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PRAYER BOOK



For the Marist Family

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Stained Glass, St Joseph's Marist College, Cape Town

Youngsters surrounding Marcellin: The faces are based on photos of children at the school. *Bottom left:* The dying Montagne lad is depicted with a red scarf. *Bottom right:* Marcellin as a young shepherd – based on the image at the tomb of Champagnat in the chapel at the Hermitage.



Marcellin Champagnat, Founder of the Marist Brothers

**I could never undertake
anything without having
long recommended it to God.**

**Prayerful Brothers
are the pillars of the Institute.**

**The more of them we have,
the stronger the Society will be
and the more blessed by God.**

Champagnat

SALVE REGINA and INVOCATIONS

Hail holy Queen

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, holy mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you prepared a dwelling worthy of your Son in the body and soul of blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother. Grant then, that we who are happy to celebrate her memory may, by her maternal intercession, be freed from present ills and everlasting death. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Salve Regina

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae,
ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. (11th Century)



Hail Blessed Lady

Hail Blessed Lady, mother most kind and merciful,
fountain of goodness, hope of life immortal.

We are but sinners, children of Eve still in exile.

To you we send our sighs, the trials that befall us
passing through this vale of sorrow.

Hear then our plea as our intercessor.

Turn then to us those loving eyes compassionate
to give us comfort.

Then holy maid, when our exile here on earth is ended,
lead us to Jesus Christ, your Son in glory.

O gentle, O loving, O gracious, O Virgin Mary.

Invocations

Sacred Heart of Jesus

have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

pray for us.

St Joseph

pray for us.

St Michael and all you holy angels

pray for us.

St Marcellin and all you Marist saints

pray for us.

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pray for us.

All you holy men and women saints of God

intercede for us.

May the souls of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



MORNING PRAYER

1. Divine Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we offer you our prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for the coming of your kingdom. We pray especially for the intentions of the Holy Father: ... *general intention* ... and ... *missionary intention* ... Amen.

2. Gracious God, I know you have given me everything I really need. Help me to face the day's challenges with confidence that you will never leave me to struggle alone. Open my heart to your truth and guide me in your way so that I may serve you joyfully in everything I do. Amen.

3. Lord of heaven and earth, by your power and for your glory the sun has risen on yet another day. Thank you for the gift of life renewed throughout the universe.



May all my thoughts, words and deeds of this day be for your greater glory. Amen.

4. Lord, in the silence of this new day, I come to ask for *peace, wisdom, and strength*. Today, I wish: to look at the world with loving eyes; to be understanding, meek, and wise; to see your children beyond appearances, as you see them yourself. Close my ears to all calumny. Guard my tongue from all malice. May thoughts of blessing dwell in my spirit. May I be so kind and full of joy, that all who come near me may feel your presence. Clothe me with your beauty, Lord, that throughout this day I may reveal you to others. Amen. (*Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens † 1996*)

5. Thank you Father, for the refreshment of a good night's rest. In the dawning of another day, I take this moment to place myself in your hands and ask that you renew my faith, my hope, and my love for you and all those I meet. May all that I do today bring you greater glory and honour. Amen.

6. Remain with us the whole day, Lord; let your grace be a sun that never sets. We dedicate this day to you: do not let us offer anything that is evil. May your gift of light pervade us all day that we may be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Amen.

7. God, we offer you today, our prayers, works, joys and sufferings, whatever they may be. We offer them in particular for the intentions of our Holy Father: ... *general intention* ... and ... *missionary intention* ... Amen.

8. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Help me to live one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right as I surrender to his will. Amen.

(Reinhold Niebuhr †1971)



9. Dear God, during this day, grant us
 in all our duties, your help;
 in all our perplexities, your guidance;
 in all our dangers, your protection;
 and in all our sorrows, your peace. Amen.
 (St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo 354-430)



- 10.** Dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see you more clearly,
to love you more dearly,
and to follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

(St Richard of Chichester 1197-1253)

- 11.** Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love,
where there is injury let me sow pardon,
where there is doubt let me sow faith,
where there is despair let me sow hope,
where there is darkness let me sow light,
where there is sadness let me sow joy.



