

ary as in her palace, the Queen of heaven and earth holds her court, awaits your visit, and invites you to draw near to her. Here, her eyes will be open to the view of your miseries, her ears attentive to the voice of your prayers. Here, she will always be ready to enlighten you, to fortify you, to relieve you, to comfort you, and to bless you.

Come, ye mariners rescued from storm and shipwreck, and return thanks to Her for having saved you from impending danger, pray to Her that She may not cease to protect you, and above all to shield you from the enemies of your salvation, who beset your steps in port, and threaten your souls with eternal destruction.

Come, ye wayfarers of every age and condition, to beseech Her that She may guide your footsteps and lead you safely and auspiciously to your journey's end. To what dangers are you not exposed in the midst of the numerous scandals and temptations that lie in wait for your innocence, in the heart of our large cities and even in the market places. Oh, prostrate yourselves before Mary in Her sanctuary, conjure the mother of purity, the guardian of innocence, to watch over your souls and to preserve them from the fatal contagion of sin.

Poor wanderers, unfortunate exiles, who are seeking for a new home, come, enter into this temple, you may for a moment forget that you are strangers in this world, you will there meet with a compassionate mother, whom the Church calls the life, the hope of pilgrims and travellers, on whom it devolves to console the exiled sons of Adam in this valley of tears.

And you, also, members of the Temperance Society and of the confraternity of the Cross, are you aware of the trials and dangers to which your fidelity is exposed when you enter the city? Have you reflected on the numerous snares which the demon of intemperance has set for you? Have you not learned, by the fatal experience of your own frailty, or by the hideous spectacle afforded by the weakness and unfaithfulness of others, that you run the greatest risk of being taken by surprise and falling a prey to the enemy, if you are not constantly on your guard and powerfully protected by Heaven? Oh, how much you stand in need of the succour of Mary! As soon as you arrive in town direct your steps to the temple of Mary,