve you joyfully in everything I do. Amen.
9. With every breath I take today, I vow to be awake; And every step I take, I vow to take with a grateful heart. So, I may see with eyes of love into the hearts of all I meet, to ease their burden when I can and touch them with a smile of peace (***Buddhist Tradition*****)**



10. Lord, we present ourselves to you at the beginning of a new day**.** We acknowledge our dependence on you for many daily blessings as you provide and care for us. We offer to you our humble efforts this day to be your light, your witness and your instrument in making your kingdom present in the places where we live, work or travel.
11. **Dedication of the Day:** Good and gracious God, I give you my hands to do your work today. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may pray within me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love within me. I give you my whole self that you may grow within me. It is always you, my God, who lives and works and prays within me. Blessed be your name throughout this day. Amen (***Grail prayer)***
12. Jesus, we have come into the quietness and stillness of your presence to begin our day with you. May these moments of serenity last through any difficulties we may have before nightfall. Give us today something of the wisdom that was in your words, something of the love that was in your heart, and something of your patience and Compassion towards others. When we end this day with you, may it bring no regrets but only blessings to remember forever. Amen.
13. Lord Jesus, our Way, our Truth, and our Life, we offer you ourselves at the beginning of the day. Send us your Holy Spirit to prompt our actions with your life-giving grace and complete them with your all-powerful help. Amen.



14. Gift of a New Day : I thank you, Lord, for the gift of this new day and for bringing me safely to its beginning. I thank you for the gift of sleep during the night. Grant me the grace I need this day to walk in your love and your truth. Above all, Lord, give me the gift of a joyful heart that in all things I may see your hand at work and give myself over to what you want of me this day. In Jesus' name I pray…..Amen
15. Lord God, before we go out on the activities of this day, we ask you to direct and guide us all through its hours. Be on our lips that we may speak only words that communicates truth and goodness and love. Be in our eyes that they may see the beauty in every person and in creation. Be with our hands that our efforts may improve and brighten the world. Be ever present in our minds that our thoughts be wholesome and holy. Be in our hearts and warm them with love for you and our sisters and brothers. Help us to begin and this day with you. Amen.
16. God, creator and lover of the world, we offer to you our Lives this morning: our words and deeds, our hopes and fears, and our love for one another. Accept us we are and form us more closely into your image. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world so That others may be inspired to build up your kingdom.

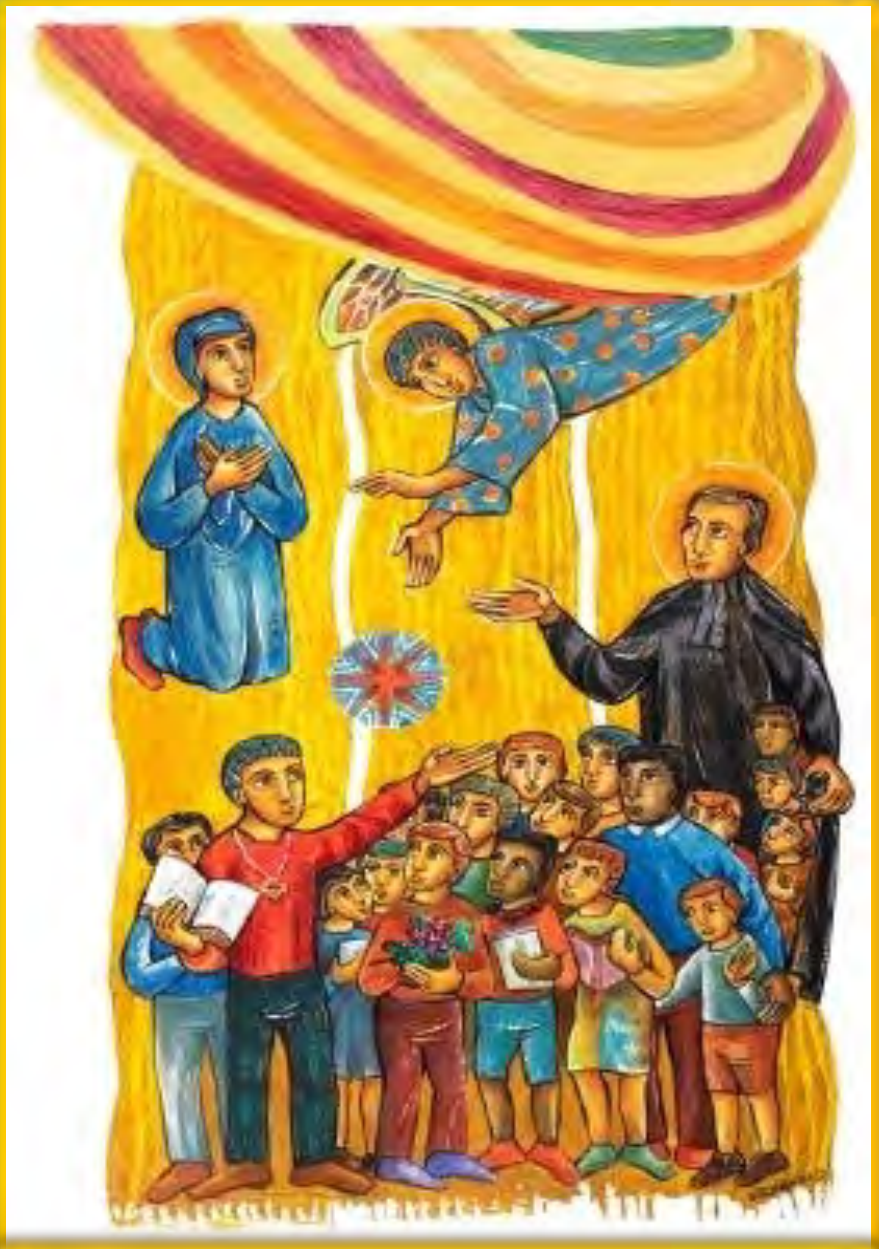
"The little virtues"

The Marist tradition invites us to live the Marian virtues of humility, simplicity, and modesty, symbolized by three violets. You develop these by practicing the other little virtues recommended by Marcellin: listening attentively, being available, honesty, patience, gentleness, hospitality, mutual support, courtesy, tolerance, and service to your sisters and brothers.

(Rule of Life No 56)

17. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
where there is hatred let me sow love,
where there is injury let me sow pardon,
where there is doubt let me sow faith,
where there is despair let me sow hope,
where there is darkness let me sow light,
where there is sadness let me sow joy.
O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek;
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
in pardoning that we are pardoned
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.
(St. Francis of Assisi)

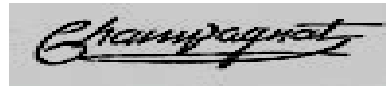




OUR VOCATION: BEING BROTHER

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

1. God our Father, in Baptism You called us by name making us members of Your people, the Church. We praise You for Your goodness, we thank You for Your gifts. We ask You to strengthen us to live in love and service to others after the example of Your Son, Jesus. Father, look upon Your Church with love and bless Your people with generous single men and women, with loving husbands and wives, with understanding parents, with trusting children with dedicated priests, sisters, deacons and brothers. Help us to see our vocations as a journey toward You. You have called us, not to set us apart, but to bring us together with others who need our love. Make us faithful signs of Your presence in their midst. We ask You through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (***USA Conference of Bishops***)
2. Father, look with love on our Marist Congregation and its needs. May we bring to others, through our ministry, the same healing and fulfilment that we have received from you in joy and gratitude. Through the intercession of Marcellin Champagnat, may our faith and zeal inspire others to follow Christ as Marist Brothers. This we ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.
3. God, our Creator, help all our young people to know their vocation in life, and assist them to prepare for it. For your greater glory and for the well-being of your people, call many to be ministers of your love, justice and peace. Give to them grace to respond generously and persevere faithfully in caring for this world and its people. Help us all to recognize the presence of your wisdom in the youth of today and to encourage them in their response to you. Amen.



4. Father, you chose Saint Marcellin to give your people Christian education by founding a group of Brothers under the banner of Mary. In these times, give us devoted teachers to help young people to grow into maturity as good men and women. Help us, the family founded through Champagnat, to be faithful and zealous ministers of your word. Amen.
5. Lord Jesus, you had a special love for children. Bless the young people of our time with heralds of hope and witnesses of your love for them. May the example of our lives inspire others to commit themselves to promote the kingdom of God. Amen.
6. Lord, you raised up Marcellin Champagnat to promote the service of the poor through education and to confirm your people in the way of truth. May his example lead us to renewed faith and zeal as an apostolic community. Help us to live so that, by your grace, the quality of our lives may attract others to join our Marist way of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
7. Father, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. May those whom you have chosen to serve you as religious provide, by their way of life, a convincing sign of your Kingdom to the Church and to the world. Look with favour, Lord, on this family of Marist Brothers. May it increase in numbers, lead its members to perfect love and to work for the salvation of all people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
8. Mother Mary, your son Jesus would still say today: the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. We beg you, our Lady of Africa, to send us workers to labour in the fields of your son. May we, the Marist Brothers on this continent, continue to work diligently and thus bring in the harvest so desired by your Son. Amen.