O Divine Master, grant

that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(Commonly ascribed to St Francis of Assisi)



- 12.** Bless all who worship you, almighty God,
from the rising of the sun to its setting:
from your goodness enrich us,
by your love inspire us,
by your Spirit guide us,
by your power protect us,

and in your mercy receive us, now and always. Amen.

(Sacred Space, Jesuits, Ireland, 2007)

FOR VOCATIONS

1. Mother Mary, your Son Jesus would still say today: *The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.* We beg you, Our Lady of Africa, to send us workers to labour in the fields of your Son. May we, the Marist Brothers on this continent, continue to work diligently and thus bring in the harvest so desired by your Son. Amen. *(Br Martin Whiteford †2013)*

2. Lord, we pray you, send labourers into your field for the enemy ravages the harvest. Raise up men and women who will tend and garner it. Among the youth confided to our care show us those of your choice, that knowing them we may form them to labour for you. O Mary, our Mother, you are the superior and guardian of this Institute. You have gathered us under your banner to promote the glory of your Divine Son, notwithstanding the opposition of the world. If



you do not come to our aid we shall fail and, like a lamp without oil, become extinguished.

But if this work should perish, it is not our work that fails, but yours, for you have done everything for us. We therefore trust in your powerful protection and we shall trust in it always. Amen. *(St Marcellin Champagnat)*

3. Heavenly Father we ask you to preserve the unity of families in our times. Inspire parents to foster a spirit of generosity in their children. And may such homes become nurseries for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and other forms of committed Christian living. Amen.



4. Loving and generous God, you have called us by name. Help us to continue making Jesus known and loved as we serve within your Church. Grant us a new generation of leaders to spread your kingdom to the ends of the earth. Amen.



5. Lord Jesus, we pray for men and women you are calling to *live Marcellin's dream* to bring your Good News to children and young people especially those most in need. In a special way, we lift up in prayer the young men you are calling to be Marist Brothers. As they listen to your call, may they be inspired to be daring in following you with passion and generosity. Amen.

6. Gracious and loving God, send us faithful servants of the gospel: persons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Grant courage and perseverance to those currently in full-time ministry. Amen.

7. Lord, we praise you for your servant, Marcellin, for the work so nobly done. And we pray you heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ your Son, that the workers be not wanting in the ages yet to come. Amen.

(Archbishop Denis Hurley, 1955)

**MAY YOUR WILL
BE DONE**

8. Lord, we thank you for giving us Mary as our Mother. As a young woman, she listened to your angel announcing a very special vocation for her life. Strong in faith and courageous in generosity she answered YES. May more young men and women of our time respond to your calls to dedicated service of your people. Amen.

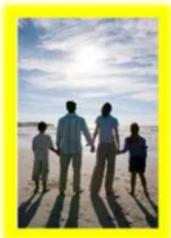
9. Saint Marcellin Champagnat, whose great desire it was to lead souls to Jesus through Mary, we ask you to hear our confident prayer. To parents and educators, grant a constant desire to seek above all the growth in holiness of those whom God has confided to their care. To all young people, grant a constant desire to live as friends of God by faithfulness to their calling in spite of the attraction of evil. To all, grant that, imitating you in your love for Mary, they may come to know her Son Jesus in this life, and experience the happiness of the blessed in the life to come. Amen.

10. Lord, we pray for young adults who are discerning their way of life. Uncertain and even fearful of the future, they have many questions. Help them to realise your immense love for them, and to choose ways of life that benefit not only themselves but also all humankind. Amen.



11. Gracious God, lead young people to live their lives according to your will. Open the hearts of many to accept a calling to serve the church and the world as lay minister, sister, priest, brother or deacon. Amen.

