

she has given birth to her whose Son changes sinner into just sou's ; let all love her with an ardent love since she has given us the Mother of our Saviour. Let none grow tepid, let none grow cold in her service. Let all make a weapon and a shield of her name. God attaches numberless graces to the invocation of that blessed name, to its remembrance, and even to the mere respect and pious affection shown when listening to it. A writer has said : " I affirm with assurance, and the testimony of every conscience vouches for the truth of what I am saying, I have often seen, and I have taken care to verify it, a great number of souls prospering in every way by the mere invocation of that holy name. Try the effects of its power ; after the names of Jesus, of Mary and of Joseph it is so holy and so venerable that it offers itself foremost to our confidence.

Anne, O most holy Mother ! be glorious of a name so sweet and so great, name which I love dearly, name which I love to pronounce a hundred times a day with those of Jesus and Mary ; Anne, O the delight of my soul ! how beautiful and lovely thou art in thy sweetness, thou, whose chaste womb has given us the Virgin Mary, the paradise of all delight ! The Virgin desired by the wishes of the whole world, has been fed and warmed by thy motherly care, she has received from thee all that mothers so generously give to their children. Thou art my consolation in exile, the charm that drives away all sorrow. After Jesus and Mary, be always on my lips and in my heart. I consecrate myself to thee, mother full of tenderness, indulgent patroness. Obtain for me the blessings of thy Daughter and the mercies of thy Grand-Son Jesus. Amen." (1)

(From the French of F. Mermillod, S. J.)

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(1) Joannes Thomas. *Mater honorificata*.

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