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Servant's Prayer

Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name give glory because of your mercy and faithfulness. In the joy and comfort of your love we live in peace with faith and hope in your grace. You guide and lead us to the path of holiness through the light of Christ and the truth of the Holy Spirit. As members of the body of Christ, we humbly submit our lives to your holy will and incline our ear to your living word.

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Directions

1. *Live a spirit-led life by soaking in the word of God.*
2. *Pray for conversion of souls.*
3. *Proclaim the good news.*

VISION

With technological advancement to propagate the faith, the Eucharistic Love Community adheres to the evangelization effort of the Roman Catholic Church. Its global presence shall become the cornerstone of the individual calling of all servants. All for God's glory!

MISSION

As zealous friends of the Lord, the Eucharistic Love Community promotes and shares God's healing presence through the Holy Eucharist with strong Marian Devotion.

WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS RIGHT TO PRAY FOR

From a letter to Proba by Saint Augustine, bishop

You may still want to ask why the Apostle said: We do not know what it is right to pray for, because, surely, we cannot believe that either he or those to whom he wrote did not know the Lord's Prayer.

He showed that he himself shared this uncertainty. Did he know what it was right to pray for when he was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to bruise him, so that he might not be puffed up by the greatness of what was revealed to him? Three times he asked the Lord to take it away from him, which showed that he did not know what he should ask for in prayer. At last, he heard the Lord's answer, explaining why the prayer of so great a man was not granted, and why it was not expedient for it to be granted: My grace is sufficient for you, for power shines forth more perfectly in weakness.

In the kind of affliction, then, which can bring either good or ill, we do not know what it is right to pray for; yet, because it is difficult, troublesome and against the grain for us, weak as we are, we do what every human would do, we pray that it may be taken away from us. We owe, however, at least this much in our duty to God: if he does not take it away, we must not imagine



that we are being forgotten by him but because of our loving endurance of evil, must await greater blessings in its place. In this way, power shines forth more perfectly in weakness. These words are written to prevent us from having too great an opinion of ourselves if our prayer is granted, when we are impatient in asking for

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Spiritual Journey

Spiritual maturity is to accept that faith and hope will both come to an end when we die. But love will remain. Love is eternal. Love comes from God and returns to God. When we die, we will lose everything that life gave us except love. The love with which we lived

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(MOTHER OF THE CHURCH)

Source: Catholicism Study Guide written by Carl E. Olson based on the series created by Rev. Robert E. Barron

That Immaculate Mary, Theotokos, was assumed body and soul into heaven is not a matter of mere curiosity or historical trivia, nor is Mary simply an admirable spiritual model. As Queen of all the saints, she is alive and active in the Church, working to draw mankind into living communion with her Son. Two thousand years ago, she said, "Yes!" to God, and she has never ceased to say, "Yes!" to him ever since.

There have been tens of thousands of Marian apparitions reported in recent centuries. One of the most extraordinary and captivating encounters between the Blessed Mother and a simple soul took place in Mexico nearly five hundred years ago. On December 9, 1531 (just a few years after Cortez and his men had arrived in Vera Cruz, Mexico, in February of 1519), a recent Aztec convert to Catholicism came to the hill of Tepeyac. Juan Diego was a twenty-nine-year-old landowner and mat weaver, mild-mannered and a recent convert (and an even more recent widower). Hearing a beautiful birdsong, he turned to see the bird but instead saw a young lady, about fourteen years of age, clothed in the sun, with a burst of light around her. She said to the startled man:

Know for certain, least of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, the true God, through whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of Heaven and earth. It is my earnest wish that a temple be built here to my honor. Here I will

demonstrate, I will manifest, I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, and of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities, and misfortunes.

The lady told him she wished for the bishop to build a temple there in her honor. Juan Diego conveyed the message to the bishop, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga, who received his visitor kindly, listened to his story, and then asked for a sign. The sign was given to him the next day, when the lady invited Juan Diego to take off his tilma, a cloak woven from cactus fibers. In it she placed some roses, which were blooming despite being out of season. When he took the cloak to the bishop and opened it, the roses spilled out and revealed a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary mysteriously imprinted on the inside of the garment. The bishop fell to his knees and promised to build the church.

Just a charming story for the faithful? Merely an enjoyable myth? Some say so, but there is one obstinate problem: the tilma itself. Studies have shown that the cloth is indeed from the sixteenth century and is composed of flimsy cactus fibres, which under normal circumstances would fade away in a few decades, if not sooner. But it still exists five hundred years later. Then, there is the captivating and strange image. There is no discernable under-drawing, and careful

tests have shown that no known pigmentation was involved in its creation.

The symbolism in the image is stunning. The lady depicted is not a Spaniard or a Mexican, but a mestizo girl, a blend of the two. She is known as la Morena, the brown-skinned girl. The cincture that she wears was an Aztec sign of pregnancy. She stands in front of the sun and on the moon, and her cloak is bedecked with stars, all gods for the ancient Aztecs. It is evocative of the great vision depicted in Revelation 12: "And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery" (Rev. 12:1-2).

The Virgin stands with her eyes turned down, and her hands folded in prayer; her posture demonstrates her humility before One who is greater than she. Her name, Guadalupe, is probably a Spanish deformation of coatlaxopeuh, pronounced "coatlasupe." It means "the one who crushes the serpent." The serpent was an important Aztec divinity, and the crusher of the serpent is the one predicted in the book of Genesis (see Gen. 3:14-15). Within ten years of this Marian apparition, almost the entire nation of Mexico had converted to Christianity, some nine million souls. That works out to about 3,000 people per day for ten years, extraordinary by any standard. And still they come: the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the most visited religious site in the Christian world, attracting more visitors than even St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

WE DO NOT ...