12. Lord Jesus, Mary and Joseph raised you to grow in wisdom and in favour with God and his people. Bless our families that they may form their children in the values of your gospel. May they nurture young people ready to commit themselves to life-long service of others, particularly in the Church. Amen.



ANGELUS and REGINA CAELI

The Angelus *(Outside paschal time)*

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Regina Caeli *(In paschal time)*

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

R. For he whom you were privileged to bear, alleluia!

V. Has risen as he promised, alleluia!

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Lord God, you brought joy to the world through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Grant that, through his Virgin Mother, we may come to the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli

V. Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia.

R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

V. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.

R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.



EVENING

Quiet Time

Be still and ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide.

Let the experiences of the day come to mind and allow them to touch your heart.

Thank the Lord for having helped you to do good, and humbly ask pardon for any failings.

Place tomorrow and its needs in the hands of God.

Suggested Prayers

1. Lord Jesus, thank you for your support this day. Forgive me for the times I resisted and turned away from your help. You promised to give rest to those to come to you with their burdens. Take the day's weariness from me so that I can relax and repose. May the gift of sleep restore me and prepare me to walk with you once again. Amen.

2. Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.

(Anglican Book of Common Prayer)



MARIAL PRAYERS

Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joyful Mysteries

1. The angel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary
2. Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth
3. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem
4. Joseph and Mary present Jesus in the temple
5. Joseph and Mary find Jesus in the temple

Mysteries of Light *(Pope John Paul II, 2002)*

1. Jesus is baptised by John
2. Jesus reveals his glory at Cana
3. Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God and calls people to repent and believe
4. Jesus is transfigured before three disciples
5. Jesus institutes the Eucharist



Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane
2. Jesus is scourged by Roman soldiers
3. Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns
4. Jesus carries his cross to Calvary
5. Jesus is crucified and dies on the cross

Glorious Mysteries

1. Jesus rises from the dead after three days
2. Jesus ascends into heaven
3. The Holy Spirit descends on the disciples
4. At the end of her life, Mary is taken up into heaven
5. Mary is glorified in heaven with all the saints

Mysteries of Hope (Br Charles Howard Sup. Gen. 1990)

1. The baptism of Jesus
2. Jesus promises to send the Paraclete
3. The gift of Mary
4. The women visit the tomb of Jesus
5. Jesus on the road to Emmaus



We fly to your patronage

We fly to your patronage, holy mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from every evil, O glorious and blessed Virgin. (3rd century Coptic prayer)

Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known in any age that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, therefore, I turn to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. Do not, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise my prayers but graciously hear and grant them. Amen. (16th century)



Marial prayer for a suffering world

Holy mother of Jesus and our mother we greet you with love and confidence. Bring your "Little Brothers" nearer to Jesus in love, tenderness, self-giving, courage and reconciliation.

Strengthen our faith in your Son Jesus and in the redemption he won for us by his passion. Keep us aware of the sufferings of so many people in the world today.

Take under your protection children in great need: those who are abused, enslaved, or orphaned; those affected by AIDS, violence and war; and those living on the streets. Show us how to help and care for them.

Give courage to the downhearted, to those who are sick, lonely, in prison, and those who have difficult work to do.



Look with pity on those who mourn the death of their loved ones, and on those driven to desperation by misfortune.

Console those who for any reason are forced to live apart from the ones they love. In the hearts of married couples enrich the love they once solemnly pledged.

Our Lady of Africa, we consecrate to you our beloved continent, our own country, the Church, and the apostolates of our Brothers.

Kind and attentive mother, teach us to be like you, faithful to the Father's call and zealous to make Jesus known and loved. Amen. (*Br Kevin McGarry †2004*)

Marist Litany to Mary (Br Seán Sammon Sup. Gen. 2009)



Mary, wellspring of peacebe our source of consolation.
 Model of courage.....be our example.
 Model of risk-taking be our inspiration.
 Model of perseverancebe our strength.

Optional response

Mary, our Good Mother..... lead us to Christ.
 Woman of mercy teach us to be merciful.
 Woman of faith..... help us in our unbelief.
 Woman of vision open our eyes.

