

## Prayers to Our Lady

Below are five different prayers to Our Lady. As a household, choose a week dedicated to prayers to Mary. Each evening, say one of the cultural prayers to Our Lady below. Use the web link under each prayer to learn more about Mary's influence in that culture.

### Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Mary, you showed yourself to  
Bernadette  
in the crevice of the rock.  
In the cold and grey of winter,  
you brought the warmth, light  
and beauty  
of your presence,

In the often obscure depths of  
our lives,  
in the depth of the world  
where evil is so powerful,  
bring hope,  
return our confidence!

You are the Immaculate  
Conception,  
come to our aid, sinners that we are.  
Give us the humility to have a change of  
heart,  
the courage to do penance.

Teach us to pray for all people.  
Guide us to the source of true life.  
Make us pilgrims going forward with  
your Church,  
whet our appetite for the Eucharist,  
the bread for the journey, the bread of  
life.



The Spirit brought about  
wonders in you, O Mary :  
by his power, he has placed  
you near the Father,  
in the glory of your eternal  
Son.

Look with kindness  
on our miserable bodies  
and hearts.  
Shine forth for us, like a  
gentle light,  
at the hour of our death.

Together with Bernadette, we  
pray to you, O Mary,  
as your poor children.

May we enter, like her, into the spirit of  
the Beatitudes.  
Then, we will be able, here below,  
begin to know the joy of the Kingdom of  
Heaven  
and sing together with you :  
Magnificent !

Glory to you, Virgin Mary,  
blessed servant of the Lord,  
Mother of God,  
dwelling place of the Holy Spirit!  
Amen.

Source: [http://www.lourdes-france.org/index.php?goto\\_centre=ru&contexte=en&id=501&id\\_rubrique=501](http://www.lourdes-france.org/index.php?goto_centre=ru&contexte=en&id=501&id_rubrique=501)

## Prayer to Our Lady of Africa

Our Lady of Africa, Mother of us all,  
be specially mindful of the peoples of Africa.

Gather together all those who follow Jesus Christ.  
May they be one in the Church of your Son.

May all those who have not yet recognized Jesus  
as the Son of the Father be drawn by his Light.

May all those who have been seized by Christ  
proclaim the Good News by their whole life.

You who were present with the Apostles  
at the beginning of the Church,  
support the apostles of today  
that they may boldly proclaim the Word of God.

You who were open to the Holy Spirit  
to welcome Jesus within you  
and give Him to the world,  
obtain for many young people  
a like openness and availability.

Our Lady of Africa, Queen of Peace,  
obtain the gift of peace for all nations  
torn apart by hatred, resentment and racism.

Source: <http://www.africamission-mafr.org/ndafrigb.htm>



## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for the Church, protect the Holy Father, help all who invoke you in their necessities. Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the Grace of a firm faith and sure hope amid the bitterness of life, as well as an ardent love and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

Source: <http://www.wf-f.org/Guadalupe.html#anchor6912623>



## Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa



O Mary, our dear Lady of Czestochowa, look graciously upon your children in this troubled and sinful world Embrace us all in your loving and Motherly protection. Protect our young from godless ways; assist our dear ones grown old with age to prepare for their journey home; shield our defenseless unborn from the horrors of abortion, and be our strength against all sin. Spare your children from all hatred, discrimination and war. Fill our hearts, our homes and our world with that peace and love which comes only from your Son, whom you so tenderly embrace. O, Queen and Mother, be our comfort and strength!

In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

Source: <http://www.marypages.com/Czestochowa.htm>

## Prayer to Our Lady of La Vang

Mother Mary, Our Lady, present us to Jesus, Our Savior. Mother Mary, lead all souls to Jesus, our Dear Lord who alone redeems and saves. Dear Jesus, free us from the bondage of sin and govern us with Your Love.  
Amen

Source: <http://www.marypages.com/LaVang.htm>