9. Lord Jesus, we pray for men and women you are calling to live Marcellin's dream to bring your Good News to Children and young people especially those most in need. In a special way, we lift up in prayer the young men you are calling to be Marist Brothers. As they listen to your call, may they be inspired to be daring in following you with passion and generosity. Mary, model of daring faith, intercede for us, your family. Amen.

10. Lord Jesus, we call on you to help us to be people who are sincere in our care for each other, authentic in our apostolic work and open to you like Mary . May we be welcoming to all who visit our community. May many young people we know respond to your call through us and commit themselves to our Marist way of life, given to us by Marcellin Champagnat. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

11. Father, life is your gift. You invite us to share our gift of life in the service of others. Be with us as we choose each day to show your presence to the world. Give us the courage to respond to your love and to your call in the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat. Open the minds and hearts of many men and women that they may accept your challenge to build your Kingdom today. Amen

12. Lord, you founded the Church to be a communion of brothers and sisters united in love. Continue to walk in our midst and call those whom you have chosen to be the leaven forming a more just and fraternal society. Provide us with the spiritual guides and model we need, not only priests and religious, but especially loving and committed families to nurture the faith of future generations. Amen. (***Pope Benedict XVI***)

13. O Lord, we pray you, send labourers into your field for the enemy ravages the harvest. Raise up men and women who will tender to garner it. Among the youth confided to our care show us those of your choice, that knowing them we may form them to labour for you. O Mary, our mother, you are the superior and guardian of this institute. You have gathered us under your banner to promote the glory of your Divine Son, notwithstanding the opposition of the world. If you do not come to our aid we shall fail and, like a lamp without oil, become extinguished. But if this work should perish, it is not our work that fails, but yours, for you have done everything for us. We therefore trust in your powerful protection and we shall trust in it always. Amen.

14. Saint Marcellin Champagnat, whose great desire it was to lead souls to Jesus through Mary, we ask you to hear our confident prayer. To parents and educators, grant a constant desire to seek above all the growth in holiness of those whom God has confided to their care. To all young people, grant a constant desire to live as friends of God by faithfulness to their calling in spite of the attraction of evil. To all, grant that, imitating you in your love for Mary, they may come to know her Son Jesus in this life, and experience the happiness of the blessed in the life to come. Amen.

15. Lord of the harvest, raise up men and women who will tend and garner it. O Mary, our Mother, you are the superior and guardian of this Institute. You have gathered us under your banner to promote the glory of your Divine Son. If you do not come to our aid we shall fail and, like a lamp without oil, become extinguished. But if this work should perish, it is not our work that fails, but yours, for you have done everything for us. We therefore trust in your powerful protection and we shall trust in it always. Amen.

THE ANGELUS

V. The angel of the lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. ***Hail Mary***

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. ***Hail Mary***

V. And the word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. ***Hail Mary***

V. Pray for us Holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alternative:

Lord by the message of an angel, you have made known to us the incarnation of Christ your Son. We beg you to fill our souls with your grace, so that, by his passion and cross, we may be brought to the glory of resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. (***From the mass of the 4th Sunday of advent***)



OCCASSIONAL PRAYERS

1. **Soul of Christ**: Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ strengthens me. O Good Jesus hears me. Within your wounds, hide me. Never let me be separated from you. From the wicked enemy, defend me. At the hour of death, call me; and bid me come to you, that with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.
2. **Signed by the Spirit :** God, creator and lover of the world, we offer to you our lives, our words and deeds, our hopes and fears, and our love for each other. Accept us as we are and make us what we shall be. Mary, you imagine for us the perfection of the church. You shine forth on earth, until the day of the Almighty One shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim people of God and for all your Marist sons and daughters. By the power of the Spirit, enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world so that through us others may come to consider the call to service.
3. Holy Spirit of God give me stillness of soul in you. Calm the turmoil within me by the gentleness of your peace. Quieten the anxiety within me by a deep trust in your love. Heal the wounds of sin within me by the joy of your forgiveness. Strengthen the faith within me by an awareness of your presence. Confirm the hope within me by the knowledge of your inspiration. Inspire the love within me by an outpouring of your love. Holy Spirit of God, be to me a source of light, strength and courage, so that I may hear your call more clearly and follow it more generously in my life today. Amen.

4. **Come Holy Spirit**

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and our hearts will be regenerated.

R. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O God, you enlighten the hearts of the faithful by teaching them through the Holy Spirit. Grant, through the same Spirit, that we may ever judge rightly and evermore enjoy his comfort. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. **Formula for the Renewal of Vows**

In the presence of the Most Holy Trinity and of the whole Court of Heaven, I renew my Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. Holy Virgin, my good Mother, help me to observe them faithfully until death.

6. **Above all, trust in the slow work of God**: We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow, let them shape themselves without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

7. **Prayer for Strength:** Give us your love, Lord. Because sometimes people reject us, and we are tempted to hate. Give us your eyes, Lord. Because sometimes life gets dark, and we lose our way. Give us your courage, Lord. Because often we are put under pressure, and it's hard to do what is right. Give us yourself, Lord. Because our hearts were made for you, and we will not rest until we rest in you.
8. **For Trust in God:** My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always, though I may seem lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. (*Thomas* Merton*)*
9. **Prayer for the Dead:** Out of the depths I cry to you, 0 Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (Glory be) (***Psalm* 129 /*130***)



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11. **Payer for Generosity:** Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to be heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. (**St Ignatius of Loyola**)
12. **Prayer of Service:** Lord Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life; penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that everyone with whom I come in contact may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and no longer see me, but only you, Jesus. (***John Henry Cardinal Newman)***
13. **Prayer to acquire the Spirit of Prayer**: O Spirit of God, grant me the gift of prayer. Come into my heart and give me the strength never to abandon the practice of it, even though I sometimes grow weak. Give me the Spirit of persevering in prayer, the grace to pray continually. Mary, my Mother, teach me to pray. Amen! (***St Alphonsus***)

14. **Prayer to Saint Joseph:** Glorious Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and patron of the Universal Church, intercede for us that, like you, we may do the will of God, however difficult it may be. May your concern for Mary inspire men to respect the dignity of women, be faithful to their spouses, and protect their families. Let your toil as a carpenter help us to appreciate the value of ordinary work. And may we too have the privilege of living and dying in the company of Jesus and his mother. Amen.
15. **For Greatness of Heart:** Keep us, O God, from all pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault finding and leave off all self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment and always be generous. Let us take time for all things, and make us to grow calm, serene, and gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life, we are as one. And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!
16. **For the Wise Use of ICT**: Lord, help us to use our phones wisely, and to help young people to do the same. Let us not give greater



importance to our cell phones than to persons around us. Help us to avoid addiction to material that is trivial or potentially harmful. **Amen.**

17. Grant us, Lord, to recognize you, this day and every day, under the miserable aspect of all those who are tested; those who are hungry, not only for food, but also for the Word of God, those who are thirsty, not only of water, but also for peace, those without shelter, who not only look for a roof, but also for a heart that understands love; the sick and the dying, who not only suffer in their body, but also in their mind an in their spirit. Always remembering your words: "What you do to the least, you do it to me. (***Mother Teresa***)

18. **For Perspective & Purpose:** God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond or connection between persons. God has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do the Lord's work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own time and place while not intending it - if I do but keep the Lord's commands. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve the Lord; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve. God does nothing in vain. Therefore, I will trust my God. The Lord may take away my friends. God may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, God knows every plan and purpose. God be with you! (***Cardinal John Henry N*****)**

19. **Prayer of Blessing for Students and Teachers:** Eternal God, your wisdom is beyond our understanding. Yet it is revealed to us in the life and love of Jesus, your Son. Bless students and teachers as they begin anew. May they, like Jesus, grow in wisdom, age, and grace. Enlighten them with your Word and fill them with your Spirit that they may follow the path that leads to your wisdom. Bless teachers with compassion and patience, joy and peace, and bless, too, all who assist them. May students and teachers alike be charged with curiosity and courage to make this world a home where hope endures. Open their eyes that they may see your presence each day, open their ears that they may hear your voice in unexpected places, open their minds that they may understand the mystery of your love, and open their hearts that they may grow in likeness to the mind and heart of Christ. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. **(Diana Macalintal).**
20. **Prayer to be a better Listener:** We do not really listen to each other, God, at least not all the time. Instead of true dialogue, we carry on two parallel monologues. I talk, Others; a community member or friend or companion talks. But what we are really concentrating on is how to sound good, how to make our points strongly, how to outshine the person with whom we are speaking. Teach us to listen as your son listened to everyone who spoke with him. Remind us that, somehow, you are trying to reach us through our partner in conversation. Your truth, your love, your goodness are seeking us out in the truth, love, and goodness being shared. When our words are harsh, hostile, angry, we convey the very opposite of those qualities. Teach us to be still, Lord, that we may truly hear our brothers and sisters and, in them, know you. Amen

21. **The Teacher's Prayer**: Lord, I thank you for calling me to serve you through my work as a teacher. I cannot do this alone and depend on you for strength: strength to face my classes with love each day; strength to care for each child the same way; and strength to work together with my colleagues. I depend on your Holy Spirit to inspire my day, to be creative in my planning and teaching; and to grant me wisdom at work and home. Finally, Lord, I urge you to help me care for myself so that I, in turn, can care for your little ones, especially those most in need. Amen.