Optional response

Comforter of the afflicted give us a heart of compassion.
 Cause of our joy lead us to life.
 Sign of contradiction help us in uncertainty.
 Woman of wisdom..... gift us with understanding.

Optional response

Ordinary Resource protect and guide us.
 Woman pregnant with hope be our source of new life.
 First disciple..... show us the way.
 Fellow pilgrim accompany us on life's journey.
 Seeker of God's will..... help us to do the same. Amen.

Optional response

CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN!**Way of the Cross – Stations of the Cross***(Scriptural version by St John Paul II, first used in 1991)***Introduction to each Station***Leader:* We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.*Response:* Because by the Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.

1. Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane*Mt 26: 36-46*
2. Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested *Mk 14: 43-52*
3. Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin*Lk 22:66-23:1*
4. Jesus is denied by Peter*Mt 26: 69-75*
5. Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate *Mk 15: 1-15*
6. Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns*Jn 19: 1-3*
7. Jesus bears the cross *Jn 19: 6-7, 12-18*
8. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus *Mk 15: 21-22*
9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem *Lk 23: 27-31*
10. Jesus is crucified *Lk 23: 32-34*
11. Jesus and the repentant thief *Lk 23: 39-43*
12. Jesus speaks to his mother and John *Jn 19: 25-27*
13. Jesus dies on the cross *Lk 23: 44-46*
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb *Mt 27: 57-60*

Way of Light – Stations of the Resurrection

(Fr. S Palumbieri SDB, 1988. This devotion, recommended by the Vatican in 2001, has spread to many regions. There is no universally agreed list of fourteen stations)

Introduction to each station:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Response: Because by your resurrection
you fill us with hope and joy, Alleluia.



1. The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen!.....Lk 24:1-9
2. Peter and John run to the tomb.....Jn 20:3-10
3. Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala.....Jn 20:11-18
4. Jesus on the road to EmmausLk 24:13-27
5. Jesus, recognized in the breaking of bread....Lk 24:28-35
6. Jesus appears to the disciplesLk 24:36-43
7. Jesus empowers his disciples.....Jn 20:19-23
8. Jesus confirms the faith of ThomasJn 20:24-29
9. Jesus eats with disciples at Lake TiberiasJn 21:1-14
10. Jesus entrusts Peter with his sheepJn 21:15-19
11. Jesus sends his disciples on mission.....Mt 28:16-20
12. The Risen Lord ascends into heaven Mk 16:19-20
13. Mary and the disciples keep vigilActs 1:12-14
14. The Risen Lord sends the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-13

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

Prayer to the Holy Spirit *(Orthodox Prayer)*



O Heavenly King,
 the Advocate,
 the Spirit of Truth,
 omnipresent and within everything,
 the treasure of the simple-hearted,
 and the giver of life,
 come and pitch Your Tent within us,
 cleanse us from our stains
 and may your holiness save our souls,
 O Most Pure One.
 Amen.

Prayer for generosity

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous,
 teach me to serve you as you deserve,
 to give and not to count the cost,
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,
 to toil and not to search for rest,
 to labour and not to seek reward,
 save that of knowing that I do your will.
(St Ignatius Loyola †1556)



Take back, O Lord

Take back, O Lord, all my freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, my understanding and my will. Whatever I have, or possess comes to me from your bounty. I give it all back to you; surrender it all to the guidance of your will. Grant me only your grace and your love. Give me but that, and I ask for nothing more. *(St Ignatius Loyola)*

Prayer to St Joseph

Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and patron of the Universal Church, help us to be “*just*” and obedient to the will of God. May your concern for Mary inspire men to respect the dignity of women, be faithful to their spouses, and protect their families. Let your toil as a carpenter help us to appreciate the value of ordinary work. And may we too have the privilege of living and dying in the company of Jesus and his mother. Amen.

