



**St. Ann Church and
National Shrine
4940 Meadowdale Street
Metairie, Louisiana 70006**

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, / health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, / you know my wants, my troubles, my suffering. / Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. / By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, / you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, where you dispensed your favors, / and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities both spiritual and corporal. / I come therefore with the most unbounded confidence / to implore your maternal intercession. / Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. *(Pause — mention intentions.)*

Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, / that I may one day share your glory. / Amen.

(Optional Prayers)

PRAYER TO OBTAIN SOME SPECIAL FAVOR

Great St. Ann, engrave indelibly on my heart and in my mind the words which have reclaimed and sanctified so many sinners: “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” *(Mark 8:36)* May this be the principal fruit of these exercises by which I will strive to honor you during this novena. At your feet I renew my resolution to invoke you daily, not only for the success of my temporal affairs and to be preserved from sickness and suffering, but above all, that I may be preserved from all sin, and that I may succeed in working out my eternal salvation. O most powerful St. Ann, do not let me lose my soul, but obtain for me the grace of winning my way to heaven, there with you and your blessed daughter, to sing the praise of the most holy and adorable Trinity for ever and ever. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Immaculate Mary, lily of purity, I salute you, because from the very first

instant of your conception you were filled with grace. I thank and adore the most Holy Trinity for having imparted to you favors so sublime. O Mary, full of grace, help me to share, even though just a little, in the fullness of grace so wonderfully bestowed on you in your Immaculate Conception. With firm confidence in your never failing intercession, we beseech you to obtain for us the intentions of this novena ... *(Pause — mention intentions)* ... and also that purity of mind, heart and body necessary to unite us with God. Good St. Ann — pray for us. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ANN

(prayed after lighting a candle in the shrine)

Saint Ann, you brought into the world the Virgin Mary, and Mary gave us Jesus, the only Son of the Most High God, the crucified Redeemer, the risen Lord. Blessed St. Ann, we revere you, we praise you, we appeal to you. Guard over and protect faith in our hearts, grace in our souls, stability in our homes, love in our families, reconciliation in the Church, peace in the world. Keep the virtue of hope alive within us as a patient and persevering flame like this candle which burns before you, prolonging our prayer. St. Ann, watch over us.