



*The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help)*

## **Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic**

*Prayer composed by Pope Francis seeks Our Lady's Intercession*

*O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.*

*O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.*

*Intercede for us with your Son, Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.*

*Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.*

*Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen*

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*(Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis)*

*As men of faith, let us pray — together with our families whenever possible and appropriate — joining our prayers with those of the Holy Father, the supreme chaplain and people around the world. This special novena will begin on Sunday, March 15, and conclude on Monday, March 23.*

*Fraternally, Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight*