

Morning Prayer

1. 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 advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte; et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsiliium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

2. O Mary, my Good Mother, I give into your sacred keeping, and commend to your special care and protection, my body, mind and spirit for this day, and for every day of my life. To you I entrust my hopes and consolations, my difficulties and sorrows, my life and my death; that through your prayers and your merits, all my actions may be directed and disposed, according to your will and the will of your Son. Amen.

3. Good Mother, Mary, our sister friend, we thank you for your risk in saying 'yes', that led to your stepping out in freedom, following the path that Jesus trod, from Bethlehem to the Cross. Keep watch on our faltering steps, as we, in turn, tread the path of Christ in our world, where we proclaim that God in Jesus loves us. Coax the 'yes' from our lips and hearts, that we may boldly walk with you, the road of God's reign among us, You, our sister disciple and loving mother.

4. Mary, you are the one, Who welcomed in time, the timeless One. In deep silence you waited and listened and heard with joy the Word uttered by the Father. The Spirit of love searched your heart and found it ready. You pondered the mystery of Jesus, as he grew in wisdom, age and grace. May we entrust ourselves as you did, in faith and hope and love. He rose again to new life, and his light now shines forever in the darkness. May we heed his Spirit as you did, and into the chaos of our world, bring life and service, harmony and love.

5. Mary, Good Mother, we greet you this morning. We are happy to have your name as ours. May we be aware always of your inspiration in our lives, As Marists, and disciples with you, we promise to make your Son, Jesus, known and loved. Continue to inspire us, with your maternal spirit to love all of God's people.

6. Mary, Our Good Mother and Ordinary Resource, We renew our consecration to you, With all that we are and have. Teach us to integrate our love of God, With our love for our brothers and sisters. Help us to know how to love God as we live in the world, and to love the world as we live in God. We commit ourselves to building more

prophetic communities, which are simple and open to young people. We reaffirm our desire to evangelize through education. Be present among us and bless us, Good Mother.

7. Mary, our Good Mother, trusting in God alone, and in the midst of a world in turmoil, you courageously uttered your full-throated Yes. Encourage us to have such nerve, that for all the uncertainty of the times, we may go forward with brave and daring hearts, convinced of our vocation in life. Good Mother, who gave birth to Life, stand with us today.

8. Mary, Good Mother, we greet you, Woman of Compassion, In solidarity, you followed Jesus to Calvary, stood at the foot of the cross, received the dead body of your Son from the cross, and, with friends, prepared it for burial. Open our hearts and embrace us—your Sons and daughters. May your compassionate spirit enliven us today, as we seek to make you and your Son known and loved, May our eyes be open enough to see the needs of others, and our hearts loving enough to respond to them, This we ask in the name of Jesus, the compassion of God. Amen.

9. Greetings to you, Mary, this morning, our Good Mother. Be with us throughout this day. We thank you for your generosity in cooperating with God and so, giving birth to our Saviour. Help us to be aware of our Risen Lord, in all that we are and do today. May people be better for having met us, we who are people of Resurrection and hope? Give us a share of your spirit of peace, love and service, as we minister today as Marists. Be with us, Mary, sister-disciple, Good Mother.

10. Our Sister, Mary. we greet you now, as we rejoice in being your brothers and sisters. We glory in your name as Marists. May Marcellin's love and zeal for you, be part of our living charism. Throughout the day, walk alongside us as we carry out God's work, Make us conscious of the presence of God, as we love and serve people today. May the Marist goal of making Jesus and Mary known and loved, be made real in our lives today. Amen.

11. Mary Our Good Mother, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, walk with us now. sharing our joys and sorrows, our successes and our failures. In our daily living, show us your Son who lives within us. Help us to listen to Him, to act on His Word and to do our part, in building the Kingdom of justice and peace. May we be all united, in the fullness of his Kingdom forever. Amen.

12. Mary, you are a gentle and tender mother, compassionate and faithful servant, our inspiration and our hope. Through you we offer to Jesus, all that we are and do today, as we remember family and friends, living and dead, our Marist congregation, and the Church throughout the world. Turn your kindly eyes to us. To those who shared our life for a time, And to the world-wide Marist Family. When all our days are ended here, Be there to welcome us to the life for which we hope,

13. Good Mother Mary, you lived out your whole life in the spirit of your "Fiat." By your obedience you became the Mother of God, and co-operated in your Son's redeeming mission. You are blessed because you, " listened to the Word of God and carried It out." As Marist Brothers we come to you, the Handmaid of the Lord, to be schooled by you; and we respond to your call: " Do whatever he tells you." It is from you that we learn responsiveness to the Spirit, and an obedience that is courageous and clear-sighted. (C 38)

14. 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.

