

## OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

According to the legend, the Evangelist Luke painted a picture of the Blessed Mother while she was still living in Jerusalem. And when St. Luke presented her the picture, she said, “my grace will go with it everywhere”. That picture was placed by St. Pulcheria at the church of St. Sophia in Constantinople and was known as the Leader of the Way. Many miracles happened attributed to the picture. The picture remained there and venerated for thousand years until the year 1453.

In 1499, a similar picture called Holy Mary of Perpetual Help was placed in the Church of St. Matthew the Apostle, now called St. Alphonsus, in Rome. The devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help began to spread during the time of Pope Pius IX, as he told the Redemptorists “Make her known throughout the world”.

In the Philippines, the Redemptorists brought the miraculous picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in 1906. The Novena began in 1948 at the Redemptorists Church in Baclaran, a suburb in Manila. In the same Church today, thousands of devotees come every Wednesday to pray the novena. Miracles happened to many people through the devotion as attested by their thanksgiving prayers/petitions placed at the altar everyday. The devotion spread in the different churches in the Philippines.



### MARY, MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

by which name we honor you.  
Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit  
And move us to hope for every blessing  
from you.

Mary, accept our devout homage as we  
earnestly implore you to be gracious to us  
in our daily needs.

Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help,  
pray for us.



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**Black Nazarene**

## **Prayer to Black Nazarene**

God our father, your word, Jesus Christ, Spoke peace to a sinful world and brought mankind the gift of reconciliation.

By the suffering and death he endured on the cross.

Teach us, the people who bear his name, to follow the example he gave us.

May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **Prayer to Saint Lorenzo Ruiz**

Beloved Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, confronted with death, you proclaimed your readiness to die a thousand times for your Christian faith, help us to have the same faith and love that you had for God.

Today the whole world admires your courage.

We as Filipinos feel particular proud of you as our countryman and brother.

Give us strength to withstand the adversities and difficulties of our migrant lives, teach us to turn trials into blessings and grief into joy.

Make us one people, help us to work in harmony for the development of this country and the benefit of our families. Amen



**Saint Lorenzo Ruiz  
First Filipino Saint**