22. **Prayer before a Meeting:** Father, we rejoice in the opportunity to gather in your name. Each time we come together; we know we are in your presence and that you will help us both with our vision for the future and with the practical matters at hand. We ask that the work of this meeting be of service to you and others. We pray that the reflections and deliberations undertaken here today may bring us closer together in serving you and others. Guide us to serve you in what we do each day, so that we do not hinder the purpose of this meeting and the coming of your Kingdom. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

23. **For Parents as Educators of their Children:** Lord Jesus, you were raised by Mary and Joseph to grow in wisdom and in favour with God and his people. Bless all parents that they may form their children in the values of your gospel. May they nurture young people ready to commit themselves to life-long service of others, particularly in the Church. Amen.

24. **Thanksgiving for life and for special people:** Today, Lord, I offer you my thanks for ...life - and the senses to savour it; my father and mother – for that gift of life; my teachers – who helped from my mind and dreams; Champagnat – for giving me a special dream; my Brothers – for giving me another family; my pupils – for teaching me; my co-workers for supporting me and my work; those who encourage me to become another Christ, Mary – for giving me Jesus; and Jesus – for leading me to the fullness of life. Amen.

25. **Prayer for the Leaders of our Province:** Loving Father, we pray for our Provincial and the Brothers who currently serve on the Council. Thank you for their willingness to work as a team for the benefit of Marist life and ministry in our Province. Give them the ability to discern with wisdom, as well as courage and perseverance to carry out their decisions. Amen.

26. Lord, may we bear the fruits of your Spirit: give us love, that boundless, healing energy that transforms the world; (pause) give us joy because no darkness or evil can overcome you; (pause) give us peace, to quieten our hearts, and to free us from bitterness; (pause) give us patience, to go on following you even when it is hard; (pause) give us kindness, to reach out to our neighbor and to the person who needs to be loved; (pause) give us goodness, to give with a generous heart and without ulterior motive; (pause) give us faithfulness, to remain true to our commitments; (pause) give us gentleness, to respect the freedom and integrity of others; (pause) give us self-control, to see our weaknesses and overcome them in your strength; (pause) Lord, may we bear the fruits of your Spirit. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

27. **Thanksgiving for health**: Lord, thank you for the gift of this day.



Thank you that we can move and walk and see and hear, and think with our minds, and work with our hands. As we think of the good health we enjoy, we remember those who are blind or deaf, lame or helpless or bedridden, those who have lost their reason and whose minds are darkened. We remember those who long to work but cannot find a job and whose talents and skills are wasting away in soul-destroying idleness. Help us, O God, to life in a spirit of gratitude for all the gifts and blessings you have given us. Amen.

28. **Prayer for our Planet:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the world of land, sea and sky that you created as a home for us and other living creatures. We recognize that many of our activities disturb the harmony and spoil the beauty of the earth. Out of love for this world, you sent your Son to make all things new. Send now your Holy Spirit to guide world leaders along ways that bring progress without increasing global poverty or harm the environment. Give us the wisdom to preserve rather than waste the goods of earth, so that we may leave our planet vibrantly alive and beautiful for future generations. Amen.

29. **Prayer for Brothers and Lay Marists:** Lord, thank you for the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat shared today by Marist Brothers and laypersons throughout the world. Help us to keep alive Marcellin's dream of bringing young people closer to Jesus and Mary. Guide us in the ministry of forming youth in the values of the gospel. Inspire us to find ways of taking care of the neediest among them. Amen.

30. **For Teachers at A Marist School***:* Creator God, giver of life, you call us all to fullness of life and call us to accompany to the young people in this school to their journey of faith. Give us wisdom to be present to their needs and concerns. Help us to listen, to support, to guide, to encourage, and to challenge them to become the best that they can be. When times are difficult help us to be witnesses to the One who proved that light is more powerful than darkness, good more powerful than evil. With Mary and Marcellin, we pray for the power of the Risen Lord as we work together to promote the kingdom of God. Amen.

31. **Prayer for members of the Marist Family:** Father in heaven, we thank you for sending your son to be our way, our truth and our life, and for giving us your Holy Spirit to continue the saving ministry of Jesus. Thank you also for raising up Marcellin Champagnat to bring your love to the troubled and impoverished world of this time. You inspired him to be devoted to the sick and the poor, and especially to children, wishing above all to tell them how much you love them. Thank you for moving him to found the Marist Brothers in response to these needs, for the thousands who joined his congregation over two centuries, and for the inspiration he has been to educators and others collaborators. Give us the grace to preserve his heritage by: being present to young people; nurturing a spirit of family wherever we are; being simple and open to our relationships; fostering a love for work by our own dedication; and becoming people of faith like Mary, our good Mother, ever-willing to say YES to the Lord. Amen.

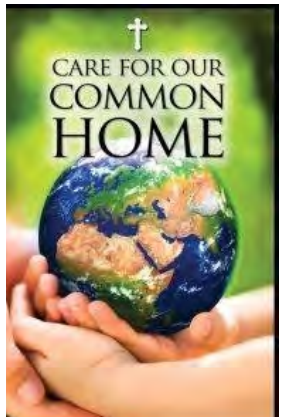
32. **For Leaders at A Marist School**: Gracious and loving God, we ask you to enlighten and strengthen the women and men whose leadership serves our school. Give us vision and courage to respond to the issues and needs around us. In our commitment to Marist education bless our desire to live out our Marist values that respect the sacredness of life, and affirm the value and dignity of each person. May our presence be a sign of your presence. May our sincerity be genuine and truthful. Let our family spirit be experienced by all who enter this school. In the passion for our work may we strive after excellence. Enable us in the way of Mary to have practical concern for the poor and promote justice and fairness in all we do. We make this prayer through Jesus who comes to bring your love into this world. Amen. ***(Bro Kevin W fms NZ)***

33. **For Volunteers and their Ministry:** Lord, we thank you for inspiring young persons to offer their time and talents to serve the needs of others, sometimes far away from their own countries. We thank you especially for those involved in a Marist ministry. Bless them for their generosity, and may their personal experience of learning from the poor lead some of them to choose a life-long ministry to the needy. Amen.

34. **For Leaders of our Country:** Today, O God. we hold before you the rulers of our nation, and those appointed to lead on the local level. Put wise councillors around them. Deepen their sense of duty and concern for all our people so that decisions be made for the common good. Having seen your light, give them the courage to walk in that light. Amen.

35. **For Users of the Internet and Social Media:** Thank you, Lord, for the marvels of the internet and social media through which we can create, communicate, learn, and glorify you. We thank you for the ways you have blessed our world and made lives easier because of the Internet. In our weakness, however, we can abuse the tools of technology and use them improperly. Let us not idolize our gadgets or allow them to prevent us from relating to others in love. And finally guide us when we share our experience in these matters with our students. Amen.

36. **Pope Francis' Prayer for "Our Common Home":** All powerful



God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. **Amen.**

37. **To Foster Marist Ethos in our Schools** : God of hope, keep us true to our mission in the manner of Saint Marcellin. Help us to **love** all our students and to love them equally. Let your Spirit inspire us: to find ways to be **present** to our learners and their needs; to build relationships that are **simple** and genuine; to develop a **family spirit** within the school community; to foster the value of **hard work**; and to follow Jesus **in the way of Mary**. Amen.

38. **For Formators and Mentors of Young People:** Lord, bless all those who are responsible for the formation of religious, priests, and other ministers of the gospel. May they learn how to listen to and encourage them. May their work of accompaniment be done with wisdom, patience and prayer. And may their houses become places of prayer, of study, and of sound community living. Amen.

39. **For Safeguarding Children** : Father God, look with favour on the children entrusted to us. Send your blessing that we may play our part in helping them to grow in faith, hope and love. We beg your pardon for the times we have failed in this ministry. We pray for those who have been hurt and those who are still hurting. May your healing be a source of strength and comfort to them and their families. Amen.

