

# Pope Francis' Marian Prayers for the Month of May

## First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves  
to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

## Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O  
Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation,  
when the whole world is prey to  
suffering and anxiety, we fly to  
you, Mother of God and our  
Mother, and seek refuge under  
your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful  
eyes towards us amid this  
coronavirus pandemic. Comfort  
those who are distraught and  
mourn their loved ones who have  
died, and at times are buried in a  
way that grieves them deeply. Be  
close to those who are concerned  
for their loved ones who are sick  
and who, in order to prevent the  
spread of the disease, cannot be  
close to them. Fill with hope  
those who are troubled by the  
uncertainty of the future and the  
consequences for the economy  
and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother,  
pray for us to God, the Father of  
mercies, that this great suffering  
may end and that hope and peace  
may dawn anew. Plead with your  
divine Son, as you did at Cana, so  
that the families of the sick and  
the victims be comforted, and  
their hearts be opened to  
confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses,  
health workers and volunteers  
who are on the frontline of this  
emergency, and are risking their  
lives to save others. Support their  
heroic effort and grant them  
strength, generosity and  
continued health.

Be close to those who assist the  
sick night and day, and to priests  
who, in their pastoral concern and  
fidelity to the Gospel, are trying  
to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the  
minds of men and women  
engaged in scientific research,  
that they may find effective  
solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that  
with wisdom, solicitude and  
generosity they may come to the  
aid of those lacking the basic  
necessities of life and may devise  
social and economic solutions  
inspired by farsightedness and  
solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our  
consciences, so that the enormous  
funds invested in developing and  
stockpiling arms will instead be  
spent on promoting effective  
research on how to prevent  
similar tragedies from occurring  
in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise  
that we are all members of one  
great family and to recognise the  
bond that unites us, so that, in a  
spirit of fraternity and solidarity,  
we can help to alleviate countless  
situations of poverty and need.  
Make us strong in faith,  
persevering in service, constant in  
prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the  
afflicted, embrace all your  
children in distress and pray that  
God will stretch out his all-  
powerful hand and free us from  
this terrible pandemic, so that life  
can serenely resume its normal  
course.

To you, who shine on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope,  
do we entrust ourselves, O  
Clement, O Loving, O Sweet  
Virgin Mary. Amen.