

# LITANY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is 16th July. It was reduced in rank from a greater double feast to a mere commemoration in 1962, an act of vandalism which will one day be reversed. Fortunately, it remains inscribed on the universal calendar of 1962.

The petitions which are enclosed in parentheses are to be prayed only by Carmelites and those who, having been enrolled in the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, wear the brown scapular.

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Virgin of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of Christ, *&c.*

Holy Mary, mother of beautiful love,

Holy Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Holy Mary, dwelling-place of God,

Holy Mary, seat of wisdom,

Holy Mary, temple of the Holy Ghost,

Holy Mary, sun never setting,

Holy Mary, moon never waning,

Holy Mary, morning star,

Holy Mary, tabernacle of God among men,

Holy Mary, lily among thorns,

Holy Mary, gate of Heaven,

Holy Mary, flawless mirror,

Holy Mary, garden enclosed,

Holy Mary, fountain of living waters,

Holy Mary, promised to the patriarchs,

Holy Mary, foretold by the prophets,

Holy Mary, envisioned by the upright,

Holy Mary, consolation of Adam

through the crushing of the infernal serpent's head,

Holy Mary, symbolised by the appearance of the cloud  
to the prophet Elias on Mount Carmel,  
Holy Mary, spouse of the upright Joseph,  
Holy Mary, unique glory of the Order of Carmel,  
Holy Mary, who hast bestowed the peerless garment,  
the holy scapular, upon St. Simon Stock,  
Holy Mary, everlasting strength and mercy  
because of thine efficacious intercession,  
(Holy Mary, who dost succour with motherly affection  
thy children who observe the rules of thy Confraternity.)  
Holy Mary, unequalled sister of those who daily honour thee  
with praise and prayer in the Order of Carmel,  
(Holy Mary, protectress of all who serve thee worthily  
in this Confraternity,)  
(Holy Mary, helper unto sanctity  
of those who wear thy garment piously,)  
(Holy Mary, advocate of the members of the Confraternity,  
who esteem thy holy scapular,)  
(Holy Mary, consolation of those who die clothed in thy holy scapular,)  
(Holy Mary, speedy redemptrix from the pains of Purgatory  
for all who have properly served thee in this Confraternity,)  
Holy Mary, health of the sick,  
Holy Mary, refuge of sinners,  
Holy Mary, help of Christians,  
Holy Mary, ornament of Carmel,  
Holy Mary, fruitful mother of the Order of Carmel,  
Holy Mary, friend of those  
who live according to the evangelical counsels,  
Holy Mary, queen of those who observe the teachings of the apostles,  
Holy Mary, Queen of Angels,  
Holy Mary, patroness and hope of all Carmelites,

**Ÿ.** Have mercy on us, O blessed lady,  
**Ŕ.** Have mercy on us, O holy mother.

Through thy powerful intercession, *deliver us, O holy Mother of God.*  
From all evil, *deliver us, O holy Mother of God.*  
From all sin, *deliver us, O holy Mother of God.*  
From pestilence, war and famine, *deliver us, O holy Mother of God.*  
From sudden and unforeseen death, *deliver us, O holy Mother of God.*  
From everlasting death, *deliver us, O holy Mother of God.*

Holy Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception,

***protect us, O holy Mother of God.***

Holy Mary, through thy joyful birth, ***protect us, O holy Mother of God.***

Holy Mary, through thy seven joys, ***protect us, O holy Mother of God.***

Holy Mary, through thine observance of the evangelical counsels, &c.

Holy Mary, through thy practice of the seven virtues

prescribed in the Gospel,

Holy Mary, through the Annunciation

by the Archangel Gabriel at Nazareth,

Holy Mary, through the birth of thine only-begotten Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Holy Mary, through the adoration of the three magi from the East,

Holy Mary, through the glorious Resurrection of thy Son,

our divine Saviour,

Holy Mary, through His splendid Ascension into Heaven,

Holy Mary, through the descent of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Holy Mary, through thy wondrous Assumption into Heaven,

Holy Mary, through thy sublime Coronation by the Most Holy Trinity,

(Holy Mary, through thine unspeakable love and tenderness

for those who wear the holy scapular in thy Confraternity,)

We sinners ***beseech thee to hear us.***

That thou wouldst guide and protect the Order and Confraternity

of Carmel, dedicated to thy special devotion,

***we beseech thee, hear us.***

That thou wouldst preserve and assist all here present

and the entire Christian people, ***we beseech thee, hear us.***

That thou wouldst promote and protect all devotion to the service of God

and to thyself, ***we beseech thee, hear us.***

That, through thy holy intercession and particular assistance,

thou wouldst ward away from our souls eternal damnation

(and the souls of our fellow members and benefactors),

That thou wouldst come to the speedy assistance in Purgatory

of all deceased members of the Christian Faith

(and of our Confraternity), and that thou wouldst obtain for them

eternal rest, ***we beseech thee, hear us.***

That thou wouldst preserve and assist us, ***we beseech thee, hear us.***

That thou wouldst hearken to our petitions, ***we beseech thee, hear us.***

Chosen bride of God, ***we beseech thee, hear us.***

Mother and daughter of the everlasting King, Virgin of Carmel,

our mother, our sister and our Queen, ***we beseech thee, hear us***

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
*graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

O mighty advocate in vicissitudes and anxieties, *come to our aid.*

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast honoured the Order of Mount Carmel with the glorious title of the most renowned virgin and mother of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray Thee that, through her intercession, we may be spared all misfortune of soul and body, and may attain to everlasting bliss, Who livest and reignest with the same Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*