15. 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. Here 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, lad us to Jesus Christ, your Son in glory. O Gentle, O loving, O gracious Virgin Mary.

L: Grant that I May praise you, Holy Virgin
R: Give me strength against your enemies
L: Blessed be God in His saints
R: Amen

Let us pray : Almighty and everlasting God, by the working of the Holy Spirit, you prepared a dwelling worthy of your son in the body and soul of the 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; and this we ask in the name of Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Invocations

Sacred Heart of Jesus	- Have Mercy on us
Immaculate Heart of Mary	- Pray for us
St. Joseph	- Pray for us
St. Michael & all you Holy Angels	- Pray for us
St. Thomas	- Pray for us
St. Marcellin Champagnat	- Pray for us
St. Peter Chanel	- Pray for us
St. Alphonsa	- Pray for us
All you holy men and women saints of God	- Intercede for us
Blessed Marist Martyrs of Spain	- Pray for us
Blessed Joseph Vaz	- Pray for us
Venerable Bros. Francois & Alfano	- Pray for us

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Morning Offering

1. Lord we present ourselves to you

at the beginning of a new day
in which we acknowledge our dependence on you
for many daily blessings as you provide and care for us.
We offer to you our humble efforts this day
to be your light, your witness and your instrument
in making your Kingdom present in the places
where we live, work or travel.

2. Spirit of love,

alive in the universe, stir our hearts into flame
by the fire and breath of your wisdom and love.
It is by the power of God's love
that we move and live and have our being.
United with Jesus, who shows us the depth of that love
we offer you our day in all its experiences. Purify and transform us
so that Christ may be revealed in us
and in the hearts of all those we encounter today.

3. Father of us all,

at the beginning of this day
we acknowledge your creation

and care of the world in love.
By the grace of the Holy Spirit
may all our thoughts and actions
be united with the self-offering of Jesus
in thanksgiving for your goodness towards us.
We commend to you the needs of the church,
the congregation, our community and our apostolate,
and all our parents and relatives, living and dead.
In union with Mary,
the perfect example of redeemed humanity,
may we express in our lives
and show to others the mystery of Christ.

4. God we thank you

that you have made yourself known
to someone without power, wealth or status.
We praise you for the courage of Mary.
This young “woman from Galilee”,
Whose, “Yes”, to the shame and shock of bearing your Son
let loose the unstoppable power of love
which is still changing the world.
May we share in her courage in our life today. Amen.

5. Lord, we come before you

to make a simple offering of our lives to you.
In the events of this day.
May we be attuned to receive your Word
and respond generously, as Mary did.
May the gifts that you continue to give us
be a source of new life and hope to all we meet.

6. Loving God,

You call us to the dance of life and love.
How can we not respond to the call you make of us
when all that we are and have is your gift?
May we respond to your love today
in listening and acting as Mary did,
that we, too, may give flesh to the Christ within us
and show to others the warmth of your love
in all that we are and do.

7. Dear Father

I hope to be of service to others this day.
Through, with and in Jesus, I offer you now my day,

with its prayers, works, joys and sufferings
for a deeper understanding of the human heart of Jesus
and for the union of all Christians
according to the mind of Jesus.

8. Creator God, we rejoice in the gift of this day.
Thank you for entrusting us with such wondrous benefits.
At the end of this day, may our world be a better place
for my having been in it.
I thank you in anticipation
for all those who will be your messengers to me.
May I recognize your face in each of them.
Give me a heart that is full of your love.
I wish to spend this day
in loving and serving you in other people
Be with me as I journey through today,
for your love's sake. Amen.

9. Loving God, we thank you
for bringing us to the beginning of another day.
Thank you for the gift of life, love and freedom we enjoy.
May this bring us opportunities
to be your messengers of peace.
Help us in our mission and ministry
to be people of peace.
Let us recognize you as the source of our own peace;
You have gifted us by naming us your Sons (and daughters).
God of love, God of peace, be with us throughout this day.

Prayer for Vocations

1. Lord we pray you, send labourers into your field,
for the enemy ravages the harvest.
Raise up men and women who will tend and gather 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.

