

Happy Mother's Day, "O Immaculate Mother, Queen of Our Country"



From Your Children in America

"O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our Country" are the beginning words of the inspired Prayer to the Immaculate Conception written by Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, visionary for the apparitions of Our Lady of America, to honor our Patroness.

Let us take a deeper look at Our Lady's actions and words during her first two appearances at the Kneipp Springs Sanitarium in Rome City, Indiana, on the eve of and on the feast of the North America martyrs, pre-Vatican II, September 25-26, 1956. That first evening she appeared as Our Lady of Lourdes, tying this devotion deeply to the apparitions of Lourdes in which she identified herself as **"The Immaculate Conception,"** the title by which America honors her as our Patroness. At that time Our Lady also tied this devotion to that of Fatima when she promised Sister Mildred that **"greater miracles than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima would be granted here in America, the United States in particular, if we would do as she desires."** Thus was formed a trinity of apparitions of Our Lady critical for our times. What is Our Lady saying here? Our Lady is not minimizing her miracles at either Lourdes or Fatima, for she can intercede for miracles of body or soul anywhere. Many people, however, do go to Lourdes for healing of the body in the miraculous spring water. While the sun is no longer spinning at Fatima, many go to try to recapture and relive the impact of that stupendous miracle of nature as a sign of God's authority over all His creation. Some Europeans say Lourdes is for the body and Fatima is for the soul. At her first appearance to Sister Mildred under the image of Lourdes, Our Lady of America emphatically emphasized her coming precisely to bring **miracles of the soul.**

I am pleased, my child, with the love and honor my children in America give to me, especially through my glorious and unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception. I promise to reward their love by working through the power of my Son's Heart and my Immaculate Heart miracles of grace among them. I do not promise miracles of the body, but of the soul. [She continued:] For it is mainly through these miracles of grace that the Holy Trinity is glorified among men and nations. Let America continue and grow in its love for me, and I in return, in union with the Heart of my Son, promise to work wonders in her. My child, I desire that this be known.

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Pg. 10.)

Later in the message, Our Lady of America says evil is enveloping the world and is focused on America. Can any person today doubt our world's desperate need for miracles of the soul to bring us back to Faith and purity? How many times in the Gospels Jesus demanded Faith for miracles to happen, and praised those who believed without seeing? Did He not tell Thomas, who had to see the wounds in Jesus' hands and feet in order to believe, how more blessed are those who believe without seeing? When the royal official came to Jesus in Cana pleading for Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son who was near death, Jesus challenged his faith.

"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." [The official persisted:] "Sir, come down before my child dies." [Jesus said to him:] You may go, your son will live." (John 4:48.)

The Gospel says the man believed the word of Jesus and on his way home his slaves met him with the good news that his son lives. Our Lady had to perform objective, tangible miracles in the natural order for many of the people at Lourdes and Fatima to believe. Free Masons were in power in Fatima at the time and the rise of communism and atheism were in full swing in Europe. Even with these wondrously objective miracles, some still didn't believe nor turn to God. If one believes, no miracle is necessary, but if one does not, no miracle will convince the unbeliever. When Our Lady speaks of greater miracles than those at Lourdes and Fatima, she is not diminishing the importance of those, but **she is exalting miracles of a higher order, in the supernatural order of grace**, which are interior and only objectively evident in the holiness of a person's life. Health, finances, and other things relating to life in this world are necessary but not ultimate; they all fade with time. Things of the soul endure forever! Matthew 16:26 tells us, **"For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffer the loss of his own soul?"** Surely miracles of the soul, in themselves, are not only of a higher nature but are of everlasting importance and consequence. Our Lady of America does not invite us to bathe in spring waters but in the Precious Blood of Her Divine Son. She does not dazzle us with the sun in the sky but with the splendors of the Son of God dwelling in our souls. When Our Lady appeared on the feast of the North American Martyrs itself, she stated:

"My child, I entrust you with this message that you must make known to my children in America. I wish it to be the country dedicated to my purity. The wonders I will work will be the wonders of the soul." (The Diary, Pg. 11.)

The entire message of Our Lady of America emphasizes in a preeminent way Our Lady's concern about our inner lives, the state of our souls, Faith and purity, the state of grace through the Divine Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity. When people take seriously the call to live in the state of grace, the Divine Indwelling, they crush the power of Satan over them. Satan loves to mock the Trinity but he cannot stand the purity and holiness of our triune God, nor the unfathomable humility of God-made-flesh. Living in the Presence of the Indwelling Trinity is a foretaste of heaven here on earth, for heaven is eternal union with the Most Holy Trinity, the Holy Family and Communion of Saints!

On the actual feast of the North America Martyrs, Our Lady said: **"I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives."** (The Diary, Pg. 10.) Then Sister tells us so beautifully why Our Lady came to America.

Our Blessed Mother called herself Our Lady of America in response to the love and desire that reached out for this special title in the hearts of her children in America. This title was the sign of her pleasure at the confidence our land places in her and as a reward for its staunch and childlike devotion to her. Her children longed for this personal visit of Our Lady, whether consciously or otherwise, and in her kindness and mercy she responded far beyond all expectations. (The Diary, Pg. 11.)

The next day, September 27, 1956, Our Lady appeared holding the world in her hands as she wept over it. She asks us, her children, to behold her tears and not let her weep in vain. She tells us she comes to America as a **last resort** and bids us cleanse our souls in the Precious Blood of her Son. She asks us to live in His Heart and to take her in so she may teach us to live in greater purity of heart which is so pleasing to God. She invites us to be her army of chaste soldiers willing to fight to the death to preserve the purity of our souls. **The purity of our souls!**

“I am the Immaculate One, Patroness of your land. Be my faithful children as I have been your faithful Mother.” (The Diary, Pg. 12.)

Our Lady stood with our Redeemer from the moment of His conception to the point of His death. Her heart was crucified on Calvary with His. His whole life was part of the redemptive plan. So was hers, Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix of His grace. Is there any Mother more deserving of our love than she? Let us, her children in America, march forth more staunchly than ever, to proclaim the message and warnings of Our Lady of America, our Immaculate Mother and Queen of our Country, to America and to all the world! With this simple prayer, let us consecrate ourselves personally to her as our Queen and our Mother, and ask her to lead us under her banner of holy purity, and to protect us from the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without her loving maternal care. We are all called to be Torchbearers with the Flame of Divine Love, Torchbearers for our Queen, Queen of Heaven and earth!

O Mary, my Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine, keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession.

**The Most Important Person on Earth Is a Mother,
Especially the One Who Built in Her Womb a Dwelling Place for God!**

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body— The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this, to be a mother?” (Cardinal Mindszenty)

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