Thanksgiving for life and special people

Today, Lord, I offer you my thanks:
for life - and the senses to savour it;
my father and mother - for that gift of life;
my teachers - who helped form my mind and dreams;
Champagnat - for giving me a special dream;
my Brothers - for giving me another family;
my pupils - for teaching me;
my co-workers - for supporting me and my work;
those who encourage me to become another Christ;
Mary - for giving me Jesus;
and Jesus - for leading me to the fullness of life. Amen.

(Br Martin Whiteford)



Soul of Christ

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds, hide me.
 Never let me be separated from you.



From the wicked enemy, defend me.
 At the hour of death, call me;
 and bid me come to you,
 that with your saints I may praise you
 forever and ever. Amen. (14th century)

For the deceased *(The Roman Missal)*

Lord, remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of your resurrection, *particularly*
 Grant to all who have died in your mercy and now sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment happiness and peace. Amen.

A future not our own

It helps us now and then to step back and take the long view.
 The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts:
 it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
 of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
 Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying
 that the kingdom always lies beyond us.



No statement says all that can be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No programme accomplishes
the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives
includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seed that one day will grow.

We water seeds that are already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations
that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects
beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.



We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between
the master builder and the worker.

We are workers not master builders,
ministers not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.
(Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyr. †1980)

For the conservation of our natural resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no



one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty. Amen.



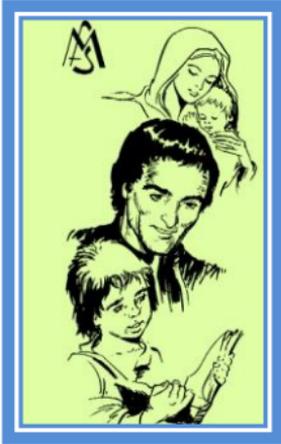
For peace

O Almighty God, the Father of all humanity, turn, we pray, the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury †1944)*

For meetings of youth ministers

Lord Jesus, help us to see the world through the eyes children growing up in an unstable and confusing world. Help us to spend time with them in love and compassion. May we show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold on to their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation. Amen.





For meetings of Marist educators

God of hope, we ask your blessing on our school community. We have been called to share our time and talents with one another, with our learners, and with their families. Keep us true to the mission of the Marist Brothers in the manner of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Help us to love all our students and to love them equally.

Let your Spirit inspire us: to find ways to be *present* to our learners and their needs; to build relationships that are *simple* and *genuine*; to develop a *family spirit* within the school community; to foster the value of *hard work*; and to follow Jesus *in the way of Mary*, a woman open to new possibilities in her life. Amen.

For our students in difficulties

Lord, today we pray for our learners who are suffering:

... those from homes where little love is shown,

... those whose parents no longer live together,

... those who have lost a dear one,

... those who relate poorly to authority,

... those who have hardly any friends,

... those who struggle with their studies,

... and those who may be in serious trouble today.



May we love and care for them as Mary and Joseph cared for the child Jesus. Amen.

For children beyond our school gates

Lord, today we remember children in pain beyond our school gates. Keep us aware of those who are:

- ... abused,
- ... enslaved,
- ... orphaned,
- ... affected by AIDS,
- ... victims of conflicts,
- ... compelled to take up arms,
- ... living on the streets of our cities,
- ... with no hope of ever going to school
- ... surviving on scraps on our rubbish dumps
- ... and those who never have a chance to play.



Show us how we may help to care for them. Amen.

Prayer for Brothers and lay Marists

Lord, we thank you for the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat shared today by Marist Brothers and numerous laypersons throughout the world. Help us to keep alive Marcellin's dream of bringing young

people closer to Jesus and Mary.

Guide us in the ministry of forming youth in the values of the gospel. Inspire us to find ways of taking care of the neediest among them.

Give us the wisdom to see the directions in which you lead us, and the generosity of heart to follow them. Amen.

