

Help us to accept and encourage
the worship of your Son by people of all cultures
according to their customs.

14 JULY - THE SICK

Suffering because of sickness is a sorrowful mystery of our human condition.

INTENTIONS

Physical psychological, emotional and spiritual healing

For those who care for and comfort the ill

To feel God's companionship in times of need

Mary, your son Jesus has great compassion for the sick and has, during His life on earth and right up until today, healed many, especially through your intercession. Continue always to intercede for all our sick.

15 JULY - OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

To be separated from loved ones is always difficult. When death is the separator, only our faith is able to provide hope and healing.

INTENTIONS

Thanksgiving for their lives and times shares

For all who mourn

For eternal life

Mary you suffered greatly when you held the lifeless body of your Son in your arms, yet you did not doubt for a moment in His Resurrection.

Intercede with us for all our loved ones who have died, that they may enjoy forever the promises of the Risen Lord.

16 JULY - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

As part of our Carmelite Family,
we invite you to pray with us using the intentions and prayers below.

7 JULY - PEACE IN OUR WORLD

Peace in our world depends on the depth of the desire for peace in every human heart.

INTENTIONS

A just and fair economic and political system

Harmony and understanding among all peoples

Respect for different cultures and religious beliefs

Mary, because you desired reconciliation and peace between humanity and God, you were able, through grace and the Holy Spirit, to bring the Lord of Peace into our world. Teach us to be people of true peace.

8 JULY - FREEDOM FROM WAR, SLAVERY AND OPPRESSION

When the human heart is enslaved by its own selfishness it is not capable of working towards any kind of freedom.

INTENTIONS

*Warm, heartfelt and embracing welcome for refugees
Freedom from addiction, anxiety and fear*

Mary, by giving your will to God you allowed Him to work freely in you and through you. Teach us what true freedom is.

9 JULY - ALL FAMILIES

The capacity to love and be loved creates families.

INTENTIONS

*Stronger bonds of love within all families
Forgiveness and peacemaking
The wisdom of not taking each other for granted*

Mary, by allowing God to be born through you, you have become the Mother of the whole human race. Teach us to love and support all families unconditionally.

10 JULY - VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

The innocent victims of violence and abuse hold a special place in the heart of the One who suffered all for all.

INTENTIONS

*Healing for the wounds of hearts and minds
Courage and confidence to build a new life
Rebuilding of trust in new relationships and in God*

Mary, you watched Jesus your son as He suffered all the abuse and violence that humans are capable of and you suffered with Him with every fibre of your being. Teach our hearts to be sensitive to, and to suffer with all victims of violence and abuse.

11 JULY - YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people are the hope and future of our Church and nation.

INTENTIONS

*To be understanding and tolerant of their journey
To reach out to those who feel alone or afraid or estranged from family and home*

Mary in your youth you gave yourself completely to God. Teach us to live our faith in a way that will attract young people to your Son.

12 JULY - THE ELDERLY

The wisdom that can only be learnt from experiences of life is found in our elderly.

INTENTIONS

*For courage to embrace the challenges of ageing
To respect and honour the wisdom of those who have lived a long life
For fulfilment for retired people*

Mary, your elderly parents Anne and Joachim were your first teachers of the ways of God and His wisdom. Teach us to love, respect and cater generously for all the elderly, especially those who have touched our lives with their wisdom.

13 JULY - CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE

The Good News of Christ has spread and formed Christians of all nations and cultures.

INTENTIONS

*To be the living presence of God in the world and faithful followers in our chosen vocation
To be active ministers of faith and love*

Mary, your motherhood does not set up boundaries between nations and cultures.