

Prayer for Ireland

Lord we thank you for the countless blessings
you have poured out on our country in the past.
We praise you for the way in which your grace
found expression in many generous and loving lives.
We are grateful for the prosperity we currently enjoy.
However, we regret, that the flame of the Spirit
has sometimes been quenched by an idolatrous pursuit
of power, pleasure, popularity and possessions.
We confess Lord, that many of us have gone astray,
and selfishly rewritten the commandments to suit ourselves.
We believe that you came to cast fire on the earth
and long for you to renew your wonders in our day
as by a new Pentecost.
Help us to fan the embers of our smouldering faith into a lively flame,
especially by means of regular periods of personal and family prayer,
together with acts of self-denial.
Mary mother of Jesus, we entrust Ireland to your motherly care.
In the past our people remained faithful to your Son in times of
persecution.
We pray now that we may also remain faithful in times of tribulation. Amen.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise the petitions of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.

TRUST IN THE LORD

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.” — Jesus (John 14:1)