

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