

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 Aug 10, 2007

++MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hi, Everyone,

Last week I told you Bob and I were on our way to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Missouri. As always, we found it a beautiful place to stop and reflect on the year just passed, our joy at blessings and little miracles received, our continued heartache for those we love who continue to remain away from mass and the Sacraments, and our thankfulness that God has been with us through it all. We carried all your prayer intentions for the past year with us and left a special petition for all of you at the Shrine. Each year Our Lady always seems to be with us in a special way when we make that visit. This year we left the Shrine quietly, both of us lost in our own thoughts and prayers and in the beauty of the countryside where the shrine sits nestled in the hills in outskirts of the Ozarks. It was sprinkling just a little as we left, but there was no rain. "Our Lady's tears", I thought. Then, just as we got back on the Interstate, a rainbow appeared in a corner of the Eastern sky.

I spoke up, "Wow, see the rainbow? That's quite a sign!"

Bob, in his normal, calm manner replied quietly, "I wonder if that is the sign I asked for."

He then explained that in prayer in the shrine church he had told the Lord and the Blessed Mother that even though he did trust that all would be well, with the many things he was praying for—both personal petitions and petitions for the MMG—he really could use a sign that everything was going to be all right.

Then we talked about the rainbow—that promise that God sent to Noah, that traditional sign of hope given to God's people. We talked about how we often miss the hand of God because we are looking for something else or looking somewhere else. I guess Bob wasn't expecting a sign to show up quite so soon. God surely forgave his hesitation to accept the rainbow as a sign that day. Bob just forgot that (as I relate to audiences every time I speak) Our Lady has always made her presence known in some way on these pilgrimages. Obviously, she continued to do so that Friday. I'm not saying she made the rainbow, but it was a little one and off to one side. I suspect she nudged me to turn my head and see

it there. Praise God for giving us His mother for our own! Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us and for our children!

Let us all please, not give up. Let us persevere in prayer no matter how long we must pray. (Remember St. Monica's prayers went on for decades.) God moves in His time—in the time that is best for us. Let us trust Him.

May we all look forward to the day when we can say with great joy, "The child for whom I have prayed, has come home!"

Peace,
MaryAnn

p.s. Yesterday Father James Kubicki, the National Director of the *Apostleship of Prayer*, (www.apostleshipofprayer.org) told me that on August 27, the feast of St. Monica, in his daily prayer reflection that he does for *Relevant Radio* (www.relevantradio.com), a growing Catholic radio network, he will be mentioning the Marian Mantle Group and our efforts to reach out to those who are hurting because a loved one is a lapsed Catholic.

I am most grateful to Father Kubicki who has been an encouragement to me, not only for his kind words about our efforts here, but also through reading his spiritual reflections online on the AOP web site. Karen, who formats your prayer requests for this update, says she often reads his words in *Living Faith* the daily devotional she uses. Those who do not have a Relevant Radio network station in your area can go to their web site and listen online. Bob and I listened online last night and this morning and found their programming refreshing and rewarding.

pp.s. If you want to attend the talk I am giving at the ACCW convention in Tonganoxie, please let me know so I can give you more information and a guest pass. I am still in need of people to pray during that talk. How about you?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR Aug 10, 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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello MaryAnn,

I received my newsletter from Jane and enjoyed it so much. A lot of the stories hit home with me. The newsletter keeps me refreshed and ready to move on and not give up.

Thank you , thank you.
~Leavenworth prayer group member

Dear MaryAnne

How great our God is, I wanted so much to share some news and the newsletter from you was here. Our son who we have been praying for and his girl are expecting a baby. He did say the baby will be baptized Catholic and if they marry they will have a Catholic wedding. We have prayed for him to find his place in life and ask God to bless us with another Grandchild. I welcome this, but it is a mixed Blessing [with no marriage imminent]. It's not perfect but it's a start. God is working, in his life. Don't you think?
~Name withheld for privacy

Hi MaryAnn,
Sunday morning here, thought I'd email before church. Yes, I did get the picture. Beautiful is all I can say. What a beautiful talented Lady Jay was. God must be enjoying her so much in the heavens.
~Kansas member

Note: If you have good news or other comments to share, contact MaryAnn at MaryAnn@MarianMantle.com

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GOD'S WORD FOR US

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.
~Hebrews 11:1

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WORDS OF HOPE

Faith is to believe what we do not see,
and the reward of this faith is to see
what we believe. ~St. Augustine

The flowers live by tears that fall
From the sad face of the skies.
And life would have no joy at all
Were there no watery eyes.
Love thou thy sorrow; grief shall bring
Its own excuse in after years;
The rainbow—see how fair a thing
God hath built up from tears.

~Henry S. Sutton

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WISH LIST

- +Stamps
- +Volunteers to pray during the August 25 and September 29 talks. You may pray either at your home, your chapel, or attend and pray at the talks.
- +Help with operating expenses such as online connections, web site costs, office expenses, and printing the newsletter.

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FYI

+ Jay Crisafulli Prints: So far, we have been able to fill all orders. Email your potential order to me at maryann@marianmantle.com and I will let you know if the items are still available.

+Sept Masses The list of masses (for the return of prodigal Catholics) <http://www.marianmantle.com/prayer/massschedule.htm> continues to grow that have been requested during September (the month of Our Lady of Sorrows) to be said in your parishes. If September 15 (her feast day), or the month of Sept., is not available in your parish, request one for October or November. What a great way to thank Our Lady of Sorrows for her help and to petition her to continue to carry our prayers to the feet of her Son, Jesus. So far, masses are only being said in one State—I know our membership covers more than Kansas 😊. Please let me know when yours is scheduled and I will add it to the list on the web site and send you prayer cards you may distribute to those who attend or leave in your chapel.

+Presentations For information about bringing the Silent Strength presentation to your parish or Catholic organization, contact 913-526-8977 or maryann@marianmantle.com

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