

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**Knights of Columbus
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MOTHER OF THE CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

By Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight

For nearly 500 years, millions of people have shown great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, struck by her words to Juan Diego, "Am I not your Mother?" From her first appearance at Tepeyac in 1531, she has bestowed on humanity a tender motherly concern, and this remains an important part of her message today. If we approach Our Lady of Guadalupe as our mother, then she is not only a mother to us, she is a mother to everyone. That means that we are all one family, despite our different countries and cultures.

Blessed John Paul II referred to this fact when he wrote in *Ecclesia in America*: "The appearance of Mary to the native Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 had a decisive effect on evangelization. Its influence greatly overflows the boundaries of Mexico, spreading to the whole Continent. America, which historically has been, and still is, a melting-pot of peoples, has recognized in the *mestiza* face of the Virgin of Tepeyac, 'in Blessed Mary of Guadalupe, an impressive example of a perfectly inculturated evangelization.' Consequently, not only in Central and South America, but in North America as well, the Virgin of Guadalupe is venerated as Queen of all America" (11).

He also wrote that the "renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore, they are largely responsible for the future of the Church" (44).

So we must ask ourselves, what is the meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe today? Does she play the same role in our countries' history as she has for nearly 500 years? How do we respond to the great commandment of our Lord – love our neighbor as our self? This is the real message of Our Lady of Guadalupe's motherly concern for each of us – that each person is actually a member of our family. And as Pope Benedict XVI told us in his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (*God is Love*): In a family no member must go hungry or lack the necessities of life (25).

With this truth in mind, the Knights of Columbus has embarked on a pilgrimage with Our Lady of Guadalupe, bearing her image from council to council, from parish to parish, to spread her message and her love. Through this Marian Prayer Program, we have a chance to gather as a family before the mother of humanity and offer our prayers and intentions. I know that this will be a time of grace for all our members and their families, and I pray that Our Lady of Guadalupe will bring us closer together as an Order, as a Church, as a community and as a world in need of her words of peace and unity.

PRAYER SERVICE

Opening Hymn

*Hail, Holy Queen
Enthroned Above*



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma -
2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma -
3. O gen - tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, O Ma -



ri - a. Hail, Queen of mer - cy and of love,
ri - a. The spring through which all grac - es flow,
ri - a. The God of light be - came your Son,



O Ma - ri - a. Tri - umph, all ye
O Ma - ri - a. An - gels, all your
O Ma - ri - a. Tri - umph, all ye



Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, ye Ser - a - phim,
prais - es bring, Earth and heav - en, with us sing,
Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, ye Ser - a - phim,



Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn: Sal - ve,
All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing: Sal - ve,
Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn: Sal - ve,



Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.
Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.
Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.

Greeting

Leader: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: As we gather under the protection of Mary,
recalling her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
let us beseech God to enter our hearts as we seek
to live out the message of love and unity.

Opening Prayer

Leader: God of power and mercy,
you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac
with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe.
May her prayers help all men and women
to accept each other as brothers and sisters.
Through your justice present in our hearts
may your peace reign in the world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary
may be used in place of the following.*

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation *Rev 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab*

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant was seen within His temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. And another portent appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a Child, that he might devour her Child when she brought it forth; she brought forth a male Child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her Child was caught up to God and to His throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which to be nourished for one-thousand two-hundred and sixty days.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Judith 13:18bcde, 19

R You are the highest honor of our race.

Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God,
above all the women on earth;
and blessed be the LORD God,
the creator of heaven and earth. **R**

Your deed of hope will never be forgotten
by those who tell of the might of God. **R**

Gospel

Luke 1:39-47

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
R Glory to you, Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

*If a bishop, priest or deacon is leading the prayer service,
he may preach a homily. If a layman is leading,
the following should be read aloud.*

Our Lady and the Church
By Msgr. Eduardo Chávez

Our Lady of Guadalupe asked her messenger, Juan Diego, to go to the bishop with her request for a "sacred house" to be built on Tepeyac. She wanted her appearance to be seen within the context of the Catholic Church, which was founded by her Son as the sacrament of salvation for the entire world. She continues today to lead us to Jesus Christ, the foundation of the Church, and to proclaim that we are one people in the family of God.

The Virgin of Nazareth, the Woman of Tepeyac, is the Mother of God and our Mother. She is one of us in blood and nature, and through her humanity has given us her Son, Jesus Christ. In this "sacred house," Our Lady gives us freedom from all that oppresses: sin and death. In this temple, in this living Church, we are truly set free for life in God.

The Virgin of Guadalupe's mission is the essence of evangelization. She is the first disciple and missionary of God's love. In bringing together peoples of the Old World and the New World, the Madonna of Tepeyac is a symbol of the fraternity that should exist among all of the earth's races; in her *mestiza* face – so sweet and serene – we are all her children. All human beings in Jesus Christ are Mary's children, Mother of the Church, Model of the Church.

