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PRAYERS FOR THE ELDERLY TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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I. O Mary,
Merciful Mother,
stir up in our hearts
deep sorrow
and humble contrition
for all the sins
of our whole lives.
May we avail ourselves
of the powerful cleansing
from sin in the
Sacrament of Confession
Preserve us from sins
of the flesh, and bestow on us
consolations of the spirit.

II. O Mary,
Our Lady of Sorrows,
you endured the greatest
of sufferings in your
compassion with your Son
in His sorrowful Passion,
impart to us your
patience in suffering.
May we find joy as we unite
all of our sufferings to the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

III. O Mary, Our Lady of Joy, you awaited the Resurrection of your Son with steadfast Faith, share with us your strong Faith in our Risen Lord, and obtain for us robust hope in our own resurrection in the body on the Last Day. As we accept our infirmity, sickness and limitations, may we humbly receive the love and care which are offered to us.

IV. O Mary, Our Lady of Pentecost, you prayed with and for the Apostles and disciples in the upper room. You accompanied by intercessory prayer the great work of the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. Grant a great power to our prayers that the light of the Gospel may illumine the hearts of our families, our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews,

grand nieces and grand nephews, and all future generations.

Like the early Christian community, may we be of one mind and heart.

Help us be patient with one another in our weaknesses, faults, and failures of memory and attention.

V. O Mary, Our Lady of Ephesus, as you spent the latter years of your life in the house of St. John, the Apostle of Love, help us to accept the loss of our houses and our choices of what we eat and when. Enable us to fully dedicate this phase of our lives to growth in love, thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives, forgiveness for all who have offended us, humble acceptance of the will of Jesus for us.

May we accept with trust the losses of privacy and possessions, and patiently endure the decline of our bodies and minds.

As you filled
your time
with prayer
night and day,
form in our hearts
that prayerful spirit
that we may find
meaning and purpose
in redeeming the time
and making reparation for sin.

VI. O Mary,
Our Lady of Viaticum,
obtain for us the graces of the
reception of the Last Rites.
May the Sacrament of
Anointing we receive be
most fruitful in our hearts.
Please teach us the utmost
reverence for the Real Presence
of Jesus in Holy Communion.
Grant us a holy longing
to receive Him sacramentally
and spiritually.

VII. O Mary,
Eternal Queen of Heaven,
draw us from the distractions
of the world, to focus on
the things of Heaven.
Please make us more vividly
aware of the great cloud
of witnesses, the Communion
of the Saints in Heaven.
May we be ready to join them,
when our Father
calls us home. Amen.



- We offer you our fears, to replace them with trust.
- We offer you our poverty and deprivations, to fill us with spiritual riches and graces.
- We offer you our pains, to make them fruitful by union with the Holy Wounds of Jesus.
- We offer you our weakness, to sanctify it by surrender to God's will.
- We offer you our loneliness, to accompany us with your maternal affection.
- We offer you our hearts, to protect them from any bitterness, unforgiveness, or hate, and to heal us and sustain us with love.
- We offer you our hopes,

 to elevate them to a pure desire for

 Heaven with you and your Son,

 and all the angels and saints. Amen.

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Consecration of Our Community to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, ever-virgin, to you we consecrate our own hearts,

our home in this community,

our rooms, its hallways,

gathering places

and dining spaces.

On behalf of all

the residents here,

we ask for you to take

possession of this place

to enrich us with

your blessings

and graces.

Please extend over us and all of our families your mantle of grace

to protect from all bodily and spiritual harm.

Banish from this place

all darkness and despair. Shed upon us the light of your Flame of Love. We entrust to you our nurses, their aides, the staff, activities directors, volunteers, and administration.

Renew their hearts

with patience, kindness,

and compassion,

in true Faith.

May they be rewarded in this life and the next for their attention to our needs and requests, for seeing in us your suffering Son.

Eternal Queen of Heaven, Queen of Angels and of Men,

send forth your holy angels to protect us from the evil one.

May we find shelter and refuge in your Immaculate Heart, in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Son. Amen.