NOVENA to ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

(To prepare for Champagnat Day, 6 June, or at other times)

First Day (28 May): MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF THE CRIB

All: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, out of love for us that we have life. Grant us the same love of Jesus at Bethlehem as Saint Marcellin had, and help us share that love with others especially the young. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Second Day (29 May): MARCELLIN AND THE CROSS



Crib - Cross - Altar

All: Saint Marcellin, you often meditated on the sufferings of Jesus and invited the first Brothers to look to the cross for courage, fidelity and love. Pray for us, that we may be willing to take the Lord's yoke upon our shoulders. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.



Third Day (30 May): MARCELLIN AND THE ALTAR

All: Lord, you drew Marcellin into intimacy by giving him a lively awareness of your presence in the Eucharist. Inspire in us the same reverence of your sacramental presence. And may all peoples come to recognise your loving presence in all creation. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Fourth Day (31 May): MARCELLIN AND THE SICK

All: Saint Marcellin, nothing would deter you from visiting the sick and the dying - not bad weather, nor long distances over steep mountain paths. May your example inspire those who care for the sick. Help us to appreciate the blessings that come from caring for those who need special attention. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Fifth Day (1 June): MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF PRAYER



All: Saint Marcellin, your constant awareness of the presence of God reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain. May we entrust whatever we do to the Lord and so build up the kingdom of God. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Sixth Day (2 June): MARCELLIN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

All: Saint Marcellin, you could not see a child in La Valla without wishing to tell him how much Jesus loved him. Help us to be zealous in pursuing your dream of making Jesus known and loved particularly among poor children and young people. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Seventh Day (3 June): MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF WORK



All: Saint Marcellin, you gave yourself untiringly to forming the early Brothers and setting up their first houses. May your example inspire us to appreciate the value of all work and to use our talents to make the world a better place for all. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Eighth Day (4 June): MARCELLIN AND MISSION

All: Lord, by inspiring Father Champagnat to declare that *all dioceses of the world figure in our plans*, you challenge us to go to unexplored areas where the poor await the Good News. In our times, inspire young men and women to minister to those forgotten by the world. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

Ninth Day (5 June): MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF MARY

All: Saint Marcellin, you had a great love for Mary, the mother of Jesus, calling her *Our First Superior, Ordinary Resource*, and especially *Our Good Mother*. Help us to lead others to Jesus in the way of Mary. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

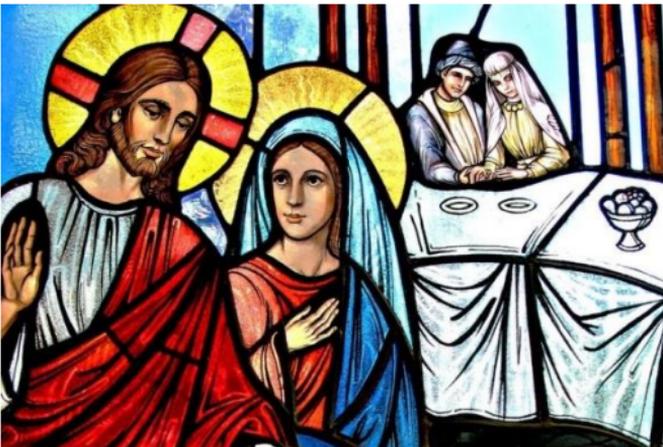
All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.



MARIST HYMNS

Marist family song

Refrain: Be loving as I've always loved you,
be gen'rous, open-hearted,
by working all together
in the family of Mary.



1. We promise to be faithful
to his vision and his way.
Champagnat is still living
in our hearts and hands today.
With courage never daunted
we'll continue what he founded.



2. Wherever there's a Brother
I'll be sure to find a home.
We celebrate companionship
by sharing bread and wine.
A sign of fam'ly spirit -
when we welcome one another.

3. We place our hope, like Marc'Ilain,
in the presence of the Lord.
By helping one another
on the way, we share the CROSS.
Our CRIB is being simple,
and our open hands an ALTAR.

