

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Dear Friend of the Sacred Hearts,

In the tragic news stories of recent weeks, the images of communities coming together to pray and remember the fallen is inspiring. Those who are interviewed by journalists speak of supporting one another and have confidence that they will begin the healing process through prayer and God's grace. It seems that, at some point in every life, we all seek healing from a sorrowful heart or troubling situation. It is the caring concern of others that always brings comfort.

When we learn of the illness of a friend or loved one, we eagerly send a card or make a phone call expressing our hope for healing. It is often more difficult to reach out to someone who we know is suffering from an emotional wound. They may not even be able to speak of it and the reasons can be many...a broken relationship with a spouse or child... the pain of loneliness...despair from a lifelong struggle with addiction...unabating fear, anxiety or grief.

Our Missionaries often see these sources of pain in those who seek help. As they listen and allow burdens to be shared, they can see an easing of the pain held in hearts and minds. When united prayer follows, surely healing begins.

We who deeply believe in the healing mercy of God, present in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, know that the easing of enduring pain can be found through prayer. The image of the compassion of Jesus experienced through the heart of his mother is most apparent when we look to Our Lady of Lourdes. She is a gracious advocate who never fails to hear us when we ask for her intercession. Those who flock to Lourdes to ask her to intercede return home knowing that they are loved and held in the care of Mary and Jesus.

We celebrate Our Lady under the beautiful name of Our Lady of Lourdes every year with a Novena of Masses beginning on her Feast Day, February 11. Into her hands we place all intentions for healing...for those we love, for friends, for ourselves and for our troubled world. Will you take a moment now to write your intentions on the form below so they can be included in the Masses of the Novena?

(over, please)

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR DONATION

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Dear Father John, I will pray with you for all who need healing. Please include my intentions in the Novena honoring Our Lady of Lourdes beginning on February 11. Enclosed is my Novena offering of \$_____. May it help you and your brother Missionaries witness God's love to those in need.

No acknowledgement of my gift is necessary.



Please return this donation form with your contribution made payable to:

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Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

To give by credit card please provide information on reverse side.

I also want to include your own private intentions as we ask Our Lady of Lourdes to pray with us and for us. Please take a moment to write them on the back of the donation form and return it to me in the envelope provided.

When you choose your Our Lady of Lourdes Novena offering, please remember our Missionaries and the needs they face in their day-to-day service to the people entrusted to their care. Our priests, working in foreign missions, are eager to share what they have with the poorest of God's children and we strive to do as much as possible to help them. Your generosity is so very much valued and needed and we are deeply grateful.

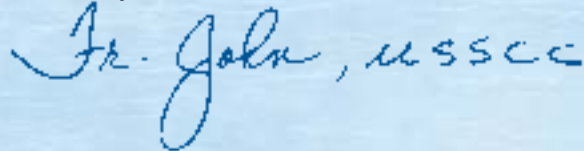
I am enclosing our healing enrollment card, with the image of Our Lady of Lourdes, to send to someone you care about who needs physical, mental or spiritual healing. Sending this gift of prayer assures them that they are not alone and will be remembered in the Masses and prayers offered by our Missionaries.

When you use the card, either now or in the future, simply fill in the name of the person to whom you are sending the card on the white 'Prayer for Healing' form enclosed and return it to me so they will be included in the daily Masses and prayers for the sick and suffering. Certainly, when we pray for the well-being of another, we are following the words of Jesus to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

This year as we celebrate the Novena of Masses honoring our Lady of Lourdes, we will also hold in prayer all those who are seeking healing from the tragedies we all witnessed in 2017 where lives were lost, injured and forever changed. May merciful healing be granted to minds and hearts through our united prayers.

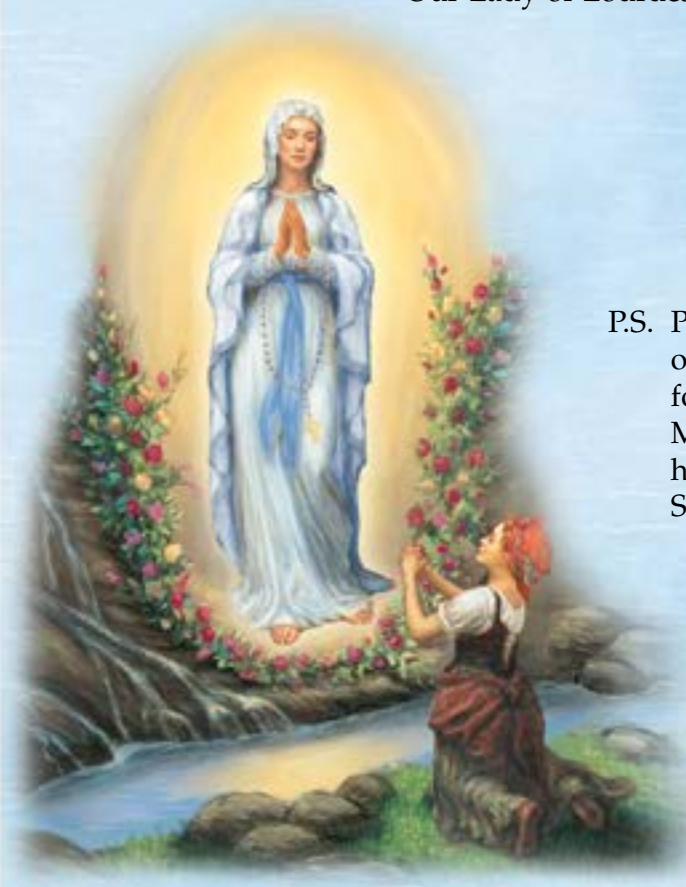
Our Lady of Lourdes, heart of compassion, heart of love, hear our prayers.

Sincerely in the Sacred Hearts,



Father John, M.S.S.C.C.

P.S. Please send me the names of your friends and loved ones, along with any offering that you are able to make, for a special remembrance in our Novena of Healing Masses to begin on February 11. May our Mother Mary hear all our prayers and place them in the hands of our Savior, Jesus.



Please remember the individuals or families listed below in your Novena of Masses for Healing honoring Our Lady of Lourdes.

Also, please remember me and my special Intentions.

Please charge my Visa MasterCard Discover Credit Card Gift: \$ _____

Card # _____ Security # _____
Exp. Date _____ (from back of card) Authorized Signature _____