

Petitions Asked For.

The following petitions are recommended to the charitable prayers of our readers.

That a person may obtain a certain position; that a teacher may get pupils and a position that was promised; three special intentions; that a husband given to drink may reform.

 OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

Who can describe the sufferings of the Mother of Jesus? Alas, they were continual and excessive! The whole life of the Blessed Virgin was one long protracted agony, a perpetual Martyrdom. The bleeding tragedy of Calvary was ever before her eyes and present to her mind.

St. Bernard assures us that Mary suffered in her soul more than all the martyrs, and for this reason the church calls her the Queen of Martyrs and Mother of Sorrows. Knowing that it was the will of God that Jesus should die to save the world, she co-operated with him with all the powers of her soul. What a wonderful example of patience and resignation does not Mary give us?

Let us ever feel a tender compassion for the Queen of Martyrs, and sometimes reflect that it is we who have been the cause of her long and cruel martyrdom. When we have crosses to bear, let us unite them with hers, and follow in the footsteps of the Son and the Mother. She esteemed herself happy to drink with Jesus of the chalice of His humiliation, and to drain it even to the dregs.

Alas! how little do we resemble this perfect model. A single trial, the slightest suffering is sufficient to dishearten us, and to cause us to murmur and complain. Thus it is that we lose all the fruits of our trials and sufferings. Why are we so weak? Ah, it is because we do not know how to lean upon the cross as Mary did. If we thought often of the sufferings of the crucified Saviour, it would support us in our trials, and instead of pitying ourselves, we would say with the Blessed Virgin, "Father, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."
—The Casket.

Our Lady's Own.

Scapular names have been received at a Falls View, Ont., from St. Finnan's Church, Alexandria, Ont.; Trinity, Trinity Bay, Nfld.; St. Vincent de Paul's church, Niagara, Ont.; St. Basil's Novitiate, Deer Park, Ont.; Yonkers, N. Y.; Michigan; St. Mary's Institute, Buffalo, N.Y.; St. Joseph's Monastery, Winsted, Conn.; Bay City, Mich.; St. James' church, Rockford, Ill.; St. Peter's church, Oshkosh, Wis.; St. Patrick's church, Scranton, Pa.; St. Dominic's Monastery, San Francisco, Cal.; Our Lady of Peace, Falls View, Ont.; La Crescent P. O., Minn.; Gorham, Kan.; Hannah, Mich.; Newport News, Va.; Brechin, Ont.; St. Andrews, Ont.; St. Dunstan's church, Herington, Kan.; Staples, Ont.; University of Notre Dame, Ind.; Church of the Nativity of the Bl. Virgin, Williamstown Ont.

New Baltimore, Pa., from Nicholson, Pa.; St. Mary's Gaylord, Mich.; St. Louis' University, St. Louis, Mo.; Plymouth, Wis.

Holy Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Pa., from St. Ambrose church, Allegheny, Pa.; St. Mary's church, Cleveland, O.; St. Vincent's Orphanage, Cleveland, O.; Convent of the Good Shepherd, Cleveland, O.; St. Michael's church, Pittsburg, Pa.; St. Mary's church, Bloomington, Wis.; Sacred Heart church, Morrilton, Ark.; St. John's church, Scottsdale, Pa.; Abbey of Gethsemani, Gethsemane, Ky.

Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good act to all eternity.

A man should not allow himself to hate even his enemies; because if you indulge this passion on some occasions, it will rise itself in others; if you hate your enemies, you will contract such a habit of mind as by degrees will break out upon those who are your friends, or those who are indifferent to you.

Would you see God? Look at these exquisite flowers, at those waves curling on the current of rivers. Breathe the gentle western winds that bring health and comfort on their wings. Vast seas, wide plains, snow-capped mountains, all that we see, all that we hear speak to us unceasingly of our Father's love.