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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.

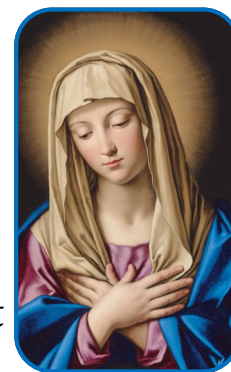
Help us be patient
with one another
in our weaknesses, faults,
and failures of memory
and attention.

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.