40. **For Young People:** *The Leader begins each line – then others responds with: (**Lord, graciously hear us**)*

For young people whose family life is hard. **Lord..…**

For those who feel betrayed by friends and peers: **Lord.**

For young people exploring relationships: **Lord..…**

For young people when temptation to excess is strong: **Lord..…**

For young people who struggle at school. **Lord..…**

For young people who cannot find employment. **Lord…**

For young people who lack confidence in their gifts: **Lord..…**

For those in need of someone to listen to their concerns: **Lord..…**

For young people searching for meaning in life: **Lord….**

For young people who hope to change the world: **Lord….**

41. A REFLECTION ON MINISTRY

It helps us now and then to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts: it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that can be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No programme accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about. We plant the seed that one day will grow. We water seeds that are already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers not master builders, ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. We are workers not master builders, ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

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MARIAL PRAYERS

1. THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the **Apostles' Creed.**
3. On the first bead, say an **Our Father**.
4. Say one **Hail Mary** on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the **Glory Be...**
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the **Our Father**.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten **Hail Mary's** while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a **Glory Be**.
8. After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: '***O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy***.'
9. After saying the five decades, say the **Hail, Holy Queen**, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

   V. ***Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.***

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

   Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. End with the sign of the Cross.

1. **The Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
2. **The Our Father:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen
3. **The Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
4. **The Glory Be (The Doxology):** Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1. Joyful mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)



1. The Annunciation.
2. The Visitation.
3. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem
4. The Presentation in the Temple.
5. The finding of Jesus in the Temple.

2. Mysteries of Light (Thursdays, and Saturdays)

1. The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.
2. The wedding feast at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the kingdom of God.
4. The Transfiguration.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

3. **Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)**

1. The agony in the garden.
2. The scourging at the pillar.
3. The crowning with thorns.
4. Jesus carries his cross to Calvary
5. The crucifixion.

4. Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays, and Sundays)

1. The Resurrection.
2. The Ascension.
3. The descent of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Assumption.
5. The Crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

2. **Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary:** O Mary, Holy Virgin, I place myself under your protection. I ask you to take special care of my whole being, as I rely on your motherly care and protection. I consecrate to you myself, this day, every day of my life, and at the hour of my death. To you I commit all my hopes and joys, my sorrows and troubles, my life and its end. Through your intercession, may everything I do be pleasing to you and to Jesus, your divine Son. Amen.
3. **The Memorare:** Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary that never was it known in any ages that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, therefore, I turn to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. Do not, O Mother of the word incarnate, despise my prayers but graciously hear and grant them. Amen.
4. **We fly to your patronage:** We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from every danger, O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.
5. **To you, Mother of the human family and of the nations**: We confidently entrust the whole of humanity, with its hopes and fears. Do not let it lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the way and the truth and the life. Sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation. O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother of God and our Mother, Mary! (***Pope John Paul II***)

6. **To Mary on taking up a new appointment:** O Holy Virgin, my Mother, I have been sent here to do good but you know that I can achieve nothing without your help and that of your divine Son Jesus. That is why I beg you to help me, or, rather, to do everything for me. I ask you to come into my place, or direct my whole person so that I may be only the instrument with which you act. Good Mother, when I have some difficult pupil I will entrust him or her to you, while also doing all that depends on me. O Holy Virgin, to be devoted to you is to have the effective arms with which to fight and to conquer. Have pity on your child who throws himself into your arms with the firm confidence that you will not abandon him. I offer and command to you all the young people who will be entrusted to me.

7. **Marial prayer for a suffering world:** Holy mother of Jesus and our mother we greet you with love and confidence. Bring your 'little Brothers' nearer to Jesus in love, tenderness, self-giving, courage and reconciliation. Strengthen our faith in your Son Jesus and in the redemption, he won for us by his passion. Keep us aware of the suffering o so many people in the world today.

   Take under your protection children in great need: those who are abused, enslaved, or orphaned; those affected by AIDS, violence and war; and those living on the streets. Show us how to help and care for them. Give courage to the downhearted, in those who are sick, lonely, in prison, and those who have difficult work to do.

   Look with pity on those who mourn the death of their loved ones, and those driven to desperation by misfortune. Console those who for any reason are forced to live apart from the ones they love. In the hearts of married couple enrich the love they once solemnly pledged.

   Our Lady of Africa, we consecrate to you our beloved continent, our own country, the Church, and the apostolate of our Brothers. Kind and attentive Mother, teach us to be like you, faithful to the father's call and zealous to make Jesus known and loved. Amen.

REVIEW OF THE DAY

Review of the day (i)

"Looking back on the events of our day, like the disciples of Emmaus, we are able to see how God is present during our journey. We open ourselves to hear God's invitation and urgings within the movements of our life" ***(Water from the Rock, 8)***

Presence of God and thanksgiving: Let all your body and mind slow down as you thank God for the day.

Prayer for enlightenment: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in these moments of reflection.

Discernment: Allow the experiences of the day to come to mind, allowing any memory to stay and touch your heart. What might the Lord be saying to you?

Gratitude and sorrow: Thank the Lord for his grace in helping you to do good and humbly ask pardon for any failings during the day.

Focus for the future: What are your present feelings? What have you learned from the day?

Trusting in God, pray for the grace to respond more faithfully in the future.

Final prayer: Dear Lord, three things I pray: to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly, and to follow you more nearly, day by day (*St Richard of Chichester).*

Review of the day (ii)

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Prayer for enlightenment : Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in these moments of reflection.

Discernment : Thank the lord for his grace in helping you to do good and humbly ask pardon for any failing during the day.

Focus for the future : What are you present feelings? What have you learned from the day? Trusting in God, pray for grace to respond more faithfully in the future.

(***Alternatively, you may wish to reflect on the following questions.)***

Who or what is leading me in my life?

How has the lord been calling me today?

How did I respond?

In what ways have I been a brother to my Brothers and to others today?

Final prayer : Lord Jesus, thank you for your support this day. Forgive me for the times I resisted and turned away from your help. You promised to give rest to those to come to you with their burdens. Take the day's weariness from me so that I can relax and repose. May the gift of sleep restore me and prepare me to walk with you once again. Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. Jesus carries His cross.
3. Jesus falls for the first time.
4. Jesus meets His Mother.
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7. Jesus falls the second time.
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.
9. Jesus falls a third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb .



NOVENA TO ST. MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

FIRST DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, you regarded Jesus, sent by the father, and born of the Virgin Mary, as the resource and model of our mission. Intercede for us that we too may give of ourselves and be generous in serving others.



L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was…

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

SECOND DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR THE CROSS

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, you often meditated on the sufferings of Jesus and invite us to look to the cross for courage, fidelity and love. Pray that we may become true disciples of Jesus by the manner in which we accept the hardships that come our way.



L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was…

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

THIRD DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR THE ALTAR

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, you had a deep love for the Eucharist and urged the Brothers to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Help us to appreciate the mystery of God's love and to receive Holy Communion with undivided heart.



L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was...

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

FOURTH DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR THE SICK

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, nothing would deter you form visiting the



sick and the dying, not bad weather, nor long distances over steep mountain path. May your example inspire those who care for the sick. Help us to appreciate the blessing that come from caring for those who need special attention.

L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was...

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

FIFTH DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR PRAYER

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, with your constant awareness of the



presence of God, you remind us that unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain. May we entrust whatever we do to the Lord and so build up the kingdom of God.

L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was…

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

SIXTH DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



LEADER: Saint Marcellin, you showed great concern for the upbringing and education of the youngsters in La Valla. Help us to continue your dream of making Jesus known and loved particularly among youth neglected by their families, peers or society.

L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was...

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

SEVENTH DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR WORK



LEADER: Saint Marcellin, you gave yourself untiringly to forming the early Brothers and setting up their first houses. May your example inspire us to appreciate the value of all work and to use our talents to make the world a better place for all.

L:Glory be… **ALL:** as it was...

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

EIGTH DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR THE MISSION

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, by declaring that all dioceses of the world figure in our plans, you challenge us to go to unexplored areas where the poor await the Good News. Inspire many young people to minister to those forgotten by society.



L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was...

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

NINTH DAY: MARCELLIN'S LOVE FOR MARY

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, you had a great love for Mary, the mother of Jesus, calling her Our First Superior, Ordinary Resource and especially our Good Mother. Help us to lead others to Jesus in the way of Mary.

L: Glory be… **ALL:** as it was...