2. Lord, you raised up Marcellin Champagnat
to promote the service of the poor through education,
and to confirm your people in the way of truth.
May his example lead us to renewed faith and zeal.
Help us to live so that, by your grace,
the quality of our lives may attract others
to join us in Marcellin's venture:
as brothers, as family men and women,
young and old, single and married,
as Marists together.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. Creating God,
touch the hearts and minds of young people today
to desire a life of great intimacy with you.
Bless vocations to religious life
and especially to the life of Marist Brotherhood.
May we find ways to encourage and enlighten young men
to be the Champagnats of this new millennium.
Gift each of us with zeal and generosity
in our lives of brotherhood.
We make this prayer with the confidence of Mary,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

4. Creator God,
strengthen us to be courageous in sharing the gift
of our Marist call in these times of uncertainty and change.
In Marcellin's spirit of total trust in You
we pray that our Vocation Teams throughout the Province,
be a sign of new beginnings and hope for the future.
May we inspire young men and women
to follow in the footsteps of Marcellin
as Marist Brothers and Champagnat Associates
in meeting the needs of our society
and making Jesus and Mary known and loved.
We ask you to bless our brothers

in their communities of shared faith and love.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

5. Lord, we thank you for the gift of our Marist charism.
We pray for aspirants, postulants,
novices and younger brothers in formation.
May each be led by the Holy Spirit
and helped through the process of formation,
to commit his life to God in an apostolic Marist community.
Help us all to accept our responsibility
to incarnate Marcellin's charism in the different cultures
of our Province.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. God, you call each of us by name
and with great love and compassion.
We thank you for the grace of living our vocation
with love and fidelity.
Bless each of us as we daily respond
to your graciousness in our lives.
We celebrate and thank you for the rich diversity
our vocation brings to the world.
inspire many of our younger people today
to live lives of generosity, love, service and commitment.
We make this prayer, through Jesus,
our Way, our Truth and our Life. Amen.

7. Spirit of God, alive in our world today,
challenge us by the realities we see around us;
injustice, poverty, marginalisation.
Help us to discover afresh Marcellin's heart within us;
a fire and spirit of fidelity and integrity we have inherited
that enables us to respond to today's Montagnes.
May we see with Champagnat's eyes for today,
and, because they have a right to be preferred by us,
help us make a more determined choice for the poor
as we further the Reign of God made real in Jesus.
May those we live and work among
be inspired to respond to God's call in their lives
because of the clarity of our witness and response.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

8. Creator God, today we pray
that our commitment to Jesus Christ be passionate,

giving us meaning and direction as Marists.
Help us do our part in creating a community
that is a centre of shared faith, a brotherhood of love,
a clear and visible sign of integrity, justice and peace.
As we strive to live out the dreams
of personal and community goals,
may young people feel the vitality and welcome
that will inspire them to a life
based on the gospel values of Jesus
and his mission to marginalized young people.
With Mary of Pentecost, and with us as disciples.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

9. Father, life is your gift.

You invite us to share our gift of life
in the service of others.
Be with us as we choose each day
to show your presence to the world.
Give us the courage to respond to your love and to your call
in the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat.
Open the hearts of many others
that they may accept your challenge
to build your Kingdom today.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. God our Creator,

Help all our young people, to know their vocation in life,
and assist them to prepare for it.
For your greater glory, and for the well-being of your people
call many to be ministers of your love, justice and peace.
Give to them the grace to respond generously,
and persevere faithfully, in caring for this world and its people.
Help us all to recognize the presence of your wisdom,
in the youth of today,
and encourage them in their response to you. Amen

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit – Hail Mary

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done to me according to your word – Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us – Hail Mary

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us Pray : Pour forth, we beech 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.

During Easter Season

V: Queen of Heaven rejoice, Alleluia
R: For he whom you were worthy 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 Jesus Christ, your son, grant that through His virgin Mother, Mary, we may come to the joys of eternal life. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayers to Mary

The 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 abandoned. Inspired with confidence, therefore, I fly to you, O virgin of Virgins, Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Do not, O Mother of the incarnate, despise my prayers, but graciously hear and answer them. Amen.

We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SUB tuum praesidium
Confugimus //,
Sancta Dei Genetrix. //

Nostras deprecationes,
ne despicias //
in necessitatibus, nostris

Sed a periculis cunctis, libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et
benedicta.

Review of the Day

1. Presence of God, and Thanksgiving.

Allow my body and mind to slow down.
Thank God for the day.

2. Prayer for Enlightenment.

Ask the Holy Spirit to make me aware of what he wants me to listen to
now.

3. Discernment.

Allow the experiences of the day to come into my awareness
Let God take control — whatever comes, simply allow it to stay.
Let its memory touch my heart
Ask the Lord what he is saying to me in this
(Who or what is leading me in my life?
How has the Lord been calling me today?
How did I respond?
In what way have I been a brother to my Brothers today?
How have I been a brother to other people?)

4. Sorrow and Gratitude.

Humbly ask forgiveness for my weaknesses and lack of generosity
Be grateful for the Lord's healing freeing me from sin.

5. Focus for the Future.

What are my present feelings?
What have I learned from today?
Trusting in God's merciful love, pray for the grace to respond with
more faith in the future.

