

THE MANTLE: The Voice of the Silent Strength Online Prayer Group

Joining in Prayer Under the Mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Marian Mantle Prayer Group Update For Oct 5, 2007

++MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hi, Everyone,

First of all, we again welcome all our new members here in the Marian Mantle Group – those who learned about us on Relevant Radio and those who attended the presentation at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Hutchinson, KS, and a few who stumbled across our group while browsing the Internet. We are so happy to have you join with us in prayer for all of our prodigal Catholics out there. If you have not yet received our "official" welcome email, please let me know. (It is an FAQ about this group)

If you are considering the possibility of starting a prayer group, please look at our FYI section for more information.

If you placed an order with us in the past couple of weeks, it should have been mailed, at the latest, last Monday so it should have arrived or be arriving in the next few days. If you do not receive it soon, it was either lost or misplaced so please email or phone and I will get it off to you quickly.

Another saint who we might all turn to for intercession was pointed out to me this week by a mom and dad who were asking prayers for strength for themselves as well as for their prodigal son. The son's patron saint is St. Andrew the Apostle. When we examine what we know of St. Andrew we find someone who knows what it is like to suddenly discover Jesus is Lord. In the first chapter of the Gospel according to John it says that Andrew was a fisherman, and the brother of Peter. When Jesus invited Andrew to "Follow me" and to "Come and See.," Andrew left what he was doing and followed, only to return for his brother with the news that he had found the anointed one. Let us ask St. Andrew to intercede for our loved ones that Jesus might open their ears to hear His Voice, open their hearts to recognize the truth, and give them grace to follow the path back to the Sacraments. (I hope St. Andrew will have a busy time ahead.)

About twice a month, more often sometimes, I receive an email or phone call from one of our members sharing the good news of a loved one who has returned or is showing signs of returning to the faith. In the midst of that joy, we always remember that many more of us are still hurting as our loved ones continue in their wayward paths.

I want each one of us to remember—no one ever says, "I knew the very day on which this was going to happen! Most people say, "I had no idea that things were changing. It was *OUT OF THE CLEAR BLUE SKY!*

However, EVERYONE says, "I have been praying." God doesn't build an oak tree overnight. It grows from a tiny acorn over many seasons—with the proper rain and sunshine and nutrients. We know God will care for your prodigals and mine. He created them. He knows best what they need. Our prayers are the rain, sunshine, and nutrition that helps our loved ones eventually grow in the Lord. Our prayers are what will enable them to someday heed the call of the Lord to "Come and See."

As we pray together, may we each continue to have the perseverance of St. Monica and the unconditional love of the father of the prodigal son until that glorious day when we, too, can say, "Rejoice with me! The prodigal for whom I have prayed has come home!"

Peace,
MaryAnn

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PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR Oct 5, 2007

[Prayer intentions submitted to this group are shared only in the semi-weekly email update sent to members of the online prayer group. Please keep all of us and our prodigals in your prayers--just as we will pray for you.]

- +Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us and for our children.
- +St. Benedict, pray for us.
- +St. Jude, pray for us.
- +St. Monica, pray for us.
- +For all our prodigals to find the truth and return to the Lord and His church.
- +For all those unspoken intentions in our hearts known only to us and to God, and for all previous intentions of this list.

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GOD'S WORD FOR US

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; and his servants shall dwell there and possess it; the children of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it. ~Psalms 69:35-36

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WORDS OF HOPE

You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them. ~St. Therese

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WISH LIST

- +Stamps
- +Volunteers to pray during the September 29 talk
- +Help with operating expenses

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FYI

+For help with starting a Silent Strength prayer group to pray for the return of prodigal Catholics contact 913-526-8977 or maryann@marianmantle.com. To help you get started you will receive the documents, "Guide to Forming a 'Silent Strength' Prayer Group", Tips from 'Silent Strength' Prayer Group Leaders, and more. MaryAnn is always available to visit with you about any concerns or questions through email or phone. If you think you might want to do this, take it to the Lord in prayer. If you then wish to continue, contact MaryAnn.

+Presentations For information about bringing the Silent Strength presentation to your parish or Catholic organization, contact 913-526-8977 or maryann@marianmantle.com

+Orders for prayer booklets or recordings may be placed through email or by phone.

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