

## THE GAELIC LITANY OF MARY

*from an 8th century manuscript  
lost for a thousand years*



○ Great Mary, *Pray for us.*  
○ Mary, greatest of Marys,  
○ Greatest of women,  
○ Queen of Angels,  
○ Mistress of the heavens,  
○ Woman full and replete  
with the grace of the  
Holy Spirit,  
○ Blessed and most blessed,  
○ Mother of Eternal Glory,  
○ Mother of the Heavenly  
and earthly Church,  
○ Mother of love and  
indulgence,  
○ Mother of the Golden  
Heights,  
○ Honor of the sky,  
○ Sign of tranquility,  
○ Gate of Heaven,  
○ Golden Vessel,  
○ Couch of Love and  
Mercy,  
○ Temple of Divinity,  
○ Beauty of virgins,  
○ Mistress of the tribes,

*Pray for us.*

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○ Fountain of gardens,  
○ Cleansing of sins,  
○ Purifying of souls,  
○ Mother of orphans,  
○ Breast of infants,  
○ Solace of the wretched,  
○ Star of the Sea,  
○ Handmaid of the Lord,  
○ Mother of Christ,  
○ Resort of the Lord,  
○ Graceful like the dove,  
○ Serene like the moon,  
○ Resplendent like the sun,  
○ Cancelling Eve's  
disgrace,  
○ Regeneration of life,  
○ Beauty of women,  
○ Leader of virgins,  
○ Garden enclosed,  
○ Fountain sealed up,  
○ Mother of God,  
○ Perpetual Virgin,  
○ Holy Virgin,  
○ Prudent Virgin,  
○ Serene Virgin,

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○ Chaste Virgin,  
○ Temple of the Living  
God,  
○ Royal Throne of  
the Eternal King,  
○ Sanctuary of the Holy  
Spirit,  
○ Virgin of the Root of  
Jesse,  
○ Cedar of Mount Lebanon,  
○ Cypress of Mount Sion,  
○ Crimson Rose of  
the Land of Jacob,  
○ Blooming like the palm  
tree,  
○ Fruitful like the olive  
tree,  
○ Glorious Son-bearer,  
○ Light of Nazareth,  
○ Glory of Jerusalem,  
○ Beauty of the world,  
○ Noblest-Born of the  
Christian flock,  
○ Queen of Life,  
○ Ladder of Heaven,

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Hear the petition of the poor;  
spurn not the wounds and the  
groans of the miserable.

Let our devotion and our  
sighs be carried through thee to  
the presence of the Creator, for  
we are not ourselves worthy of  
being heard because of our evil  
deserts.

O powerful Mistress of  
heaven and earth, wipe out our  
trespasses and our sins.

Destroy our wickedness and  
depravity.

Raise the fallen, the  
debilitated, and the fettered.  
Loose the condemned.

Repair through thyself the  
transgressions of our immorality  
and our vices. Bestow upon us  
through thyself the blossoms  
and ornaments of good actions  
and virtues. Appease for us the  
Judge by thy prayers and thy  
supplications. Allow us not, for  
mercy's sake, to be carried off

from thee among the spoils of  
our enemies. Allow not our  
souls to be condemned, but take  
us to thyself for ever under thy  
protection.

We, moreover, beseech and  
pray thee, holy Mary, to obtain,  
through thy potent supplication,  
before thy only Son, that is,  
Jesus Christ, the Son of the  
living God, that God may  
defend us from all straits and  
temptations.

Obtain also for us from the  
God of Creation the forgiveness  
and remission of all our sins and  
trespasses, and that we may  
receive from Him further,  
through thy intercession, the  
everlasting habitation of the  
heavenly kingdom, through all  
eternity, in the presence of the  
saints and the saintly virgins of  
the world; which may we  
deserve, may we enjoy, *in  
saecula saeculorum*. Amen.