Universal Prayer
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12

We pray for the Church, who, like Mary, is portrayed as the great sign of the woman in labor to give birth: that her she may bear fruit in the triumph of Jesus.

We pray for our world: that the reign of God and the authority of His Anointed One may give power to every effort toward justice, morality, and peace.

We pray the people of North, Central and South America, who have been given a patroness in Our Lady of Guadalupe: that her self portrait as a native of the continents may help restore the balance of respect and resources among all who call America home.

We pray for expectant mothers, who, like Mary, carry the future of the world within them: that no consideration may force them to cut off this gift of life, and that they may be supported and loved for their motherhood.

We pray for the sick, the lonely, the hungry, the refugees, and all who are in direct contact with their human lowliness: that Mary may visit them with her joy and comfort, as she once did with Juan Diego.

We pray for the faithful departed: that they may find in Mary’s arms a safe haven, and she may lead them along secure paths to the heavenly kingdom.