

Saturday 1st May 2021

Flores de Mayo

With

May Devotions



As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

Refrain:

**Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.**

2. All I have I give you
ev'ry dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.

Refrain

3. As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
is lost in your embrace.

Refrain

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Immaculate Mary!

Anonymous

Our hearts are on fire,
that title so wondrous
fills all our desire.

**Refrain: Ave, ave, ave Maria!
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2. We pray for God's glory,
may his kingdom come!
We pray for His vicar,
our father, and Rome. Refrain

3. We pray for our mother
the church upon earth,
and bless, sweetest Lady,
the land of our birth. Refrain

4. O Mary! O mother!
Reign o'er us once more,
be England thy "dowry"
as in days of yore. Refrain

5. We pray for all sinners,
and souls that now stray
from Jesus and Mary,
in heresy's way Refrain

Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest
flower of the vale

Refrain:

**O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
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Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.**

2. Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee.
Oh, grant that thy children
on earth be as true,
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers
as long as the azure
shall keep its bright hue

Refrain

3. Sing gaily in chorus,
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth

Refrain
Anonymous

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the ocean Star!

Guide of the wand'rer here below!
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
pray for the wanderer, pray for me

2. O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,
we sinners make our prayers through thee;
remind thy son that he has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
pray for the sinner, pray for me.

3. Sojourners in this vale of tears,
to thee, blest advocate, we cry;
pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
and soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
pray for the mourner, pray for me.

4. And while to him who reigns above,
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,
the source of life, of grace, of love,
homage we pay on bended knee,
do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea.
pray for thy children, pray for me.

John Lingard (1771-1851)

Regina caeli

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii
tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum
laetificare dignatus es: praesta,
quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem
Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus
gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum
Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

O Mother blest, whom God bestows

on sinners and on just,
what joy, what hope thou givest those
who in thy mercy trust.

Refrain:

**Thou art clement, thou art chaste,
Mary, thou art fair:
of all mother sweetest, best;
none with thee compare.**

2. O heavenly mother, mistress sweet!
It never yet was told
that suppliant sinner left thy feet
unpitied, unconsoled.

Refrain

3. O mother pitiful and mild,
cease not to pray for me;
for I do love thee as a child,
and sigh for love of thee. Refrain

4. Most powerful mother, all men know
thy Son denies thee nought;
thou askest, wishest it, and lo!
his power thy will hath wrought.

Refrain

5. O mother blest, for me obtain
ungrateful though I be,
to love that God Who first could deign
to show such love for me.

Refrain

St Alphonsus Liguori (1699-1787) tr. Edmund Vaughan