L: Mary our good mother **ALL:** Pray for us

L: Saint Marcellin Champagnat **ALL:** Pray for us

MARIAN ANTHEMS FOR SEASONS

Alma Redemptóris Mater (In Avent)

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quae pérvia caéli pórta mánes, et stélla máris, succúrre cadénti súrgere qui cúrat pópulo. Tu quae genuísti, natúra miránte, túum sánctum Genitórem, Virgo prius ac postérius. Gabriélis ab óre súmens íllud Ave, peccatórum miserére

(English Translation)

Sweet Mother of the Redeemer, the passage to the heavens, the gate of the spirits of the dead, and the star of the sea, aid the falling. Mother of Him who cares for the people: you who brought forth the wonder of Nature, your Creator. Virgin before and after, who received of Gabriel with joyful greeting, have pity on us sinners.

Ave, Regina caelorum (Lent)

Ave, Regina caelorum,

Ave, Domina Angelorum:

Salve, radix, salve, porta,

Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,

Super omnes speciosa,

Vale, O valde decora,

Et pro nobis Christum exora.

(English Translation)

HAIL, O Queen of Heav'n enthron'd, Hail, by angels Mistress own'd Root of Jesse, Gate of morn, Whence the world's true light was born. Glorious Virgin, joy to thee, Loveliest whom in Heaven they see, Fairest thou where all are fair! Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

V. Allow me to praise thee, holy Virgin.

R. 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.



REGINA CAELI (Easter)

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia,

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

(English Translation)

V: O QUEEN of heaven rejoice! Alleluia,

R: For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia,

V: Hath arisen as he said, alleluia.

R: Pray for us to God, alleluia.

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

R: Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we beseech Thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFRANDES DE LA JOURNÉE

1. Père Très Saint, je t'offre mes actions, mes joies et mes peines, avec celles de tous mes frères et sœurs, dans le cœur de ton Fils, Jésus notre Seigneur. Par l'Esprit Saint nous serons aujourd'hui les témoins de ton amour. Avec notre Dame, en Église, nous te prions pour que le monde accueille ta lumière. Amen.
2. Seigneur Jésus, éclaire nos pensées et dispose nos cœurs à suivre la Parole de Vie dans les travaux et les événements de ce jour. Garde au fond de nos cœurs un ferme courage et une joyeuse liberté. À travers nous, fais briller ta lumière devant les hommes et femmes afin qu'en nous voyant vivre, ils glorifient le Père qui est dans les cieux.
4. Merci Seigneur, pour ce jour que tu nous donnes. Sois le compagnon de chaque instant. Tu nous donnes des frères et sœurs à aimer. Qu'avec eux, nous soyons prêts au partage, à l'accueil et au pardon. Élargis notre cœur pour porter, dans le travail et la prière, le souci de tous nos frères et sœurs de la terre. AMEN.
5. Apprends-nous, Seigneur, à te choisir tous les jours, à redire ton OUI en chacun de nos actes. Donne-nous de te suivre sans peur et de t'aimer plus que tout. Rends-nous frères et sœurs, toi qui nous as rassemblés. Fais de nous les témoins devant tous, de ce que nous avons vu et entendu, de ce que nous croyons et vivons, pour que tout homme et toute femme, avec nous, reconnaisse en toi l'unique Seigneur. Amen.



5. Seigneur, tu aimes tous les hommes et femmes de la terre, et pour leur annoncer ta Bonne Nouvelle, tu te choisis des disciples de tous pays, de toutes races, de toutes langues. Merci de nous appeler, à vivre en témoins de ton Évangile. Aide nous à y être fidèles chaque jour, et apprends nous à partager avec nos frères lointains, pour que les peuples du monde entier puissent te connaitre et t'aimer.
6. Dieu Notre Père, nous t'offrons cette journée afin que dans les événements, nous sachions reconnaitre ta volonté. Que notre joie soit en communion avec Toi. Que notre travail nous unisse au sacrifice de ton Fils, en vue de la résurrection et du salut du monde.
7. Cœur Divin de Jésus, à travers le Cœur Immaculé de Marie, je vous offre mes prières, mes œuvres, mes joies et mes souffrances de ce jour, en réparation de mes offenses et de toutes les intentions pour lesquelles vous vous immolez continuellement sur nos autels. Je leur offre en particulier pour les besoins de l'Église et ceux de l'Institut des Frères Maristes, pour nos causes de Béatification et de Canonisation et pour nos parents, vivants et morts. Amen.
8. Esprit d'Amour, notre Institut est un don de toi à l'Église. Reçois notre vie afin qu'elle devienne lumière et chaleur pour les personnes que tu nous confies et spécialement pour les jeunes.
9. Seigneur, dans le silence de ce jour naissant, je viens te demander la paix, la sagesse, la force. Je veux regarder aujourd'hui le monde avec des yeux tout remplis d'amour. Être patient, compréhensif, doux et sage. Voir tes enfants comme tu les vois toi-même. Ferme mes oreilles à toute calomnie, garde ma langue à toute malveillance, que seules les pensées qui bénissent demeurent en mon esprit, que je sois si bienveillant et si joyeux que tous ceux qui m'approchent sentent ta présence. Revêts-moi de ta beauté, Seigneur, et qu'au long de ce jour je te révèle!

10. Seigneur Dieu, je te dis merci pout tout ce que tu me donnes. Et moi, je t'offre toute ma vie d'aujourd'hui, ma prière, mon travail et mes loisirs, mes joies et mes peines. D'avance, je te dis oui pour cette journée parce que je suis sur que tu es avec moi.

11. Prière pour la Paix (*Saint François d'Assise*)

Seigneur, fais de moi un instrument de ta paix.

Là où est la haine, que je mette l'amour.

Là où est l'offense, que je mette le pardon.

Là où est la discorde, que je mette l'union.

Là où est l'erreur, que je mette la vérité.

Là où est le doute, que je mette la foi.

Là où est le désespoir, que je mette l'espérance.

Là où sont les ténèbres, que je mette la lumière.

Là où est la tristesse, que je mette la joie.

O Seigneur, que je ne m'efforce pas tant;

d'être consolé que de consoler,

d'être compris que de comprendre,

d'être aimé que d'aimer.

Car c'est en donnant que l'on reçoit,

c'est en s'oubliant soi-même que l'on se retrouve soi-même,

c'est en pardonnant que l'on obtient le pardon,

c'est en mourant que l'on ressuscite à la vie éternelle.





OUR HEART:

IN A PERMANENT ATTITUDE OF SERVICE

PRIÈRES POUR LES VOCATIONS

1. Père, tu as choisi Saint Marcellin pour donner à ton peuple l'Éducation Chrétienne en fondant un groupe de Frères sous la bannière de Marie. En ces temps, donnez-nous des Frères et laïcs dévoués pour aider les jeunes à atteindre la maturité en tant que bons hommes et femmes. Aidez-nous, la famille fondée par Champagnat, à être des ministres fidèles et zélés de votre parole. AMEN.
2. C'est Toi Seigneur, qui mets au cœur des hommes et des femmes le désir de te consacrer leur vie et qui leur donnes les forces nécessaires pour répondre à cette vocation. Dirige, au long de leur marche vers Toi, ceux que tu as choisis. Qu'en renonçant à eux-mêmes pour servir le Christ humble et pauvre, ils se dévouent à ton service et à celui de leurs frères et de leurs sœurs. AMEN.
3. Mère Marie, ton Fils Jésus dirait encore aujourd'hui : La moisson est abondante, mais les ouvriers sont peu nombreux. Nous vous prions, Notre Dame d'Afrique, de nous envoyer des ouvriers pour travailler dans les champs de votre Fils. Puissions-nous les Frères Maristes sur ce continent, continuer à travailler diligemment et apporter ainsi la moisson si désirée à ton Fils. AMEN.
4. Seigneur Jésus, nous prions pour les hommes et les femmes que tu appelles à vivre le rêve de Marcellin d'apporter ta Bonne Nouvelle aux enfants et aux jeunes ; surtout ceux qui en ont le plus besoin. D'une manière spéciale, nous élevons dans la prière les jeunes hommes que vous appelez pour être des Frères Maristes. En écoutant votre appel, qu'ils soient inspirés à oser vous suivre avec passion et générosité. Marie, modèle de foi courageuse, intercède pour nous, ta famille. AMEN.

