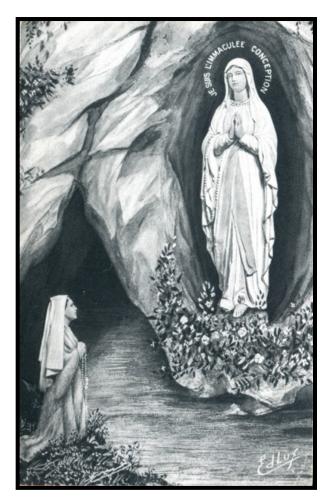
POVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES



"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next."

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let Us Pray.

OGod, Who hast instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that by the same Spirit we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



O IMMACULATE VIRGIN * Mother of Mercy * Health of the infirm * Refuge of sinners * you know my wants, my pains, my suffering; * deign to cast a favorable look on me. * By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes * you wished to make that spot a privileged place * where you would dispense your favors. * Already many of the unfortunate have found there * a remedy for their spiritual and corporal infirmities. * I come full of confidence * to implore your maternal favors. * Hear, O tender Mother, my humble prayer. * Blessed with your benefits * I shall endeavor to imitate your virtues * in order that I may one day share in your glory.

BLESSED ARE YOU, most pure Virgin, who deigned to appear eighteen times ***** resplendent with light, sweetness and beauty ***** in the Grotto of Lourdes ***** and to say to the humble child ***** who contemplated you in her ecstasy: ***** "I am the Immaculate Conception."

POVENA PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

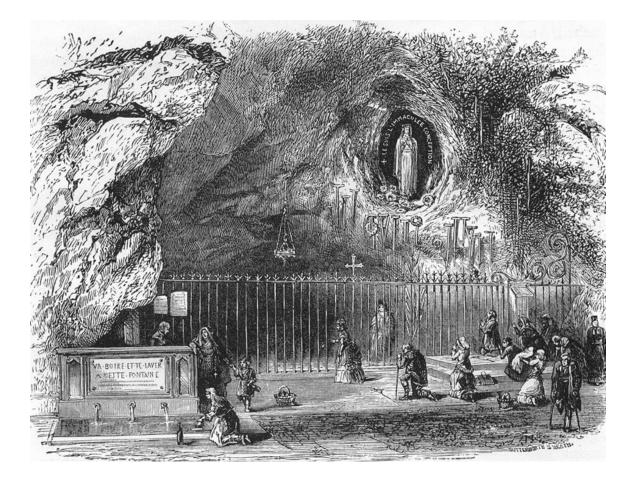
OIMMACULATE VIRGIN MARY * Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and our Mother, * penetrated with the most lively confidence * in your all powerful and never failing intercession, * we, your loving and trustful children, * implore you to obtain for us the grace and favors * we ask during this Novena, * if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, * and the souls for whom we pray.

(here, privately mention your petitions)

YOU KNOW, O MARY, * how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son * Who hates iniquity. * Obtain for us then * a deep hatred of sin * and that purity of heart * which will attach us to God alone * so that our every thought, word and deed * may tend to His greater glory. * Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial * that we may recover by penance * what we have lost by sin * and at length attain to that blessed abode * where you are the Queen of angels and men. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc. Our Lady of Lourdes, *pray for us!*



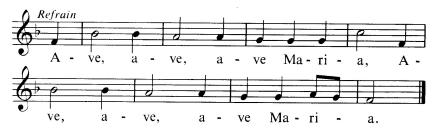


LOURDES INVOCATIONS (PRIEST & PEOPLE)

Lord, we adore Thee. Lord, we hope in Thee. Lord, we love Thee. Mary, Health of the sick, pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, bless our country. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God. Lord, we believe, but increase our Faith. Lord, increase our love. Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us. Queen of Martyrs, strengthen the courage of the persecuted. Jesus, all powerful, support our weakness. Jesus, make us love one another. Lord, save us, we perish. Lord, Thy will be done. Thou are the Resurrection and the Life. Virgin, powerful with God, pray for us. Refuge of sinners, pray for us. Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

CLOSING ISYMN

An Angel from Heaven Led Bernadette's feet Where flows the deep torrent Our Lady to greet.



We hail the fair valley Her footprints have traced And bless we the Grotto Of Mary the Chaste. (refrain)

The thrice bless-*ed* fountain, True water of life, Hence forward with virtue Of healing power rife. (refrain)

O shrine ever sacred, Within thee we view, From all the world over Her children so true. (refrain)



I will all who love me Should visit this place, In holy processions, To ask for my grace. (refrain)

Thou willest all people Should kneel at thy feet, In throngs see them coming O Virgin most sweet! (refrain)

