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MARIAN PRAYER

— *Saint Catherine of Siena*



O Mary, temple of the Trinity.
O Mary, bearer of fire.
O Mary, dispenser of mercy.
O Mary, restorer of human
generation, because the world
was repurchased
by means of the sustenance
that your flesh
found in the Word,
Christ repurchased the world
with his Passion
and you with your suffering.
O Mary, peaceful ocean.
O Mary, giver of peace.
O Mary, fruitful land.
You, O Mary,
are that new plant
from which we have the fragrant
flower of the Word,
only-begotten Son of God,
because this Word
was sown in you,
O fruitful land.
You are the land and the plant.
O Mary, vehicle of fire
you bore the fire hidden
and veiled beneath the ash
of your humanity.

O Mary, vase of humility,
in which there burns the light
of true knowledge
with which you lifted yourself
above yourself
and yet were pleasing
to the eternal Father;
hence he took
and brought you to himself,
loving you
with a singular love.
With this light
and fire of your charity
and with the oil
of your humility,
you drew and inclined
His divinity
to come into you,
although He was first drawn
to us by the most ardent fire
of His inestimable charity.

Today, O Mary,
you have become a book
in which our rule is written.
In you, today,
is written the wisdom
of the eternal Father.

In you, today,
is manifested the strength
and freedom of all mankind.
I say that the dignity of mankind
is manifested because
when I look at you, O Mary,
I see that the hand of the Holy
Spirit has written the Trinity
in you, forming in you
the Incarnate Word,
the only begotten Son of God.
He has written for us
the wisdom of the Father,
that is, the Word.
He has written for us his power,
because he was powerful
in effecting this great mystery.
And He has written for us
the clemency of that Holy Spirit,
because only through grace
and the Divine clemency
was so great a mystery ordained
and accomplished.
But today I ardently
make my request,
because it is the day of graces,
and I know that nothing is
refused to you, O Mary.

Today, O Mary,
your land has generated
the Saviour for us.
O Mary, blessed are you
among women
throughout the ages.
Amen.

*Read more: Marian Prayer Of Saint
Catherine of Siena
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A Prayer for Priests

Father, I beseech You,
direct the hearts
and wills of the servants
of Your Bride, the Holy Church,
unto yourself so that they may
follow the poor, bleeding,
humble, and gentle Lamb of God
on the way of the Cross.
Make them angels
in the shape of men;
for after all, they have
to administer
and distribute
the Body and Blood
of Your Only Begotten Son!
Amen.

From the Writings of St. Catherine of Siena

This Word was engrafted in her
flesh, this blessed and sweet field
of Mary, as the seed that is cast on
the earth. Through the warmth of
the sun, it germinates and draws
out the flower and the fruit and
the shell remains on the earth. So,
truly, [it was] through the warmth
and the fire of divine charity
which God had for the human
race, casting the seed of His Word
in the field of Mary. O blessed and
sweet Mary, you have given us
the flower of the sweet Jesus! And
when did this blessed flower
produce the fruit? When He was
grafted on the wood of the most
holy cross. Then we received
perfect life. [Letter 144]
Praised be Jesus Christ crucified,
dear son of the glorious Virgin
Mary. . . . Praised be Christ
crucified, and His most sweet
Mother, glorious Virgin,
Our Lady Holy Mary. Sweet
Jesus, Jesus love. [Letter 15]