5. Père Très Saint, Ton Fils Jésus nous a dit : « Priez le Maître de la moisson d'envoyer des ouvriers dans sa moisson ». En toute confiance, Père, nous te supplions d'aider chaque baptisé à mieux comprendre sa responsabilité de citoyen du Royaume et de pierre vivante de l'Église. Choisis, au milieu de ton peuple, des prêtres, des religieux et des religieuses, des laïcs engagés et des missionnaires. Soutiens les parents chrétiens pour que leur foyer soit le lieu où naissent et s'épanouissent de nombreuses vocations. Que la Bonne Nouvelle soit proclamée. Que ta miséricorde soit mieux connue de tous nos frères et sœurs.
6. Mère Marie, ton Fils Jésus dirait encore aujourd'hui : La moisson est abondante, mais les ouvriers sont peu nombreux. Nous vous prions, Notre Dame d'Afrique, de nous envoyer des ouvriers pour travailler dans les champs de votre Fils. Puissions-nous les Frères Maristes sur ce continent, continuer à travailler diligemment et apporter ainsi la moisson si désirée à ton Fils. AMEN.
7. Dieu Notre Père, toi qui prends soin de tous tes enfants, surtout des plus petits, fais se lever des hommes et des femmes qui, en fidélité à ta Parole, s'engageront ensemble à vivre la simplicité et à tisser la solidarité au cœur de la détresse humaine. Que la vie de ces hommes et de ces femmes, que leur service dans l'immense mission de l'Église soient pour nous des signes d'espérance en la venue certaine du Royaume de justice, de paix et d'amour promis par Jésus, ton Fils, qui vit avec Toi dans l'unité de l'Esprit Saint. Amen.



8. Seigneur Jésus Christ, notre vie et notre croissance, béni sois-tu. Choisis donc au milieu de nous des jeunes généreux qui consacreront leur vie à ton service et au service de nos communautés chrétiennes. Suscite au cœur de tous les baptisés le désir de mettre leurs dons et leurs talents au service les uns des autres. Ainsi tu feras de notre Église une bonne terre où germeront les semences de ton Royaume de justice, d'amour et de paix. Amen

9. Notre Père, pour que ton nom soit sanctifié, donne-nous l'Esprit de sainteté; pour que ton règne vienne, choisis parmi nous des prophètes. Pour que ta volonté soit faite, appelle des jeunes à te suivre. Pour que ton pain soit partagé, choisis parmi nous des serviteurs pour le rompre. Pour que nous vivions le pardon, donne-nous des ministres de tendresse. Garde nous de succomber à la tentation du découragement dans notre marche à la suite de Jésus ton Envoyé, Ton Fils et notre Frère. Amen.

10. Dieu Notre Père, nous te confions les jeunes gens et les jeunes filles du monde, avec leurs problèmes, leurs aspirations et leurs espérances. Appelle-les à suivre Jésus, ton Fils. Fais-leur comprendre qu'il vaut encore la peine de donner entièrement sa vie pour Toi et pour l'humanité. Accorde générosité et promptitude dans la réponse. Aide-les à comprendre que l'appel que Tu leur as adressé est toujours actuel et pressant. Amen.

11. O Marie, Vous qui êtes notre Ressource Ordinaire, notre Congrégation est votre œuvre. C'est vous qui nous avez réunis, malgré les contradictions du monde, pour procurer la gloire de votre divin Fils. Si vous ne venez pas à notre secours, nous périrons, nous nous éteindrons comme une lampe qui n'a plus d'huile. Mais si cette œuvre périt, ce n'est pas la notre, c'est la votre, car c'est vous qui avez tout fait chez nous. Nous comptons donc sur vous, sur votre puissant secours et nous y compterons toujours.

12. **SEIGNEUR**, tu as besoin de nous pour te faire connaître et aimer. Fais-nous entendre ton appel et donne-nous la force d'y répondre. Fais naître dans nos familles des vocations de prêtres, de religieux, de missionnaires et de laïcs engagés. Notre monde a soif de paix, de justice, de charité et d'espérance. Nos paroisses ont besoin de pasteurs, nos familles, de guides éclairés et nos jeunes, de témoins fraternels. Avec Jésus et en son nom, nous te demandons avec confiance d'envoyer des ouvriers pour ta moisson. Amen.



ANGELUS (Chanté)

L'ange du Seigneur porta l'annonce à Marie.

Elle a conçu du Saint Esprit.

R/Réjouis-toi, pleine de grâce, le Seigneur est avec toi.

Je suis, dit Marie, la Servante du Seigneur.

Que ta Parole s'accomplisse.

Et dans notre monde le Verbe s'est fait chair.

Il a habité parmi nous.

(Récité)

V. L'ange du Seigneur apporta l'annonce à Marie.

R. Et elle a conçu du Saint-Esprit. ***Je vous salue, Marie.***

V. Voici la servante du Seigneur.

R. Qu'il me soit fait selon ta parole. ***Je vous salue, Marie***.

V. Et le Verbe s'est fait chair.

R. Et il a habité parmi nous. ***Je vous salue, Marie.***

V. Prie pour nous, Sainte Mère de Dieu.

R. Afin que nous soyons rendus dignes des promesses du Christ.

Prions :

Que ta grâce, Seigneur notre Père, se répande dans nos cœurs : par le message de l'ange, tu nous as fait connaître l'incarnation de ton Fils bien -aimé, conduis-nous, par sa passion et par sa croix, jusqu'à la gloire de la Résurrection, Par Jésus, le Christ, notre Seigneur. Amen

REGINA CÆLI (*au temps pascal*)

V. Reine du ciel, réjouis toi, alléluia.

R. Car celui qu'il te fut donné de porter, alléluia,

V. Est ressuscité comme il l'avait dit. alléluia.

R. Prie Dieu pour nous, alléluia.

V. Sois heureuse et réjouis-toi, Vierge Marie, alléluia,

R. Car le Seigneur est vraiment ressuscité, alléluia.

Prions:

Dieu qui, par la résurrection de ton Fils notre Seigneur Jésus Christ, as bien voulu réjouir le monde, fais, nous t'en prions, que par la Vierge Marie, sa mère, nous arrivions aux joies de la vie éternelle. Par le Christ notre Seigneur. Amen.

LE CREDO (Symbole des Apôtres)

Je crois en Dieu, Le Père Tout-puissant,

créateur du ciel et de la terre.

Et en Jésus-Christ, son Fils unique, notre Seigneur,

Qui a été conçu du Saint-Esprit,

Est né de la Vierge Marie, à souffert sous Ponce Pilate,

A été crucifie, est mort et a été enseveli,

Est descendu aux enfers,

Le troisième jour est ressuscité des morts;

Est monté aux cieux,

Est assis à la droite de Dieu le Père Tout-puissant,

D'où il viendra juger les vivants et les morts.

Je crois en I' Esprit saint, à la sainte Église catholique,

A la communion des saints, à la rémission des péchés,

A la résurrection de la chair, à la vie éternelle. **AMEN**

NOTRE PÈRE

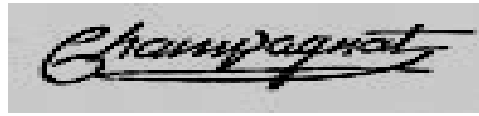
Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton Règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite, sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour, pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés, et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Amen

JE VOUS SALUE MARIE

Je vous salue, Marie, pleine de grâce ; Le Seigneur est avec vous ; Vous êtes bénie entre toutes les femmes ; Et Jésus, le fruit de vos entrailles, est béni. Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu, Priez pour nous, pauvres pécheurs maintenant et à l'heure de notre mort. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGIE

Gloire au Père, au Fils, et au Saint-Esprit. Comme il était au commencement, maintenant et toujours dans les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**



LE ROSAIRE

MYSTÈRES JOYEUX (le Lundi et le Samedi)

L'Annonciation.

La Visitation.

La Nativité.

La Présentation de Jésus.

Le Recouvrement de Jésus.



MYSTÈRE LUMINEUX (le Jeudi)

Le baptême de Jésus dans le Jourdain.

Les Noces de Cana.

L'annonce du Royaume de Dieu.

La Transfiguration.

L'Institution de l'Eucharistie.

MYSTÈRES DOULOUREUX (le mardi et le vendredi)

L'agonie de Jésus au Jardin des Oliviers.

La flagellation.

Le couronnement d'épines.

Jésus porte sa croix.

La mort de Jésus en croix.

MYSTÈRES GLORIEUX (le mercredi et le dimanche)

La Résurrection.

L'Ascension.

La Pentecôte.

L'Assomption.

Le couronnement de Marie.

Prière de Fatima :

O mon Jésus, pardonnez-nous nos péchés, préservez-nous du feu de l'enfer, et conduisez au ciel toutes les âmes, nous vous prions spécialement pour celles qui ont le plus besoin de votre miséricorde.

Prière à la fin du Rosaire :

V. Prie pour nous, Sainte Mère de Dieu.

R. Afin que nous soyons rendus dignes des promesses du Christ.

Prions :

Ô Dieu, dont le Fils unique, par sa vie, sa mort et sa résurrection, nous a acquis les récompenses de la vie éternelle, fais, nous t'en supplions, qu'en méditant ces mystères du Rosaire de la Bienheureuse Vierge Marie, nous puissions imiter ce qu'ils contiennent et obtenir ce qu'ils promettent. Par Jésus Christ, notre Seigneur. Amen.

