

# Saint Monica

## Ministry

St. Patrick's Church  
Carlisle, PA



Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son St. Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

(Mention your intentions here)

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.

Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God.

## **Litany of Saint Monica**

Lord, have mercy on us.

*~Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

*~Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven,

*~have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*~have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,

*~have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God,

*~have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, conceived without stain of original sin,

*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Holy Mary, glorious Mother of Jesus Christ, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

St. Monica, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Model of wives, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who converted your unbelieving husband, Father of St. Augustine,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Strict and prudent teacher, guardian of your son in all his ways,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who carefully watched over his conduct,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who were sorely distressed at his erring from the right,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who were untiring in your petitions for his soul's safety,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who still hoped on amid the bitterness of your heart and your floods of tears,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who were filled with consolation upon his return to God,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who died calmly after faithfully fulfilling your duties,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

You who are the prayerful intercessor of all mothers who pray and weep as you did,  
*~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Preserve the innocence of our children, *~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Protect them against the deceits of evil men, *~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Protect them from the dangers of bad example, *~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Watch over the movements of grace in their hearts. *~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Let the Christian virtues strike deep root in their hearts and bear much fruit.

*~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Redouble your intercession for youth approaching manhood.

*~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Obtain for all in mortal sin true contrition and perfect conversion.

*~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Obtain for all mothers to fulfill their duties steadily and perseveringly.

*~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Commend all mothers to the protection of the ever-blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord.

*~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

Favorably incline the heart of your beloved son Augustine to the salvation of our children.

*~we beseech you, St. Monica.*

St. Augustine, holy son of a saintly mother, *~pray for us and for our loved ones.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *~spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *~graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *~have mercy on us, O Lord!*

Pray for us, O holy St. Monica, *~that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.*

## Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us.

Amen.



## **Prayer to St. Joseph:**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



## **The Divine Mercy Chaplet**

In a vision to Sr. Maria Faustina in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say – the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it:

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in MY mercy... (Diary, 687)

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (Diary, 1541)

Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (Diary 1731).

### 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### 2. Optional Opening Prayer

*You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable*

*Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.*

(Repeat three times)

*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, **I trust in You!***

### 3. 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.***

### 4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. ***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.***

### 5. 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.***

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

10. Optional Closing Prayers

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and*



## **Prayer for Loved One's Return to the Faith**

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**Dear Lord, you became human, suffered, and died to bring salvation to all people. Look compassionately on those who have drifted away from you, your Church, and the faith. May they respond to your grace and return to the fold in your care. We pray especially for those we bring before you today.**

**Let me be a help during this difficult time by encouraging more through love and prayer than words that may annoy. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust you to do everything to bring my beloved one back to you. Amen.**

### **Prayerful intercession:**

St. Monica ~*pray for us*

St. Augustine ~*pray for us*

St. Ambrose ~*pray for us*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

### **Trust Me** *(private meditation):*

Do you believe that I am the Son of God? And do you believe that I died for all men and women and that I rose from the dead? Then why do you continue to be distracted and anxious about your loved ones? Do they not also belong to me? Would I refuse to work in their lives just as I work in yours?

I have not put you in charge of redeeming them. I have already done that. Nor do you have the power to change their hearts. Only my Holy Spirit searches and knows the deepest hearts of men and women and only He can heal their deepest wounds.

Your task is to love, to forgive, to pray for them and to turn them over to Me. Come closer to Me yourself and I will do the rest. TRUST ME!

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