

PROPER MASS TEXTS FOR THE SOLEMNITY
OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR
PATRONESS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, Lord God, that we who have been favored by the prompt succor of the Virgin Mother of your divine Son in war, in disasters, in epidemics and illness, may continue to merit her protection by fidelity to your word and to your law. We ask this through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the humanity of your only-begotten Son, Lord, bring us salvation. Born of the Virgin, may He cleanse us of the stains of our sins and render our offerings acceptable to you. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having partaken of the Eucharistic sacrifice, O Lord, we ask your gracious kindness, that as we rejoice [on this feast of / with] the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we may be accounted worthy, through imitating her virtues, of sharing in the mystery of our redemption. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Prompt Succor, in whose honor the angels rejoice and praise in unison the Son of God.

RESPONSORIAL to the First Reading (Lk 1:46-55; in lieu of a psalm the canticle today is proper, *Lectionary* No. 709, 5)

Refrain: The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name. (Repeat)

Verses:

Mary said: "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior. (Repeat refrain)

For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed. God who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. (Repeat refrain)

His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm; He has confused the proud in their inmost thoughts. (Repeat refrain)

He has deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. The hungry He has given every good thing, while the rich He has sent empty away. (Repeat refrain)

He has upheld Israel, His servant, ever mindful of His mercy; even as He promised our fathers, promised Abraham and his descendants forever." (Repeat refrain)

ADDENDA:

1. White vestments are worn.
2. The *Gloria* is proper on the Solemnity itself; it is optional in votive Masses.
3. Liturgy of the Word

Readings are to be selected from the Common of the Blessed Virgin in the *Lectionary*:

- (a) On the Solemnity itself the First Reading is taken from Nos. 707, 1 to 11.
 - (b) In votive Masses outside the Easter Season, the First Reading is taken from Nos. 707, 1 to 11, or Nos. 708, 1-3, or Nos. 710, 1 to 4.
 - (c) In votive Masses in the Easter Season, the First Reading is taken from Nos. 708, 1 to 3.
 - (d) On the Solemnity itself the Responsorial is Proper: No. 709, 5.
 - (e) In votive Masses, any of the Responsorials in No. 709 may be chosen.
 - (f) On the Solemnity itself a Second Reading is done, chosen from any in Nos. 710, 1 to 4.
 - (g) The Verse for the Gospel Acclamation is taken from any in Nos. 711, 1 to 4.
 - (h) The Third Reading (Gospel) is selected from any in Nos. 712, 1 to 11.
4. On the Solemnity itself, the Nicene Creed is proper. It is not said in votive Masses.
 5. On the Solemnity itself, the Preface of Blessed Virgin Mary I is proper, with the words inserted “under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.”
 6. One of the Solemn Blessings for use on Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be used, especially on the Solemnity itself.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
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Priest: With confidence and with courage we place the longings of our human hearts in the hands of our God, and entrust to Him our petitions.

Deacon (or if there is no deacon, another reader):

Our response will be: "Lord, protect your people."

1. That we, the Church, may have a proper spirit of abandonment, so that we may always be able to accept the will of God in the events of our lives; we pray to the Lord.
2. For leaders of our Church, of our world and nation, and of our State, that they may strive to be better instruments of God and His peace and justice; we pray to the Lord.
3. For all those in Louisiana and the surrounding region whose lives, loved ones and properties have been harmed by past tragedies, that the healing power of Christ be manifest; we pray to the Lord.
4. For any who are yet or will be endangered by the forces of nature, that through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor they may be spared destruction; we pray to the Lord.
5. For all of us, that as we gather together to pray for deliverance, we may first of all do so with hearts filled with gratitude for the many blessings we have received, and thus find the confidence to know that our God always provides for His people; we pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have died, especially by violence of man and of nature, that the judgment of the Almighty be merciful, and that they enter into eternal life; we pray to the Lord.

[Other intentions may be added; the presider alone concludes]

Priest: O God, our Father, fill our hearts with an awareness of your abiding presence and love.
In doing so, instill in us the confidence to know that you are always with your people to provide us with all that we need.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.