

A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never Found to fail)

O Most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel,
Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven,
Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin,
assist me in this my necessity....

(silently mention your necessity)

O star of the Sea, help me and
show me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Queen of Heaven and Earth,
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart,
to succor me in this necessity;
there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.

(3 times)

Sweet Mother,
I place this cause in your hands.

(3 times)



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Feast Day: July 16th

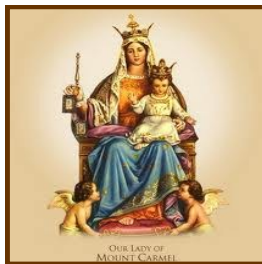


*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
road leading to Jesus,
Holy Mary, pray for us sinners.*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

*This feast was instituted by the Carmelites between 1376 and 1386 under the title "Commemoratio B. Marif Virg. duplex" to celebrate the victory of their order over its enemies on obtaining the approbation of its name and constitution from Honorius III on 30 Jan., 1226. This feast was assigned to 16 July, because on that date in 1251, according to Carmelite traditions, the scapular was given by the Blessed Virgin to St. Simon Stock; it was first approved by Sixtus V in 1587. After Cardinal Bellarmine had examined the Carmelite traditions in 1609, it was declared the patronal feast of the order, and is now celebrated in the Carmelite calendar as a major double of the first class with a vigil and a privileged octave.

By a privilege given by Clement X in 1672, some Carmelite monasteries keep the feast on the Sunday after 16 July, or on some other Sunday in July. In the seventeenth century the feast was adopted by several dioceses in the south of Italy, although its celebration, outside of Carmelite churches, was prohibited in 1628 by a decree *contra abusum*. On 21 Nov., 1674, however, it was first granted by Clement X to Spain and its colonies, in 1675 to Austria, in 1679 to Portugal and its colonies, and in 1725 to the Papal States of the Church, on 24 Sept., 1726, it was extended to the entire Latin Church by Benedict XIII. The lessons contain the legend of the scapular; the promise of the Sabbatine privilege was inserted into the lessons by Paul V about 1614. The Greeks of southern Italy and the Catholic Chaldeans have adopted this feast of the "Vestment of the Blessed Virgin Mary". The object of the feast is the special predilection of Mary for those who profess themselves her servants by wearing her scapular. *(excerpted from www.newadvent.org)



THE FOLLOWING TWO PRAYERS WERE TAKEN FROM A PLAQUE IN FRONT OF A STATUE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AT THE CARMELITE CHAPEL-IN-THE-MALL, NORTH SHORE PLAZA, PEABODY, MASS.

INTERCESSORY LITANY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Lord have mercy on us...Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on 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, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Queen of Heaven, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, vanquisher of Satan, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, most dutiful Daughter, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, most pure Virgin, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, most devoted Spouse, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, most tender Mother, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, perfect model of virtue, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, sure anchor of hope, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, refuge in affliction, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, dispenser of God's gifts, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, tower of strength against our foes, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, our aid in danger, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, road leading to Jesus, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, our light in darkness, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Star of the Sea, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, our consolation at the hour of death, pray for us sinners.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, advocate of the most abandoned sinners, pray for us sinners.
For those hardened in vice, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.
For those who grieve thy Son, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.
For those who neglect to pray, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.
For those who are in agony, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.
For those who delay their conversion, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.
For those suffering in Purgatory, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.
For those who know you not, with confidence we come to you, O Lady of Mt. Carmel.

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.

V. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Hope of the Despairing,
R. Intercede for us with your Divine Son.

LET US PRAY:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, glorious Queen of Angels, Channel of God's tender mercy to man, refuge and advocate of sinners, with confidence I prostrate myself before you, begging you to obtain for me....(mention your request in silence). In return I solemnly promise to have recourse to you in all my trials, sufferings and temptations, and I shall do all in my power to induce others to love and reverence you and to invoke you in all their needs. I thank you for the numerous blessings which I have received from your mercy and powerful intercession. Continue to be my shield in danger, my guide in life and my consolation at the hour of my death. Amen.