With Mary beside me *(Avec Marie)*

Refrain: With Mary beside me all my life,
I follow in the steps of Champagnat.
With Mary beside me all my life,
I go to meet you, Jesus, my friend.

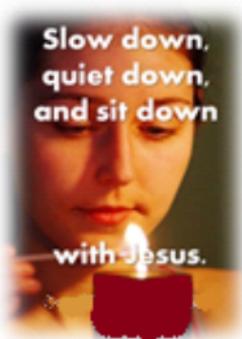
1. You've won me over Lord,
in the stillness of my soul.
With all my heart I say:
"I love you, my Lord." (2x)
2. Responding to the Lord
with a YES throughout your life,
O Mary, show me how
to say my YES today. (2x)
3. Father Champagnat,
we have confidence in you.
As pilgrims here below
we follow in your steps. (2x)



Mary Ordinary Resource (*Ressource Ordinaire*)

1. Mary, Mother, our good Mother,
we would lift our eyes to you.
Our Resource, O Virgin Mary,
we would lift our eyes to you.

Refrain: Whether in darkness or in the sunshine,
directing all of our cries to you.
Whether in darkness or in the sunshine,
directing all of our cries to you.



2. Mary, Mother, our good Mother,
children hunger for God's love.
Our Resource, O Virgin Mary,
children hunger for God's love.
3. Mary, Mother, our good Mother,
give us Jesus, your own Son.
Our Resource, O Virgin Mary,
give us Jesus, your own Son.

Great man of God

(Lyrics by Br Placidus Butler 1955 & 1999. Melody: "Sine Nomine" by Vaughan Williams, used for the hymn: "For all the saints ...")

1. Great man of God, Champagnat shone with zeal,
strove through his life his Master to reveal.
With him for guide, may we o'er sin prevail.
Praise be to Jesus, and to his Mother.
2. Inflamed with love of Mary, First Resource,
living in God who gave his life its force,
to crib and cross, he ever had recourse.
Praise be to Jesus, and to his Mother.
3. For Mary's Son, this sn of France's soil
gave of himself for youth to pray and toil,
to work for Christ and to his Church be loyal.
Praise be to Jesus and to his Mother.
4. "Be of one heart," he urged in life and death.
"Give all to God, but through our Mother blest."
"Love one another, take care of the least."
Praise be to Jesus, and to his Mother.
5. So let these words of great Champagnat ring
as with one voice we praise our God and King.
As Marist sons and daughters let us sing.
Praise be to Jesus, and to his Mother.



**Other Marist Hymns (including some audio versions)
can be found at:**

<http://www.champagnat.org/500.php?a=8>

ORAÇÕES

O Sinal da Cruz

Em nome do Pai e do Filho e do Espírito Santo. Amen.

O Pai Nosso

Pai Nosso, que estais nos céus, santificado seja o vosso nome, venha a nós o vosso reino, seja feita a vossa vontade assim na terra como no céu. O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje, perdoai-nos as nossas ofensas assim como nós perdoamos a quem nos tem ofendido, e não nos deixeis cair em tentação, mas livrai-nos do mal. Amen.

A Ave Maria

Ave Maria, cheia de graça, o Senhor é convosco, bendita sois vós entre as mulheres, e bendito é o fruto do vosso ventre, Jesus. Santa Maria, mãe de Deus, rogai por nós pecadores, agora e na hora da nossa morte. Amen.

A Gloria

Glória ao Pai, ao Filho e ao Espírito Santo, como era no princípio, agora e sempre. Amen.

Salvé-Rainha

Salvé-Rainha, mãe de misericórdia, vida, doçura e esperança nossa, salvé. A vós bradamos, os degredados filhos de Eva; a vós suspiramos, gemendo e chorando neste vale di lágrimas. Eia, pois, advogada nossa, esses vossos olhos misericordiosos a nós volvei. E depois deste desterro nos mostrai Jesus bendito fruto do vosso ventre. Ó clemente, ó piedosa, ó doce Virgem Maria.

Glória a Deus!