MEMORARE:

Souvenez vous, ô très miséricordieuse Vierge Marie, qu'on n'a jamais entendu dire qu'aucun de ceux qui avaient eu recours à votre protection, imploré votre assistance, réclamé votre secours, ait été abandonné. Animé d'une pareille confiance, ô Vierge des vierges, ô ma Mère, je cours vers vous et, gémissant sous le poids de mes péchés, je me prosterne à vos pieds. Ô Mère du Verbe, ne méprisez pas mes prières, mais accueillez les favorablement et daignez les exaucer. Amen

Prière Mariale pour un Monde Souffrant



Sainte Mère de Jésus et notre Mère, nous vous saluons avec amour et confiance. Apportez vos 'Petits Frères' plus près de Jésus dans l'amour, la tendresse, le don de soi, le courage et la réconciliation. Tenez-nous au courant des souffrances de tant de personnes dans le monde aujourd'hui. Prenez sous votre protection les enfants qui en ont grandement besoin : ceux qui sont maltraités, réduits en esclavage ou orphelins, ceux qui sont touchés par le sida, la violence et la guerre ; et ceux qui vivent dans les rues. Montrez-nous comment aider et prendre soin d'eux. Donne du courage aux découragés, à ceux qui sont malades, isolés, en prison, et à ceux qui ont du travail difficile à faire. Regarde avec pitié ceux qui pleurent la mort de leurs proches, et ceux qui sont poussés au désespoir par le malheur. Console ceux qui pour une raison quelconque sont forcés de vivre à part de ceux qu'ils aiment. Dans le cœur des couples mariés, enrichissez l'amour qu'ils ont jadis solennellement promis. Notre Dame d'Afrique, nous vous consacrons notre continent bien-aimé, notre pays, l'Église et les apostolats de nos Frères. Mère aimable et attentive, apprends-nous à être comme toi, fidèle à l'appel du Père et zélé pour faire connaître et aimer Jésus. AMEN

SUB TUUM

Sous l'abri de ta miséricorde, nous nous réfugions, Sainte Mère de Dieu. Ne méprise pas nos prières quand nous sommes dans l'épreuve, mais de tous les dangers délivre-nous toujours, Vierge glorieuse, Vierge bienheureuse.

PRIÈRE À NOTRE-DAME

Ô Sainte Mère de Jésus qu'il vous plaise à protéger d'une manière toute spéciale, ceux qui vous invoquent sous le titre de Notre Dame de Protection, nous recourons à votre maternelle bonté et à votre tout-puissant patronage.

Daignez conserver notre pays dans la pureté de la foi et des mœurs. De votre main bénie, écartez, nous vous supplions, les causes de corruption de l'Esprit Chrétien. Que tous les commandements de Dieu et de l'Église soient fidèlement observés. Que Dieu soit parfaitement glorifié le jour du Dimanche. Que la modestie et la paix règnent dans nos foyers.

Ô Notre-Dame de Protection, protégez notre Saint Père le Pape, nos chefs spirituels et temporels. Multipliez les ouvrières qui se dévouent au salut des âmes. Enfin, soyez en toutes choses notre Médiatrice auprès de Jésus. Notre-Dame de Protection, priez pour nous. AMEN

"Avec Marcellin, à l'école de Marie "

The A l'exemple de Marcellin Champagnat, nous allons à Marie comme un enfant va à sa mère. C'est elle, notre sœur dans la foi, qui nous inspire pour vivre notre cheminement comme des disciples de Jésus

(Constitution No 50)

LE CHEMIN DE CROIX

Leader*:* *Nous t'adorons, Ô Christ et nous Te bénissons !*

Tous: **Par ta sainte Croix, Tu as racheté le monde**.

1. Jésus est condamné à mort.
2. Jésus est chargé de la Croix.
3. Jésus tombe pour la première fois.
4. Jésus rencontre sa très Sainte Mère.
5. Simon de Cyrène aide Jésus à porter sa Croix.
6. Véronique essuie la Sainte Face de Jésus.
7. Jésus tombe une seconde fois.
8. Jésus rencontre les femmes de Jérusalem.
9. Jésus tombe pour la troisième fois.
10. Jésus est dépouillé de ses vêtements.
11. Jésus est cloué sur la Croix.
12. Jésus meurt sur la Croix.
13. Jésus est descendu de la Croix.
14. Jésus est déposé dans le Sépulcre.



PRIERES OCCASIONNELS

Prière au Saint-Esprit

Venez Esprit-Saint, remplissez les coeurs de vos fidèles,

Et allumez en eux le feu de votre amour.

Envoyez votre Esprit, Seigneur, et il se fera une création nouvelle.

Et vous renouvellerez la face de la terre.

Prions :

O Dieu, qui avez instruit les coeurs de vos fidèles par la lumière du Saint-Esprit, donnez-nous, par ce même Esprit, de comprendre et d'aimer ce qui est bien, et de jouir sans cesse de ses divines consolations. Par Jésus-Christ Notre Seigneur. Amen

PRIÈRE D'ABANDON

« Mon Père, Je m'abandonne à toi, fais de moi ce qu'il te plaira. Quoi que tu fasses de moi, je te remercie. Je suis prêt à tout, j'accepte tout. Pourvu que ta volonté se fasse en moi, en toutes tes créatures, je ne désire rien d'autre, mon Dieu. Je remets mon âme entre tes mains. Je te la donne, mon Dieu, avec tout l'amour de mon cœur, parce que je t'aime, et que ce m'est un besoin d'amour de me donner, de me remettre entre tes mains, sans mesure, avec une infinie confiance, car tu es mon Père ». ***(Charles de Foucauld)***

ACTE DE FOI

Mon Dieu, je crois fermement toutes les vérités que vous avez révélées et que vous nous enseignez par votre Sainte Église, parce que vous ne pouvez ni vous tromper, ni nous tromper. AMEN.

DES PROPHÈTES POUR L'AVENIR

Nous venons devant toi, Seigneur, en présence de Saint Marcellin Champagnat, pour partager la vision mariste qui nous a été confiée. Nous savons ce que nous sommes en train de planter la semence qui croîtra un jour, arroser la semence qui a déjà été semée dans le cœur des gens de nos communautés.

Nous sommes conscients que nous ne pouvons pas tout faire et nous nous sentons déjà libérés en acceptant ce fait. Nous entendons ton appel, Seigneur, à faire quelque chose et surtout à bien le faire.

Nous sommes des ouvriers, non des maîtres d'œuvres, des ministres et non des messies, des prophètes pour l'avenir, non pour nous-mêmes, car nous ne verrons pas les résultats. Nous te demandons aussi, qu'avec saint Marcellin, nous puissions avoir un cœur sans frontières.

Nous levons notre cœur, vers toi, Seigneur, dans la prière avec Jésus et Marie notre Bonne Mère, en solidarité avec tous ceux et celles qui sont dans le besoin. Amen.

(***Monseigneur Ken Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, USA †2004)***

ACTE D'ESPERANCE

Mon Dieu, j'espère avec une ferme confiance que vous me donnerez, par les mérites de Jésus Christ, votre grâce en ce monde et, si j'observe vos commandements, le bonheur éternel dans l'autre, parce que vous nous l'avez promis et que vous êtes toujours fidèle à vos promesses. AMEN

ACTE DE CHARITÉ

Mon Dieu, je t'aime de tout mon cœur et par-dessus toutes choses parce que vous êtes infiniment bon, infiniment aimable, et j'aime mon prochain comme moi-même pour l'amour de soi. AMEN

ACTE DE CONTRITION

Mon Dieu, j'ai un très grand regret de vous avoir offensé par ce que vous êtes infiniment bon, infiniment aimable et que le péché vous déplaît. Je prends la ferme résolution, avec les secours de votre sainte grâce, de ne plus vous offenser et de faire pénitence. AMEN

PRIÈRE À L'ANGE GARDIEN

Ange de Dieu, Qui es mon gardien, Vous a qui la Bonté Divine m'a confie, Veillez sur moi, éclairez-moi, Protégez-moi, et gouvernez-moi, Aujourd'hui, tous les jours de ma vie et Spécialement à l'heure de ma mort. AMEN.

