



Renewal of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 1, 2020

We begin with the Sign of the Cross

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

Introduction

When our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples on Easter Sunday he said: “Peace be with you.” We can be confident that he desires this same peace for all the members of his body, the Church, and for the people of the entire world. In this difficult time, we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Peace, to ask that she intercede with her Son for all those who are affected in any way by this pandemic. As we renew the consecration of our country and of ourselves to the Mother of the God, we implore her maternal care for her children.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son,
as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary,
his Mother, to be our Mother also,
grant, we pray, that with her loving help
your Church may be more fruitful day by day and,
exulting in the holiness of her children,
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother,

*“Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple,
“Behold, your mother.”*

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Reflection

Decade of the Rosary

Recalling Jesus' words as he hung on the cross – “Behold, your mother” – we meditate on the fifth sorrowful mystery of the Rosary, The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord.

Prayer of Renewal of Our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care.

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic, we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,
embrace this parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In a special way we commend to you
those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick,
sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation,
who console with a mother's love all who turn to you,
we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians,
who come to our rescue in every trial,
we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy,
who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress,
we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom,
who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth,
we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel,
who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in
Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother
the act of consecration that we make today with confidence and help us to be your
Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the
needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened,
that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity
awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection
and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer

As we conclude this consecration, we ask the blessing of Almighty God.

Let us pray.

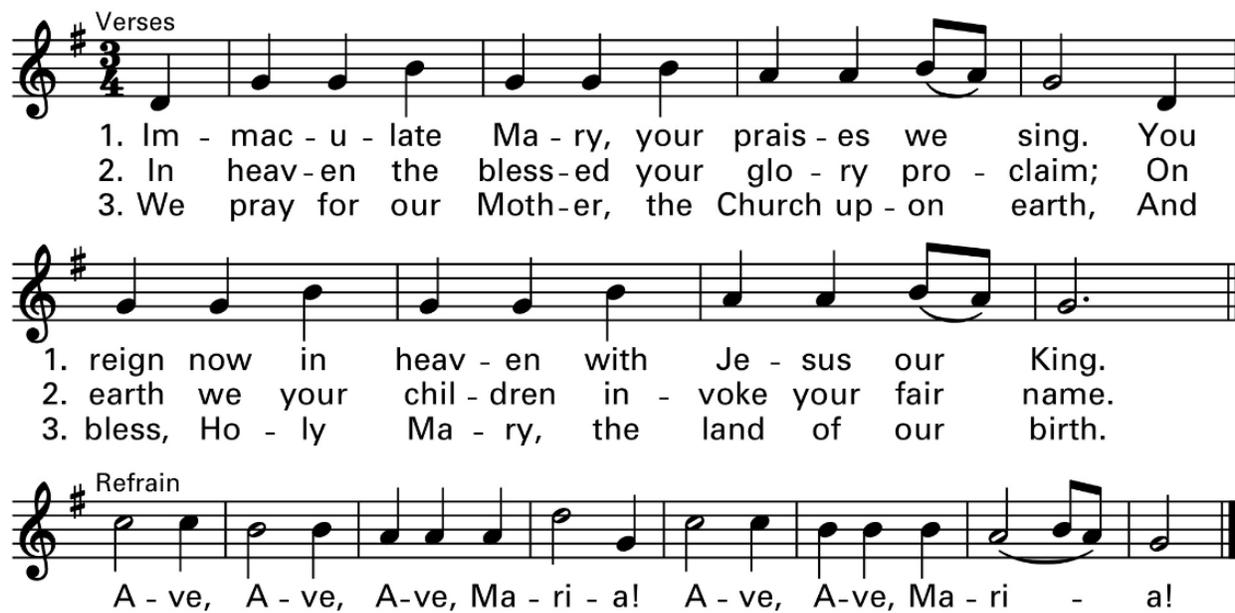
Bestow the grace of your kindness upon your supplicant people, O Lord, that, formed
by you, their creator, and restored by you, their sustainer, through your constant
action they may be saved. Amen.

May the Lord bless us, ✠ protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Immaculate Mary

Verses



1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on earth, And

1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.
2. earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.
3. bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.

Refrain

A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in *Parochial Hymn Book*; Boston, 1897;
rev. of *Hail Virgin of virgins*, by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814–1866, alt.
Music: Trad. Pyrenean Melody, pub. Grenoble, 1882; alt. by Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857–1910.