

FLOS CARMELI

FLOWER of Carmel,
Tall vine blossom laden;
Splendor of heaven,
Childbearing yet maiden.
None equals thee.

Mother so tender,
Who no man didst know,
On Carmel's children
Thy favors bestow.
Star of the Sea.

Strong stem of Jesse,
Who bore one bright flower,
Be ever near us
And guard us each hour,
who serve thee here.

Purest of lilies,
That flowers among thorns,
Bring help to the true heart
That in weakness turns
and trusts in thee.

Strongest of armor,
We trust in thy might:
Under thy mantle,
Hard press'd in the fight,
we call to thee.

Our way uncertain,
Surrounded by foes,
Unfailing counsel
You give to those
who turn to thee.

O gentle Mother
Who in Carmel reigns,
Share with your servants
That gladness you gained
and now enjoy.

Hail, Gate of Heaven,
With glory now crowned,
Bring us to safety
Where thy Son is found,
true joy to see.



*Most Holy Virgin, Beauty of Carmel!
Virgin Flower forever in bloom!
Bright Ornament of Heaven!
Thou Virgin Mother of the Man-God!
Mother of holy love!
Mother of mercy and meekness!
Mother honored above all mothers!
Star of the Sea!*

*Be thou propitious to thy dear children of Carmel,
and to all who have the happiness
of wearing thy holy Scapular. Amen.*

Queen & Beauty of Carmel! Pray for us.



NOVENA PRAYER

*Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,
fruitful vine, splendor of heaven,
Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin,
assist me in this my necessity.
O, Star of the Sea,
help me and show me herein you are my mother.*

*O holy Mary, Mother of God,
Queen of Heaven and Earth,
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart,
to succor me in this necessity;
there are none that can withstand your power.
O show me herein that you are my Mother.*

*Our Lady, queen and beauty of Carmel,
pray for me and obtain my requests.*

*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
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Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.

(Personal Intentions)

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ACT OF CONSECRATION

O Mary, Queen and Mother of Carmel, I come today to consecrate myself to thee, for my whole life is but a small return for the many graces and blessings that have come from God through thy hands.

Since thou regardest with an eye of special kindness those who wear thy Scapular, I implore thee to strengthen my weakness with thy power, to enlighten the darkness of my mind with thy wisdom, to increase in me faith, hope and charity that I may render my debt of humble homage to thee day by day.

May thy Scapular keep thine eyes of mercy turned towards me and bring me thy special protection in the daily struggle to be faithful to thy Divine Son and to thee.

May it separate me from all that is sinful in life and remind me constantly of my duty to behold thee and clothe myself with thy virtues.

Henceforth I shall strive to live in the sweet companionship of thy spirit, to offer all to Jesus through thee and to make my life the mirror of thy humility, charity, patience, meekness and prayerfulness.

O dearest Mother, support me by thy never-failing love, that I, an unworthy sinner, may one day exchange thy Scapular for the wedding garment of heaven and dwell with thee and the saints of Carmel in the kingdom of thy Son. Amen.

O Queen, who art the beauty of Carmel, pray for us.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.