POUR LES VOYAGEURS

Jésus Vérité, éclaire-moi pour que je fasse ce voyage soucieux de charité, le regard tourné vers le ciel. Jésus Voie, guide-moi pour que j'aie la maitrise de moi-même, de la clairvoyance, une modération constante. Jésus Vie, sois partout pour moi et pour tous ceux que j'accompagne ou que je rencontre la joie de l'esprit et le salut de l'âme et du corps. Ange gardien, précède-moi avec bienveillance et garde moi. AMEN

PRIERE DE LA FAMILLE MARISTE

Saint Marcellin Champagnat, tu as créé une communauté de Frères pour l'éducation des jeunes, surtout des plus défavorisés. Tu as voulu annoncer partout l'Evangile parce que tous les diocèses du monde entraient dans tes vues. Avec Marie, notre Bonne Mère, intercède auprès de Dieu pour qu'il nous bénisse, nous, nos communautés, nos familles : afin que nous puissions accueillir sa volonté d'amour sur nos vies, nos travaux et nos soucis, et ainsi poursuivre ta mission avec un cœur sans frontières. Amen. ***(Robert T fms)***

LA PRIÈRE D'UN ENSEIGNANT

Seigneur, je te remercie de m'avoir appelé pour te servir comme enseignant. Je ne peux pas le faire seul et dépend de vous pour la force : La force de faire face à mes cours avec amour chaque jour ; La force de prendre soin de chaque enfant de la même manière ; et la force de travailler avec mes collègues. Je compte sur votre Saint-Esprit pour inspirer ma journée, pour être créatif dans ma planification et mon enseignement ; et de m'accorder la sagesse au travail et à la maison. Enfin, Seigneur, je vous exhorte à m'aider à prendre soin de moi-même pour que, à mon tour, je puisse prendre soin de vos petits, en particulier ceux qui en ont le plus besoin. AMEN.

PRIÈRE POUR LES MEMBRES DE LA FAMILLE MARISTE

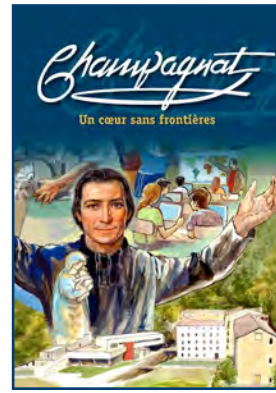
Père Céleste, nous te remercions d'avoir envoyé ton Fils pour devenir notre chemin, notre vérité et notre vie, et de nous avoir donné ton Saint-Esprit pour continuer à sauver le ministère de Jésus.

Merci aussi d'avoir élevé Marcellin Champagnat pour apporter votre amour au monde troublé et appauvri de son temps. Tu l'as inspiré à être dévoué aux malades et aux pauvres, et surtout aux enfants, souhaitant avant tout leur dire combien tu les aimes.

Merci de l'avoir poussé à fonder les Frères Maristes pour répondre à ces besoins, pour les milliers de personnes qui ont rejoint sa congrégation pendant deux siècles, et pour l'inspiration qu'il a donnée aux éducateurs et autres collaborateurs.

Donnez-nous la grâce de préserver son patrimoine en :

- Être ***présent*** aux jeunes ;
- Nourrir un ***Esprit de Famille*** partout où nous sommes ;
- Être ***Simple*** et ouvert dans nos relations ;
- Favoriser un ***Amour du Travail*** par notre propre dévouement ;
- Et devenir des gens de foi comme ***Marie***, notre Bonne Mère, toujours disposée à dire OUI au Seigneur. AMEN



PRIÈRE A SAINT MARCELIN CHAMPAGNAT

Saint Marcellin Champagnat, en toi l'Esprit de Dieu a fait des merveilles. Nous te bénissons !Aujourd'hui encore tu nous invites à « suivre le Christ, comme Marie, dans sa vie d'amour pour le Père et pour les hommes ». Homme de foi, tu t'es appuyé sur Dieu comme sur un Rocher, apprends-nous la confiance qui donne paix et audace. Serviteur de Marie, tu l'as prise en tout pour mère et modèle, apprends-nous à imiter son humilité, sa simplicité et sa disponibilité. Frère parmi tes frères, artisan de communion fraternelle, apprends-nous l'esprit de famille qui offre le signe de la joie et de l'unité. Cœur sans frontières, ouvert à tous, surtout aux plus défavorisés, apprends-nous le service désintéressé qui encourage. ***(Robert Thunus, fms)***

REMERCIEMENT POUR LA VIE ET LES PERSONNES SPÉCIALES

Aujourd'hui, Seigneur, je vous offre mes remerciements pour : La vie - et les sens pour la savourer ; Mon père et ma mère - pour ce cadeau de la vie ; Mes professeurs - qui ont aidé à former mon esprit et mes rêves ; Marcellin Champagnat - pour m'avoir donné un rêve spécial ; Mes Frères Maristes - pour m'avoir donné une autre famille ; Mes élèves - pour; Mes collègues -pour m'avoir soutenu et pour mon travail ; Ceux qui m'encouragent à devenir un autre Christ ; Marie - pour me donner Jésus ; et Jésus - pour m'avoir conduit à la plénitude de la vie. AMEN

Prière à Saint Marcellin Champagnat pour un malade

Seigneur Jésus ressuscité,

toujours présent dans le monde,

nous venons a toi pour te demander,

par Saint Marcellin Champagnat

la guérison de…….……...

La foi en ton Nom a guéri le paralytique du Temple,

Quand Saint Pierre intercéda pour lui.

Nous croyons en ton Nom tout - puissant;

Soutiens et augmente notre foi.

Ecoute la prière que nous t'adressons,

par l'intercession de Marie Notre Bonne Mère et de

St Marcellin Champagnat et,

pour l'honneur de ton Nom,

fais nous la grâce que nous te demandons. Amen.

St Marcellin Champagnat;

Intercède pour nous et pour nos malades.



NEUVAINE A SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

Premier jour: L'AMOUR DE LA CRECHE (28 MAI)

LEADER: Saint Marcellin, tu as vu en Jésus, envoyé par le Père, et né



de la Vierge Marie, la source et le modèle de notre mission. Intercède pour nous afin que nous soyons généreux au service des autres.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Deuxième jour: L'AMOUR DE LA CROIX (29 MAI)

LEADER : Saint Marcellin, tu as souvent médité sur les souffrances de



Jésus et tu nous invites à nous tourner vers la croix pour le courage, la fidélité et l'amour. Prie pour que nous puissions devenir de véritables disciples de Jésus par la manière dont nous acceptons les difficultés que nous rencontrons dans notre vie.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Troisième jour: L'AMOUR DE L'AUTEL (30 MAI)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, tu as eu un amour profond pour l'Eucharistie et tu as exhorté les Frères à la visite de Jésus dans le Saint Sacrement. Aide-nous à comprendre ce mystère d'amour de Dieu et de recevoir la Sainte Communion avec un cœur sans partage.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Quatrième jour: L'AMOUR DES MALADES (31 MAI)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, rien n'a pu t'empêcher de visiter les malades et les mourants - pas même le mauvais temps, ni les longues distances sur les chemins de montagnes raides. Que ton exemple inspire ceux qui prennent soin des malades. Aide-nous à apprécier les bénédictions que nous recevons quand nous prenons soin de ceux qui ont besoin d'une attention particulière.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Cinquième jour: L'AMOUR DE LA PRIERE (1 JUIN)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, avec ta conscience constante de la présence de Dieu, tu nous rappelles que si le Seigneur ne bâtit la maison, nous travaillons en vain. Puissions-nous confier ce que nous faisons au Seigneur et ainsi construire le Royaume de Dieu.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Sixième jour: L'AMOUR DES JEUNES (2 JUIN)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, tu as montré une grande préoccupation pour l'éducation et la formation des jeunes à La Valla. Aide-nous à poursuivre ton rêve de faire connaître et aimer Jésus spécialement auprès des jeunes délaissés par leurs familles, leurs compagnons ou la société.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***



Septième jour: L'AMOUR DU TRAVAIL (3 JUIN)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, tu t'es donné sans relâche pour former les premiers Frères et construire leurs premières maisons. Que ton exemple nous inspire à valoriser le travail et utiliser nos talents pour construire un monde meilleur pour tous.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Huitième jour: L'AMOUR DES MISSIONS (4 JUIN)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, en déclarant que tous les diocèses du monde entrent dans nos vues, tu nous invites à aller dans les zones inexplorées où les pauvres attendent la Bonne Nouvelle. Inspire beaucoup de jeunes à se mettre au service des marginalisés de la société.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Neuvième jour: L'AMOUR DE MARIE (5 JUIN)

Leader: Saint Marcellin, tu as eu un grand amour pour Marie, la mère de Jésus en l'appelant notre Première Supérieure, notre Ressource Ordinaire et surtout notre Bonne Mère. Aide-nous à conduire les autres à Jésus à la manière de Marie.

Tous: Gloire au Père et au Fils et au Saint Esprit….

Leader: Marie, Notre Bonne Mère: ***Priez Pour Nous***

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat: ***Priez Pour Nous***



TOUT À JÉSUS PAR MARIE;
TOUT À MARIE POUR JÉSUS.



ALL TO JESUS THROUGH MARY;
ALL TO MARY FOR JESUS.

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