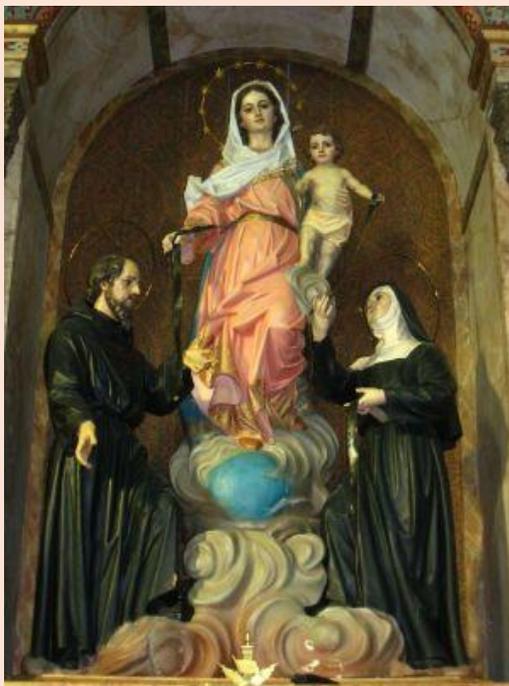




# THE CORONA OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION





+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R/.** Amen

+ Let us recite thirteen *Our Fathers* and thirteen *Hail Marys* for all who are affected by the Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic. Let us especially keep in our prayers those who are experiencing, physical, emotional, financial and spiritual suffering as a result of this virus. Let us devoutly implore the aid of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Consolation, of our Holy Father St. Augustine, and of all the Saints of the Augustinian Order.

**R/.** Direct, we beseech You, O Lord, all our actions by your holy inspirations and carry them on by your gracious assistance, that every prayer and good work of ours may begin from you and by you be happily ended, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Art. – I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.** – Let us consider how Almighty God created from nothing heaven and earth and all things.

Mary, most holy, at this time when we can become focused on the brutality of this virus, assist us to open our eyes to see beauty and goodness within creation.

*When I asked the earth, it responded: “I am not God.” When I asked the water and the deep, they responded: “We are not your God. Look above us.” When I asked the heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars: “Nor are we the God you seek,” they said. To all of them I said: “Speak to me of my God. If you are not he, tell me something about him.” Loudly they exclaimed: “It is he who made us.” The heavens, the earth, and everything that is in them, all these things tell me to love you. (Confessions X, 6)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Art. – And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.** – Let us consider that Jesus Christ our Lord, is the true and only Son of the Eternal Father.

Mary, most holy, at this time when the barrage of bad news can make us feel hopeless, help us to believe and hope in your Son, and to love Him with all our hearts, because He is the true Savior of the world.

*That, after all, is what the Lord meant by saying, **I am the way, and the truth, and the life** (Jn 14:6); that is, “It is along me that you come, at me that you arrive, in me that you abide.” For when you reach him, you also reach the Father, because it is through his equality that the one to whom he is equal can be recognized, with the Holy Spirit binding and so to say gluing us in there, so that we may abide forever in that supreme and unchangeable good. (De Doctrina Christiana I, 34)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**3<sup>rd</sup> Art. – Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.** – Let us consider that Jesus is the true Son of Mary ever Virgin; she conceived Him in her most chaste womb by the working of the Holy Spirit.

Mary, most holy, listen to the prayers of all mothers and fathers who worry for the health and security of their families, especially their children.

*O incredible kindness and mercy! He was the only Son, but he did not want to remain alone. In order that humanity might be born of God, God first was born of a human. He had to seek on earth only a mother, since his Father he already had in heaven. Begotten of God, is he through whom we were created; born of a woman is he through whom we are to be recreated. The Word first wished to be born of a human, so that you might be assured of being born of God. (On John's Gospel, 2, 13, 15)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**4<sup>th</sup> Art. – *Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*** – Let us consider the passion, death and burial of our crucified Redeemer, tenderly suffering with Him in our hearts.

Mary, most holy, we pray for all who are enduring physical pain and death and are forced to suffer in isolation as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

*About his cross, what am I to say? How can I talk about it? He chose the worst possible kind of death, so that his martyrs might not dread any kind of death. In becoming a man, he gave us his teaching, in dying on the cross he gave us an example of patience. That was his work, to be crucified; the sign of his work, the cross, the reward of his work, the resurrection. He showed us on the cross what we must be ready to endure; he showed us in the resurrection what we must hope for. (On the Creed to the Catechumens [Sermon 398], 9)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**5<sup>th</sup> Art. – He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.** – Let us consider that the soul of Jesus descended into hell to liberate all those with whom He gloriously arose on the third day after his death.

Mary, most holy, console those who mourn the death of loved ones and must wait to grieve with friends and family because of mandatory isolation.

*Our faith is strengthened by the resurrection of Christ. The passion of Christ represents the misery of our present life, while the resurrection of Christ gives us a brilliant glimpse of happiness of the future life. Let us apply ourselves energetically in the present life and hope in the future. Now is the time for the painful struggle; then will come the recompense. (Sermon 233, 1)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**6<sup>th</sup> Art. – He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.** – Let us consider that Jesus, forty days after his resurrection, blessed his Holy Mother, apostles, and disciples, and the faithful who followed Him to Mount Olivet, in whose presence He ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of his Divine Father.

