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***Novena  
to the  
Most Holy Virgin  
of Good Success  
in Quito***

“...For the promotion of devotion to  
The Immaculate Conception of Good Success  
... to help achieve the Renewal of Faith...”

Bishop Daniel of Cuenca, Ecuador, June 30, 1937

Dedicated to the “Immaculate Conception”

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Faith and [Christian] morality. A thousand  
congratulations to the author of the manuscript.

I remain the very respectful and humble servant.  
of Your Excellency and Most Reverend Bishop,  
Father León Delétre. C.S.S.R.

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**Ecclesiastical Government  
of the Diocese of Cuenca,  
June 30, 1937**

Having reviewed the manuscript, entitled  
“*Novena to the Most Holy Virgin of Good Success  
in Quito*” and been given the favorable report of  
our editor named above, we allow the publication

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Cuenca,  
May 31, 1937**

The reviewer of this manuscript, entitled  
“*Novena to the Most Holy Virgin of Good Success  
in Quito*” is Reverend Father León Delétre.  
His report is provided below.  
+ DANIEL, Bishop of Cuenca

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**June 1, 1937 --- Feast of St. Alphonsus,**

**Your Excellency and Most Reverend Bishop,  
Honored by the appointment of revising the  
manuscript, entitled “*Novena to the Most Holy  
Virgin of Good Success in Quito*,” I am very  
pleased to give my humble opinion on this work  
to the undersigned [Bishop Daniel].**

**“The novena is a real honeycomb both for its  
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**of the above manuscript, to be released in our  
diocese for the promotion of the devotion to the  
Immaculate Conception of Good Success. May  
this Novena do much good to souls who devoutly  
pray it, and help achieve the renewal of Faith in  
our diocese and throughout the entire Republic.  
We grant an indulgence of fifty days in the usual  
way, for each day that the novena is recited.**

**+ DANIEL, Bishop of Cuenca**

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Official starting date of the *Annual Novena to Mary  
Most Holy of Good Success of the Purification and  
Candlemas* begins on January 24<sup>th</sup> ending February  
2<sup>nd</sup> the *Feast of the Purification and Candlemas*.  
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*“The Rosary  
is the Chain of Gold  
that links our hearts to the heart of  
Our Mother”*

*Quotation taken from the walls of the  
Conceptionist Monastery in Quito, Ecuador*

**Cover:** Photographic image of an original painting that hangs in the Conceptionist Monastery in Quito, Ecuador. It is titled “Our Lady of the Rosary.” In this particular painting, the saints painted above the portraits of St. Dominic and St. Catherine are two of the five Founding Mothers: Mother Maria Taboada and Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres. It is believed that these two images were added to the painting much later. May we follow the example of these great saints who by their example prayed the rosary daily for their souls and the conversion of their fellow men!

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Our Lady of Good Success



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### Forward

In 1937, Bishop Daniel of Cuenca, Ecuador gave his approval of this *“Novena to the Most Holy Virgin of Good Success in Quito”* stating:

*“...The novena is a real honeycomb both for its harmonious structure and precise doctrine and by the flavor of its apostolic balm. It is much appreciated and very timely today.”*

*“My wish is that the Holy Virgin, Distinguished Protectress of Quito, with the fervent prayers of this novena affect a desired outcome by opening the eyes of the blind ignorant, warming the hearts of the indifferent, and returning to Ecuador a government and its people to the practice of the Faith and [Christian] morality...”*

The author of this novena - who chose to remain anonymous - exposed all of the terrible predicaments of the times and boldly implores Our Lady to deliver us from: **immorality, impurity, pornography, bad movies, apostasy, heresy, schism and even International Communism.** The fact that the author chose to make specific mention of these delicate

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issues back in 1937 is very significant and gives proof to the words, which Our Lady of Good Success gave to us in Her prophetic warnings:

*“Thus, I make it known to you that from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and from shortly after the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in what is today the Republic of Ecuador, the passions will erupt and there will be total corruption of customs, for Satan will reign almost completely by means of the Masonic Sects. They will focus principally on the children in order to sustain this general corruption. Woe to the children of these times!... “During that epoch the Church will find herself attacked by terrible hordes of the Masonic sect and this poor Ecuadorian land will be agonizing because the corruption of customs, unbridled luxury, the impious press and secular education. The vices of impurity blasphemy, and sacrilege will dominate in this time of depraved desolation...”*

Did Bishop Daniel of Cuenca have the opportunity to read the prophecies of Our Lady of Good Success and then consequently feel the desperate urgency to beg Her Intercession to deliver us from the evils of

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these times as the 20<sup>th</sup> Century already was well advanced? Perhaps...

