

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Our Lady of Lourdes, PRAY FOR US.

Dear Special Friend,

Over one hundred fifty years ago, in February of 1858, a young girl, Bernadette, was blessed to be visited by a vision of a beautiful lady. She would soon realize that the lady, who so gently spoke to her, was the mother of Jesus. The small village in which Bernadette lived, Lourdes, would never be the same.

From that time forward, the faithful thronged to this French village to petition Our Lady...for physical and mental healing, for strength, for endurance to bear suffering and for some, the healing of broken faith. Our Lady of Lourdes has remained a powerful intercessor for all who know that it is only with God's grace that we are able to handle the difficulties that we might face in our lives.



As priests and religious, the suffering that we see among those we serve is often hard to understand. Even more difficult is finding the words to comfort and encourage in situations common to many around the world...

- ...the devastation of chronic or terminal illness
- ...dealing with the care of a loved one stricken with Alzheimer's disease
- ...mending the brokenness of homes torn apart by bitterness and abandonment
- ...aiding the hungry and homeless as they struggle against crushing poverty.

To minister to those in search of healing is a blessing. Our Missionaries carry the mission of our Founder, St. Gaetano, to bring the love of God to the suffering and most abandoned. He always looked to Our Lady, the patroness of our Congregation, to sustain him as he sought to comfort the sick, the dying and the marginalized people for whom he cared.

As Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we continue to ask our heavenly mother to be with us and we encourage others to look to her always for courage and comfort. We eagerly celebrate and honor her on all her beautiful Feasts and thank her for her bountiful love.

Our annual Novena of Masses in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes will begin on February 11th in our Villa Pieta Chapel here in Linwood, NJ. Those who are ill and searching for healing, whether

(over, please)

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR DONATION

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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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physical, mental or spiritual, will be placed in the care of our Blessed Mother, as we humbly seek her powerful intercession.

I invite you to join us either in person or in spirit by sending me the names of those who are in need of a healing touch. Will you take a moment now to complete the back of the donation form below with the name(s) of those that you would like to be included in the Lourdes Healing Novena? I want to place the names in our chapel for the Masses of the Novena.

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.

The Novena gift you enclose with your petitions helps our priests and brothers bring a healing touch to those, not only in distant parts of the world, but here at home where many suffer silently. Our gratitude for each gift is carried in our hearts, and remembered faithfully in our prayers for you.

In addition to the Lourdes Novena of Masses, I have enclosed a healing enrollment card that features a beautiful picture of Our Lady of Lourdes to give now or keep for future use for those in need of healing. All who receive the enrollment will be remembered in our Masses and prayers for one year. When you use the card, simply fill in the white Prayer for Healing reply form and return it to me so your friends and loved ones will be included in our daily prayers for the sick and suffering throughout the year.

Every day I am reminded that there are so many who suffer in the silence of their hearts and are unable to share their pain, I will be especially remembering them in the Our Lady of Lourdes Novena. I place you and those you love in her loving hands to comfort and protect you always.

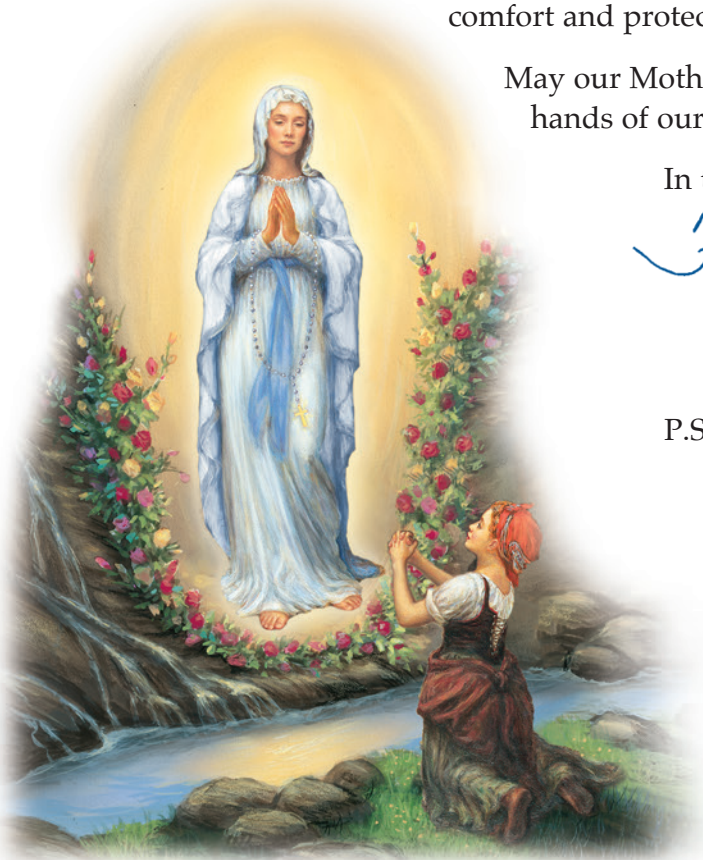
May our Mother Mary hear all our prayers and place them in the hands of our Savior, Jesus.

In the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



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. When I receive your petitions, I will send you a special prayer card with two comforting prayers, "A Prayer of the Sick" and "A Prayer for the Sick."



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: \$ _____

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