

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

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

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Send prayer requests to [pray@marianmantle.com](mailto:pray@marianmantle.com) **REMEMBER put "prayer request" in the subject**

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**Marian Mantle Prayer Group Update For Nov 16, 2007**

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**++MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR**

Hi, Everyone,

First of all, please put the following email address in your address book:

[TheMantle@MarianMantle.com](mailto:TheMantle@MarianMantle.com)

Bob is installing some list management software that should (hopefully) eliminate the problem of some of the updates not being delivered to inboxes. We will begin using it with the next update in two weeks.

With Thanksgiving approaching and the season of Advent following soon, we are grateful to God for all the blessings we have received through this group. Your encouragement and support are so important and help us continue this effort to help you and so many others work to bring our loved ones back to the fold. In gratitude, I ask that you join me in prayer today.

Let us pray for all our members who pray for the Marian Mantle staff and each other's intentions. For those who give so generously of their prayer time, and when possible, their talent and treasure. May God bless us with the wisdom to use all those resources carefully and to the fullest to accomplish the work He has placed before us.

We pray in thanksgiving for all those prodigals who have returned to the Church or who have begun their return with help from the prayers of the faithful members of the Marian Mantle Group.

We pray in thanksgiving for all our prayer group coordinators and those who help them keep the doors open for people in their communities to come and join them in prayer for our beloved prodigals.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have assisted when we speak somewhere. Those who set up chairs, those who bake cookies, make coffee, copy and distribute flyers, send bulletin announcements, help with clean up, and all the other tasks that must be done to make the events successful.

We pray for strength for those who are in need of it--all those who must pray alone, all who are struggling to discern God's will as to whether or not they should attempt to start a prayer group, those who are struggling to make the rosary a part of their daily lives, those who must face the holiday season alone or with some of their family missing at the table this year.

We pray for all whose hearts are aching that we all may be given the grace to focus on the Good News of salvation and be released from the worry and anxiety clouding our minds. May we all be able to pray effectively for our beloved prodigals.

We pray for all those lost souls that their hearts, their eyes, and their ears may be opened so they may feel, see, and hear the voice of their Creator calling to them to come home to Jesus and His Church.

As we pray together, may we each continue to have the perseverance of St. Monica and the unconditional love of the father of the prodigal son until that glorious day when we, too, can say, "Rejoice with me! The prodigal for whom I have prayed has come home!"

Peace,  
MaryAnn

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR Nov 16, 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**

For ever, O LORD, thy word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Thy faithfulness endures to all generations; thou hast established the earth, and it stands fast. ~ Psalm 119: 89 - 90

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**WORDS OF HOPE**

After you have made a decision that is pleasing to God, the Devil may try to make you have second thoughts. Intensify your prayer time, meditation, and good deeds. For if Satan's temptations merely cause you to increase your efforts to grow in holiness, he'll have an incentive to leave you alone. ~St. Ignatius

**Thank You, God, For Everything**  
By Helen Steiner Rice

Thank you, God, for everything, the big things and the small.  
For "every good gift comes from God"...the giver of them all.  
And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise,  
The gifts God sends as blessings, each day in many ways.  
And so at this Thanksgiving Time, we offer up a prayer...  
To thank you, God, for giving us a lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little things that often come our way,  
The things we take for granted but don't mention when we pray,  
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.  
Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise" from never-dreamed-of places.

Then, thank you for the "Miracles" we are much too blind to see,  
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee,  
And help us to remember that the Key of Life and Living  
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of Thanks and every day Thanksgiving

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**WISH LIST**

- +Stamps
- +Volunteers to pray from their home or chapel during talks
- +Help with operating expenses

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**FYI**

**+For help with starting a Silent Strength prayer group to pray for the return of prodigal Catholics**  
contact 913-526-8977 or [maryann@marianmantle.com](mailto:maryann@marianmantle.com). To help you get started you will receive the documents, "Guide to Forming a 'Silent Strength' Prayer Group", Tips from 'Silent Strength' Prayer Group Leaders, and more. MaryAnn is always available to visit with you about any concerns or questions through email or phone. If you think you might want to do this, take it to the Lord in prayer. If you then wish to continue, contact MaryAnn.

**+Presentations** For information about bringing the Silent Strength presentation to your parish or Catholic organization, contact 913-526-8977 or [maryann@marianmantle.com](mailto:maryann@marianmantle.com)

**+Orders for prayer booklets or recordings** may be placed through email or by phone.

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