Mary, most holy, implore your heavenly Son to come to the aid of all who work in the health care profession and who selflessly dedicate themselves to assist the sick, the suffering and dying during this tragic time.

*Wonderful is the fact that, even though he ascended above the heavens, he remains close to those who are still living on earth. Who is this one who is so far away and yet so near, if not he who out of merciful goodness became our brother? (Sermon 171, 1)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**7<sup>th</sup> Art. – From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.** – Let us consider that Jesus Christ will descend from heaven to judge the whole human race on the last day.

Mary, most holy, come to the aid of all who at this moment are at the hour of their death.

*Believe firmly what you believe - that he will return. What does it matter when? Prepare yourself for his coming. Put aside curiosity and develop trusting love. What does it matter when? Live as though he was coming today and you will not fear his coming. (Sermon 265, 3, 4)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**8<sup>th</sup> Art. – *I believe in the Holy Spirit.*** – Let us consider the most profound mystery of the Blessed Trinity, and with an act of lively faith let us believe, that, as the Divine Son was generated from eternity by the Father, so the Holy Spirit in like manner proceeds from eternity, from the Father and the Son, and is with them one God.

Mary, most holy, we pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire those who lead nations and governments throughout the world who, because of this pandemic, are faced with making difficult decisions each day.

*This excellent guest finds you empty and fills you, finds you hungry and thirsty and satisfies you abundantly. God the Holy Spirit, who comes from God, when entering into a person, draws that one to the love of God and neighbor. Indeed, the Spirit is love itself. (Sermon 225, 4)*

Quiet reflection

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**9<sup>th</sup> Art. – I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints.** – Let us consider that God, who guards and protects his Church, continues to send holy men and women as witnesses to your great love.

Mary, most holy, we thank God for the gift of holy men and women in our Church, especially those whose testimony of life we look to in these difficult times to ignite our hearts to respond in charity and love to the needs of those who are suffering.

*Yet because we are commanded not only to love God, in accordance with what is prescribed: **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind** (Lk 10:27) but also our neighbor, for the Lord goes on to say, **You shall love your neighbor as yourself** (Lk 10:27) – unless, therefore, our faith has its roots within a community and a human society, it will not attain full fruition. (Faith and the Creed, 21)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**10<sup>th</sup> Art. – I believe in the forgiveness of sins.** – Let us consider that the Divine Goodness is infinitely greater than our sinfulness, and that God can remit the faults which we commit.

Mary, most holy, we pray for reconciliation in all that divides us in our world.

*Driven out of paradise by you and exiled in a distant land, by myself I cannot return unless you come to meet me in my wandering. My return is based on hope in your mercy during all of my earthly life. My only hope, the only source of confidence, the only solid promise is your mercy. (Exposition on the Psalms 24, 5)*

Quiet reflection

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**11<sup>th</sup> Art. – *I believe in the resurrection of the body.*** – Let us consider that on the day of judgement we shall all rise again, each receiving one's own body.

Mary, most holy, assist us to obtain a true faith in the glorious mystery of the Resurrection of your Son, as we await our own participation in this marvelous event.

*Will these ashes one day take on the form of beauty, be restored to life, restored to light? The bodies of all of us, of me who now speaks to you and of you who now listen, all of us in a few years will be ashes, and yet a few years ago we were not even ashes. If he was able to create what did not exist, will he not be able to remake what once existed? (Sermon 361, 12)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**12<sup>th</sup> Art. – *I believe in life everlasting.*** – Let us consider the ultimate end of humanity, namely, the everlasting life prepared by God for his faithful servants.

Mary, most holy, assist us to choose wisely how we use the time we have on this earth, that we may eventually obtain the eternal joys of the blessed in heaven.

*We shall see, we shall love, we shall praise. Our vision will not fail, our live will never end, and our praise will never fall silent. Love sings now: then, too, it is love that will sing. But now it is a yearning love that sings, then it will be an enjoying love. (Sermon 254, 8)*

Quiet reflection.

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**Finally.** – Let us consider God’s saving promise always to remain faithful to his loving covenant.

Mary, most holy, come to the aid of all who call upon you for consolation in these difficult times.

*Christ is the head of the Church, and the Church forms his members. What has occurred first in the head will follow in the body. This is our hope, and with this in view we believe, we hold out, and we persevere amid all the obstacles the world throws up against us; for until hope becomes reality, the hope itself is our consolation. But the reality will come when we too rise again and become equal to the angels, for we shall be transformed, to live the life of heaven. (Exposition of Psalm 65, 1)*

Quiet reflection

*Our Father and Hail Mary.*



**Hail holy Queen,**

Mother of mercy, our life,  
our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,  
to you do we send up our sighs  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this, our exile,  
show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, o loving, o sweet virgin Mary.

+ Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

**R/.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

+ Let us Pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
God of mercy and consolation,  
your faithful rejoice in the protection  
of the holy Virgin Mary, Mother of Consolation.  
Through her motherly intercession  
may we be freed from all evils in this life  
and be worthy of coming  
to the eternal joy of heaven,  
where you live and reign forever and ever.

**R/.** Amen

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