

FROM OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS,  
PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



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.*

“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.