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something that it would be better not to receive; and to prevent us from being dejected, and distrustful of God's mercy toward us, if our prayer is not granted, when we ask for something that would bring us greater affliction, or completely ruin us through the corrupting influence of prosperity. In these cases we do not know what is right to ask for in prayer.

Therefore, if something happens that we did not pray for, we must have no doubt at all that what God wants is more expedient than what we wanted ourselves. Our great Mediator gave us an example of this. After he had said: Father, if it is possible, let this cup be taken away from me, he immediately added, Yet not what I will, but what you will, Father; so transforming the human will that was his through his taking a human nature. As a consequence, and rightly so, through the obedience of one man the many are made righteous.

THE FRIENDSHIP OF GOD

Our Lord, the Word of God, first drew men to God as servants, but later he freed those made subject to him. He himself testified to this: I do not call you servants any longer, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. Instead I call you friends, since I have made known to you everything that I have learned from my Father. Friendship were God brings the gift of immortality to those who accept it.

In the beginning God created Adam, not because he needed man, but because he wanted to have someone on whom to bestow his blessings. Not only before Adam but also before all creation, the Word was glorifying the Father in whom he dwelt, and was himself being glorified by the Father. The Word himself said: Father, glorify me with that glory I had with you before the world was.

Nor did the Lord need our service. He commanded us to follow him, but his was the gift of salvation. To follow the Savior is to share in salvation; to follow the light is to enjoy the light. Those who are in the light do not illuminate the light but are themselves illuminated and enlightened by the light. They add nothing to the light; rather, they are beneficiaries, for they are enlightened by the light.

The same is true of service to God: it adds nothing to God, nor does God need the service of man. Rather, he gives life and immortality and eternal glory to those who follow and serve him. He confers a benefit on his servants in return for their service and on his followers in return for their loyalty, but he receives no benefit from them. He is rich, perfect and in need of nothing.

The reason why God requires service from man is this: because he is good and merciful he desires to confer benefits on those who persevere in his service. In proportion to God's need of nothing is man's need for communion with God.

This is the glory of man: to persevere and remain in the service of God. For this reason the Lord told his disciples: You did not choose me but I chose



you. He meant that his disciples did not glorify him by following him, but in following the Son of God they were glorified by him. As he said: I wish that where I am they also may be, that they may see my glory.

Healing Prayers

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your call and received the anointing given to us we may be strengthened in our spiritual battle against principalities and power of darkness and empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit to remain vigilant in the mission you entrusted to us. Help us sweet virgin Mary. Embrace us with your mantle of love and protection. Amen.

Sweet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Your Real Presence beckons everyone to come, lay up all our cares and concerns and allow Him to give consolation to us in this grave conditions of contemporary life where we go about rushing here and there without peace and rancor inhabits the hearts of men. He is waiting for all of us in all tabernacles of the world to listen and give us rest in the many burdens that we carry. Oh, if only we know it is "heaven on earth" as we spend time to be in His awesome Presence! Dear Lord, as we gaze at Your hiddenness and humility at the Sacred Host, transform our hearts to be like Yours, gentle and meek, kind and loving to all. May we empty ourselves for others sake, in service and love. In Jesus' Name, I pray with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

Spiritual Journey

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our lives is the life of God within us. It is the divine, indestructible core of our being. This love not only will remain but will also bear fruit from generation to generation. As we prepare for our death, can we say to those we leave behind, "Don't let your heart be troubled. The love of God that dwells in my heart will come to you and offer you consolation and comfort."

Healing Prayers

Sweet Jesus, your towns folk were too familiar to you that they judge you before you could do good for them. Please Jesus, do not allow me to judge others because you are the only true judge. Instead, allow me to listen to what others have to say and observe their ways that I may respect them as you respect me. Please allow my difference from others be an opportunity to grow in your love. Please grant my life experiences be your blessing to develop a deep personal intimate relationship with you. Amen.

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God is the purpose by which you came down from heaven to earth in human form through the blessed womb of Mary. As your chosen disciples, we too are called to be instruments of your healing love to the sick, afflicted, weak, weary and downtrodden through our faithful intercession. Lord, we pray that as we accepted

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Jesus, present and alive in the Sacrament of Love, you said to your apostles; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons and strengthen the weak. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

You are my hands, my heart, my voice and my feet.

Go forth and become fishers of men.

Offer your time, talent and treasure to those in need.

Spread my word and proclaim my Eucharistic Kingdom.

Abide in my love and remain in my word so you will have eternal life.

Here we are O Lord, ready to do your will. Amen.

Prayer Requests

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)

Lord, we lift up to you all prayer intentions of our brothers and sisters who need your healing love and presence, especially those petitions we received through <http://EucharisticLove.org>, <http://2000HailMarys.org> and individual forms submitted during our community services.

**Dear Lord,
we thank you
for all
the blessings
you showered
upon us
and all
answered prayers.**

HEALING THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday of the month 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays of the month 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Every last Saturday of the month 8:30 AM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Every second Saturday of the month 9:00 AM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
	Every Monday before 2000 Hail Mary's 8:30 PM	

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