

THE MANTLE: The Voice of the Silent Strength Online Prayer Group

Joining in Prayer Under the Mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Marian Mantle Prayer Group Update For Sep 7, 2007

++MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hi, Everyone,

The list of masses you have requested continues to grow. In addition to those scheduled in local parishes, I've also heard from members in Iowa, Missouri, California, and Florida who have sent mass stipends to priests in the missions, etc. We have mailed more than 3000 prayer cards to members for this event. I am really pleased with your response. Several have planned additional devotions such as praying the rosary or using other prayers from the Prayers for Prodigals series. Two places will have coffee after mass.

You can find more information about Our Lady of Sorrows and ways you can further observe her feast day, on the MMG web site. Click on

<http://www.marianmantle.com/prayer/ols/ols-menu.htm>

Since the Feast Day next Saturday (Sep 15) is not in our normal update schedule, I will be sending out a special update including any messages to Our Lady you wish to include. Please send them by Wednesday the 13th. I will be happy to include your thanksgivings, your petitions, your sharing of a Scripture verse, reading, poem, or a personal experience that is meaningful to you as you have turned to Our Lady of Sorrows. Just email them to me by the 13th. After all, sharing is a way to help each other pray.

Be sure to read the praise report in the letter to the editor section. Recognize from the accounts that God does answer our prayers. Trust Him to answer yours –but recognize that it will be in God's time not ours. God always picks the best possible time for all involved. Have faith that God hears your prayers, too. Then, continue to persevere until the time you, too, can say, "The prodigal for whom I have prayed has come home!"

Peace,
MaryAnn

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi,

My name is Sandy Crisafulli, I am Jay Crisafullis' sister, we are married to brothers. My sister Joanne sent me a copy of the Marian Mantle Group newsletter with the article about Jay. I am so touched by your comments about Jay I will save the copy in a memory book. Jay, Joanne and I were always very close all of our lives. We did so much together until Joanne moved out of State. Then, Jay and I saw each other nearly everyday. We still kept in contact with Joanne and would travel to see her or Joanne come to Ca. Jay is so missed, I think of her every day. Thank you so much for your friendship with her, she spoke of you and the group often. Gods' Graces and Blessings to you and your ministry. Sandy

Hi,

Thanks in advance for sending the prayer cards. In my previous response to the question, I neglected to say that although we have not had any prodigals return to the church (to the best of our knowledge), we have had many answered prayers, especially for the health of group members. Blessings to you!

~Wisconsin

Hi, MaryAnn~

I just wanted to thank you, Our Blessed Mother, and Our Heavenly Father for your support over the past twelve months. One year ago, we learned that our oldest son's girlfriend was pregnant, she was divorced, and their future was a question mark. Our second son was dating a young woman who

was, divorced, and a single mother. Your ministry gave me some very important guidelines to follow, and a place to ask for prayer, and a reason for hope. I realized that I had a role (even if it was silent) to play in all of this.

Since then, our oldest son has married the mother of his child. (her first marriage was annulled.) His bride is a strong Christian, very beautiful inside and out. She attends mass with him and even goes alone when he is out of town. She is a wonderful mother to our grandchild, and our son is a wonderful father and husband. They were married in a joint Christian / Catholic ceremony that was very beautiful. The priest raved about our son, and how he had come to confession a year ago. This priest gave him wonderful guidance and the love of Christ. Our son has educated himself about many aspects of his Catholic faith, and this young couple has decided to raise their child in the Catholic faith.

Our second son became engaged I sent him some general Catholic information about annulments. He thanked me for the info, and I put the rest in God's hands. Since then his fiance' has received an annulment, and they are working with their parish priest to have a Catholic wedding in the near future. They are very busy with their Focus group and taking Natural Family Planning classes. My son has established a wonderful relationship with her son, and they will be a beautiful family. They really like the priest that has been working with them, and his parish is just right down the street.

Thank you, for helping me through this "minefield" this past year. I listened to your tapes, and realized that God can truly make straight lines out of "spaghetti", and that it is important to remain positive and loving to our children through it all. Of course my husband and I had invested much love, energy, and resources in raising our two sons, and we're beginning to see the fruits of our spiritual investment, as well.

Thank you so much for being there in our hour of need. It was no accident that I travelled with my husband last fall for his high school reunion. God planned for me to see your brochure in the welcome packet that each participant received, and he gave me the time on the airplane to actually read your brochure!! I believe it was a life-changing experience, not just for me, but for our whole family. Only God knows how many generations will be touched because of your ministry (and all of your members who pray for prodigals).

God Bless You, ~Name Withheld

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PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR Sep 7, 2007

[Prayer intentions submitted to this group are shared only in the semi-weekly email update sent to members of the online prayer group. Please keep all of us and our prodigals in your prayers--just as we will pray for you.]

+Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us and for our children.

+St. Benedict, pray for us.

+St. Jude, pray for us.

+St. Monica, pray for us.

+For all our prodigals to find the truth and return to the Lord and His church.

+For all those unspoken intentions in our hearts known only to us and to God, and for all previous intentions of this list.

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GOD'S WORD FOR US

All things work together for good for those who love God. ~ Romans 8: 28

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WORDS OF HOPE

***Tomorrow we celebrate Our Lady's birthday. What a gift God gave us!
Her "Yes" is responsible for the hope
we all feel today—the salvation earned by her Son
for us and those we love.***

From "The Evening of the Visitation"
by Thomas Merton

Now at the fall of night, you shocks,
Still bend your heads like kind and humble kings
The way you did this golden morning when you saw God's
Mother passing,

While all our windows fill and sweeten
With the mild vespers of the hay and barley.

You moon and rising stars, pour on our barns and houses
Your gentle benedictions.
Remind us how our Mother, with far subtler and more holy
influence,
Blesses our rooves and eaves,
Our shutters, lattices and sills,
Our doors, and floors, and stairs, and rooms, and bedrooms,
Smiling by night upon her sleeping children:
O gentle Mary! Our lovely Mother in heaven!

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WISH LIST

- +Stamps
- +Volunteers to pray during the September 29 talk
- +Help with operating expenses

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FYI

+Saturday, September 29 I will be speaking at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Hutchinson, Kansas. The presentation will run from 1:00-2:30p.m. An exhibition, titled "Heavenly Images", a display of the collection of Crisafulli prints, will be on display in Madonna Hall from 12:30 to 3:30pm. If you wish more information or to reserve a seat, call Barbara at 620-662-0697 or email her at b.sanborn@lycos.com
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