

The Crowning  
of Our Lady's statue  
for the month of May.



*For those who wish to celebrate this service, please make a simple garland (crown) from the flowers in your garden and place it on the head of your statue of Our Lady. We then sing:*

Bring flowers of the rarest,  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from garden and woodland,  
and hillside and dale.  
Our full hearts are swelling  
our glad hearts are telling,  
the praise of the loveliest  
flower of the vale.

*O Mary, we crown thee,  
with blossoms today;  
Queen of the angels,  
and Queen of the May.  
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with blossoms today,  
Queen of the angels,  
and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,  
their mistress proclaim thee,  
oh, grant that thy children,  
on earth be as true.  
As long as the bowers  
are radiant with flowers,  
as long as the azure shall  
keep it's bright hue.

Sing gaily in chorus,  
the bright angels o'er us,  
re-echo the strains we  
begin upon earth.  
Their harps are repeating,  
the notes of our greeting,  
for Mary herself is the  
cause of our mirth.

*Then, kneeling before the statue we say:*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
to thee do we cry, O poor banished children of Eve,  
to thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.  
Turn then most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes towards us, and after this, our exile,  
show into us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary;  
pray for us O holy Mother of God,  
that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

## The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

P/ We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God.  
Despise not our petitions in our necessities;  
but deliver us from all dangers,  
O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin.

P/ Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

R/ Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Immaculate heart of Mary  
Mary Assumed into heaven  
Mary conceived without sin  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Our Lady of Good Help  
Mother most pure  
Virgin of virgins  
Ark of the Covenant  
Refuge of sinners  
Help of Christians  
Comfort of the afflicted  
Queen of angels  
Queen of Martyrs  
Queen of all the Saints  
Queen of peace

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*We then offer*  
for the Holy Father's intentions:  
*One Our Father,*  
*One Hail Mary and*  
*One Glory Be*

*We finish by singing:*

Hail Queen of Heaven, the ocean star,  
guide of the wanderer here below;  
thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;  
save us from peril, and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,  
pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
we sinners make our prayers through thee;  
remind thy son, that he has paid  
the price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
to thee blest advocate, we cry;  
pity thy sorrows, calm our fears,  
and soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him, who reigns above,  
in Godhead one, in persons three;  
the source of life, of grace, of love  
homage we pay on bended knee.  
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
pray for thy children, pray for me.