6. Final Prayer.

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. (St Richard of Chichester)

Other Concluding Prayers:

1. Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your presence .
We thank you for your Spirit, enlightening and strengthening us
to carry out our call in the various activities of the day.
We ask your pardon for our shortcomings
or our failure to respond to you
or to recognize your presence in others.
Renew in us our desire to be more faithful in listening
and responding to your many calls
and your presence in word, persons, and events.

2. Lord, we thank you for the gifts and blessings of today –
for the gifts of life, creation, health, faith, love for your Word,
for Brotherhood, and for opportunities to be your witnessed
and your ministers through the day.
Thank you for your guiding presence.
Thank you for the gift of forgiveness.
Continue to grant us a humble awareness of our weakness
and our need for mercy.
Strengthen our decision to begin each day
with renewed hope, courage, and vision.
May Mary be our guiding inspiration
as we respond to your call. Amen.

Holy Mass of St. Marcellin Champagnat

Entrance Antiphon :

He who keeps my commandments and teaches them shall be called
great in the Kingdom of Heaven (Mt 5:19)

Opening Prayer :

Lord, Father of all mercy, through your Son you have revealed to us
the new commandment of perfect love, and in Blessed Marcellin you
have given us an example of its working.

By his prayers, may we love one another as brothers (and sisters) and
lead the world to recognize the grace and truth of Christ. We make

this prayer through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

First Reading : A reading from the letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Cor 1:25-31)

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the world? How many were influential people, or came from noble families? No. it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning. Those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God. But you, God, have made us members of Christ Jesus and, by God's doing, he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As Scripture says: If anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord
The Word of the Lord.

Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders Labour; if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil. **R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest you who toil for the bread you eat: when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.
R/Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, the fruit of the womb. Indeed the sons of youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.
R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O the happiness of the man who has filled his quiver with these arrows! He will have no cause for shame when he disputes with his foes in the gateways. **R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia. Alleluia

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel : A reading from the Gospel according to Mark (MK. 10:13-16)
People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. His disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessings.
This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer Over the Gifts :

May our offering be acceptable to you, Lord, and may the spirit of strength which you gave Blessed Marcellin come down upon us all, so that we may persevere in the teaching of the apostles, in fellowship, prayer and the breaking of bread. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Preface :

All powerful and ever-living God, we do well to give you thanks and praise.

Like a Father, you watch over your people.

You formed us from the clay of the earth, and breathed into us the breath of your own life.

You adopted us as your sons and daughters by sending your Son Jesus to be a brother to us.

Like a Mother, you embrace us with tender care; you nurture our growth, and your concern increases when we hurt ourselves or stay from home.

You gather us together under the wings of your love, you form us into a family, children who listen to your word and do your will, a people who find their home with you.

To this family you have given a mother: Mary, the mother of Jesus. Her motherly touch, quiet but very real, was present at the birth of your family, the Church.

Her concern is greater still in our day, when so many have left this home and lost their way.

This concern has given birth to a new work, a new Society, men and women called to bear Mary's name; to become instruments, like her, of your merciful love: to minister in her quiet and unassuming way; to gather your people back and make them feel, once more, at home in your Church; to be very much present in the world, but themselves unnoticed and, as it were, unknown. It is this Marist people who gather here today, mindful of your gracious choice and calling, and join with Mary and the whole family of your people, to proclaim your glory and

sing praise to you in Christ: Holy, Holy, Holy.....

Eucharistic Prayer III

(In place of Father, hear.....they may be.)Father, hear the prayers of this Marist family you have gathered here before you.

Unite us together as one family under Mary, our good mother, who is our Foundress and first Superior.

Teach us to live and breathe her spirit, especially through the example of our first Marists:

- ω Marcellin Champagnat, a man of strong character but of great simplicity and compassion, who teaches us to love the little ones and to care for them as Mary did;

- ω Jeanne-Marie Chavoin, a woman who suffered through long and difficult years, searching for a way for women to serve with the freedom and boldness of Mary herself.

- ω Jean-Claude Colin, who strove to bring the gentle presence of Mary to a Church in need of renewal, and who left us a vision of a whole world imbued with Mary's spirit;

- ω Françoise Perroton and the pioneers of our Missionary sisters who, with no religious formation, without regard for security, lacking the support of community and organization, dared to love as Mary did and to her work in the most adverse circumstances.

May we all be faithful instruments of your mercy, as you gather your people together and bring them home.

Communion Antiphon :

A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another, says the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Father, all powerful, through Blessed Marcellin you have done great things in your Church. As we partake of the body and blood of Christ, may we find strength for an ever-more wholehearted service of you. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.