In 2007, in Aparecida, Brazil, Pope Benedict XVI gathered with the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean for their Fifth General Conference. Present among them was the successor to the first Bishop of Mexico, Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera, the Archbishop Primate of Mexico City. The final document of the conference included a statement filled with the dew of Tepeyac. Mary, it said, "because she gave birth to the Savior of the world, brought the Gospel to our America. In the Guadalupan event, she presided, with the humble Juan Diego, at the Pentecost that opened to us the gifts of the Spirit." Moreover, the bishops joyfully proclaimed, "All those baptized are called to 'begin anew in Christ', to recognize and to follow his presence with the same reality and freshness, the same power and affection, persuasion and hope as were found in his encounter with the first disciples on the banks of the Jordan 2,000 years ago, and with the 'Juan Diegos' of the New World."

The message of Guadalupe contains all that is needed for the true freedom to love fully, as Jesus destroys the chains of sin, and we walk together as brother and sister. Let us go forward to build one people, one culture of life, one civilization of God's love from the hand of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who has promised that she "holds us in the crossing of her arms and the hollow of her mantle."

Silent Reflection

Intercessions

Leader: For the Church, the sacrament of salvation, that she may continue to witness boldly to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who was made known to us through the Virgin Mary. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord.

℟ Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and all bishops, that their leadership may bring all men and women together as one Church in Jesus Christ. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord. **℟**

Leader: For all priests, religious and deacons, that those chosen by God for a vocation may seek holiness in their daily duties of work and prayer, and that more young men and women may respond to God's call. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord. **℟**

Leader: For married couples and families, that they may seek God's guidance in these difficult times for marriage and family life and be witnesses to the truths of the Catholic faith. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord. **℟**

Leader: For the cause of life, that our nation may honor the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord. **℟**

Leader: For the cause for canonization of Venerable Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, that this holy priest may soon be raised to the honors of the altar. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord. **℟**

Leader: For the New Evangelization, that Knights may bring the Good News anew into the world by word and deed, especially through our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray to the Lord. **℟**

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Sign of the Cross

All: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

**All: Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Hail Mary

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Repeat three times.

Glory Be

Leader: Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All: As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries (*prayed on Mondays and Saturdays*)

1. The Annunciation of the Lord
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Nativity of the Lord
4. The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
5. The Finding of the Lord in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries (*prayed on Thursdays*)

1. The Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan
2. The Manifestation of the Lord at the Wedding of Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration of the Lord
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries (*prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays*)

1. The Agony of the Lord in the Garden
2. The Scourging of the Lord at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of the Lord with Thorns
4. The Lord's Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion of the Lord

Glorious Mysteries (*prayed on Sundays and Wednesdays*)

1. The Resurrection of the Lord
2. The Ascension of the Lord
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of the Angels and the Saints

The leader announces the mystery on which to reflect during the next decade. After five decades, proceed to the Hail, Holy Queen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Hail Mary

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Repeat ten times.

Glory Be

Leader: Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: **As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Hail, Holy Queen

All: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Prayer

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, whose only begotten Son,
by his life, death and resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of
eternal life; grant, we beseech thee,
that meditating on these mysteries
of the Most Holy Rosary
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
that we may imitate what they contain
and obtain what they promise.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

All: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

R: Pray for us . . .

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

R: Pray for us . . .

Mother of Good Counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honor,

Singular vessel of devotion,

Mystical rose,

Tower of David,

Tower of ivory,

House of gold,

Ark of the covenant,

Gate of heaven,

Morning star,

Health of the sick,

Refuge of sinners,

Comforter of the afflicted,

Help of Christians,

Queen of Angels,

Queen of Patriarchs,

Queen of Prophets,

Queen of Apostles,

Queen of Martyrs,

Queen of Confessors,

Queen of Virgins,

Queen of all Saints,

Queen conceived without
original sin,

Queen assumed into heaven,

Queen of the most holy Rosary,

Queen of Peace,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

**All: God our Father,
Who has blessed humanity
through the appearance of
the Virgin at Tepeyac,
Grant we beseech thee,
that all people may look to her
as a model of faith,
hope and charity
as they seek unity in your one Church.
We ask this through your Son,
our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Prayer to the Virgin of Guadalupe

By Msgr. Eduardo Chávez

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,
mother of the true God for whom we live, Bearer of
Jesus Christ who gives us his Spirit and life in the Church.**

**We thank you for being our loving and compassionate
mother; because you hear our weeping and our sorrow;
because you are the remedy and the cure for our grief,
our misery and our pain.**

**Thank you, Mother, for placing us in your heart, for
allowing us to be under your shadow and your
protection, for being the source of our joy, and for
keeping us in the hollow of your robe and the crossing
of your arms.**

**Thank you, our Mother, for sending this message
through your humble son St. Juan Diego, and through
his intercession we ask that you fortify us in Peace, in
Unity and in Love.**

Amen.

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