

O holy Mary, virgin most renowned, may thy pity have mercy on me, and bless me, may it shine forth its countenance upon me when snares shall be around me on every side, that my enemy may not affright me by his terrible aspect.

O holy Mary, most powerful Virgin; pray my God, I beseech thee, to take away from me whatever displeases him, assist me when I shall be contending against all the wickedness of the enemy in my last agony.

O holy Mary, most clement Virgin! my comfort and refuge in all my necessities, be thou my strength and fortitude at the hour of death from the face of the enemy.

O holy Mary, faithful Virgin! who rejectest no one, but lookest on all with the eyes of thy clemency; into thy hands I commend my spirit, which thy Son hath redeemed, who is blessed for ever.

O holy Mary, Mirror of justice, pray that thy Son, the Just Judge, may bestow the last gift of remission before the day of reckoning, may grant me a place amongst the sheep, and separate me from the goats, and having confounded the accursed, may invite me with the blessed.

O holy Mary, seat of Wisdom, who hadst always the words of wisdom in thy mouth; intercede for me, that when my soul shall have to depart from this world, God may place my enemies the footstool of thy feet.

O holy Mary, Spiritual Vessel, make my soul rejoice in the hour of my death, and say: "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise. To-day

we shall enter the house of the Lord, we shall rejoice therein, and our joy no man shall take from us."

O holy Mary, Cause of our joy, render me by thy intercession a vessel of election, that my heart may constantly bear the name of Jesus thy Son, lest I might become in the hour of death a vessel of contumely, a vessel of wrath and indignation. Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

O holy Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, who was with thee by his grace before he honoured thee by his corporal residence. Blessed be the hour of the Incarnation of the Son of God. Blessed and sanctified be the day which shone upon us when the Gentiles walked in its light. Blessed be the years of the child Jesus, and blessed be those moments during which he improved in grace, in spirit and in wisdom with God and man. Blessed be his infancy, in which he was subject to thee and Joseph, making himself obedient to man on account of man's disobedience to God. Pray for me to thy Son, that in the hour of my death he may not prove a severe Judge, but an amiable infant: who having condescended to be in a manger between beasts, may not reject me who am become as a beast in his sight.

O Holy Mary, vessel of Honour! may I become through thy grace a vessel of honour and praise to God.

O Holy Mary, singular Vessel of Devotion! pray that the Angelic spirits who love thee, may run after