

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL  
FOR THE SOLEMNITY  
OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR  
PATRONESS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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.