

Mary, Queen of all Saints

“Tu gloria Jerusalem!”

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

“Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honour of our people: For thou hast done manfully, and thy heart has been strengthened, because thou hast loved chastity, and after thy husband hast not known any other: therefore also the hand of the Lord hath strengthened thee, and therefore thou shalt be blessed for ever.”¹

Today we are concluding our Novena to the Immaculate Conception by the title given to Mary as Queen all saints.

“The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death.”²

Next to Her Son, she reigns above the heavenly court of the Angels and the Saints, recapitulating in herself all the merits of each of them, as we’ve been meditating all along this Novena. The Saints, seeing their Queen, give Her this title, because they owe her their sanctification, as any grace is coming through her mediatrix prayer.

They admire the formidable Queen, who so firmly defended them against their enemies and, strong as an army, finally rescued them from hell.

They thank the generous Queen, who watched over the King's treasures and drew from them in abundance the benefits to be spread: it is through her generosity that they have become saints.

They exalt the Queen of Mercy, for having so effectively sympathised with, and so solicitously helped and relieved the misery of the unfortunate people who cried out to Her.

They honour the Queen of gentleness and clemency, who had so much pity on sinners and always granted them forgiveness.

They praise the kind and powerful Queen, who spoke of them in the King's ear so that he would open his paradise to them, and who then introduced them into the presence of his majesty.

They magnify the prudent Queen who watched over their souls every day and guided them so well towards Heaven.

¹ Judith, XV, 10-11.

² Lumen Gentium, §59.

They glorify Her, they acclaim Her and give Her thanks! All the saints truly owe Her everything: they form an immense crown for Her, which makes Her so happy!³

“We greet you, dwelling-place of the Most Holy Trinity!

This greeting highlights how deeply you are imbued with God’s own life, with his profound and ineffable mystery. You have been totally imbued with this mystery from the first moment of your conception. You are full of grace; you are immaculate!

We greet you, Immaculate Mother of God!

Accept our prayer and, as Mother, deign to bring the Church in Rome and throughout the world into that fullness of time towards which the universe has been advancing since the day your divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world.

He is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, the King of the ages, the First-born of all creation, the First and the Last.

In him all is definitively fulfilled;

in him, every reality grows to the full stature desired by God in his mysterious plan of love.

We greet you, Virgin most prudent!

We greet you, Mother most clement! Pray for us, intercede for us, Immaculate Virgin, our merciful and powerful Mother, Mary!”⁴

Regina sanctorum omnium, Ora pro nobis!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

³ Translated and adapted from <https://fsspx.life/fr/news-events/news/hommage-à-la-reine-de-tous-les-saints-52147>

⁴ John Paul II, Prayer on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December 1997.