Nonetheless, Our Lady of Good Success predicted that one day this devotion would become great and spread around the world during the most horrific Crisis that the Church and the World would face with these words:

*"With the making of my Statue, I will favor not only you and my Convent, but also the people – and the general public – through the centuries. Since this Convent is a fortress, it will bring salvation for many souls, drawing them from the abyss of sin in which they find themselves. God will be glorified in those souls. How many conversions it will bring about!... "This devotion will be the lightning rod placed between Divine Justice and the prevaricating world to hold back God's Hand from unleashing the formidable punishment that this guilty earth deserves..."*

Perhaps Our Lady also foresaw that not only would this novena benefit the Faithful in 1937 but also now again in 2011? After all, as the novena was written over 70 years ago, how much more pertinent is it for us in this demoralized 21<sup>st</sup> Century? It is our desire

then, to see this novena used as a tool to affect the True and Authentic Restoration Our Lady spoke of in Her messages to Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres.

Therefore, it is with great appreciation and thanksgiving to Our Lady for Her help over the past years that ***"The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success"*** presents this newly translated novena to the devotees of Our Lady of Good Success.

As the 400th anniversary of the Consecration of the Miraculous statue approaches, on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, may this novena remind us daily that we continue to live through the dire prophecies of Our Lady of Good Success, and that She will give consolation to all of those faithful who have a devotion to Her under this beautiful and most promising of titles for She promised:

*"In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, this devotion will work prodigies in the spiritual as well as temporal spheres, because it is the will of God to reserve this invocation and knowledge of your life for that century, when the corruption of customs will be almost general and the precious light of Faith almost extinguished."*

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### **PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY**

Oh Holy Virgin! We prostrate ourselves at Thy feet, refusing to get up until Thou hast granted our request. With holy valor, we contemplate that Thou art our Mother. We are filled with encouragement as we contemplate that Thou art our Mother, because Thou art the true Mother of Jesus, Head of the Mystical Body, of which we are its members. In addition, Thou art our Mother and Co-Redemptrix, inasmuch as Jesus, the Incarnate God, while He hung on the sacred wood of the Cross, gave Thee to us. With His heart, burning with love, through His own parched lips, racked with pain, He spoke to each one of us, through the person of St. John, these words: *"Ecce Mater tua,"* – *"Behold Thy Mother."* For this reason, Heavenly Mother, we come to Thee with confidence to implore Thy favor in our own misfortunes and those of our country.

All the titles and avocations, that thou has inspired in the sons of the Church, encourages Thee to shower Thy maternal graces on men. We have no reason then, to doubt that Thou will intercede in a marvelous way when invoked under the sweet title of *Our Lady of Good Success*.

The irrefutable testimony of the authentic statue miraculously found in the solitude of a rocky mountain region resulted in this portentous title and veneration in

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Photographic image of the Statue with enhanced imagery surrounding it --- 20<sup>th</sup> Century.  
Surrounding the miraculous statue is St. Francis, the Three Archangels and Mother Mariana.

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the Church of the Royal Hospital of Madrid. For this reason, therefore, we place our trust most loving Mother, that Thou will hear the prayers that we humbly raise in this Novena. We hope to receive, through Thy intercession, the graces that we ask in this Novena, along with all the other graces that are necessary for our salvation. Amen.

### ANTIPHON

Holy Mary, save the miserable, help the weak, intercede for the afflicted, plead for the people, intercede for the clergy, petition for the faithful. Permit all those who celebrate Thy holy memory to experience Thy favor and assistance.

V. Pray for us, Oh Holy Virgin of Good Success.

R. So that we may be worthy to receive the promises of Christ.

We ask Thee, Our Lord, God, that Thou grant us the health of soul and body, through the intercession of the most glorious Virgin Mary. Through Her merits and those of Her sovereign Child Jesus, we hope to be freed from the present evils and attain eternal happiness.

Amen.



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Our sorrows, our pains – how many they are! But, as a Christian, today, there is one affliction that torments us most, above all of the rest. It is the torment of watching Christian morality being dragged through the mud. So many have had their souls adorned with the beauty of sanctifying grace, but only to lose it and live like pagans!

Parents who do not watch over their children act with criminal neglect! So many publications are nothing more than pornographic magazines that drip with the pus of impurity on every page! Modern dances under the guise of social functions cause the loss of so many souls of young women [and men]! Our youth act with such frivolity and abandonment - lacking refinement and decency! And the public beaches! Theatres, too, have become so scandalous that the cinemas have become the graveyards of consciences and the “waiting rooms” of Hell! Because of the publicly accepted indecencies that are exhibited on the screen, these theatres seem to be the dwelling places for the damned.

There occurs such contemptuousness for the Ten Commandments -- these commandments that have been morally imposed on us by God’s Divine Authority.

Moreover the immorality, the impurity, keeps advancing, like a tidal wave, penetrating into almost all homes. So much so, that adultery has been legalized by the passing of a perfect divorce law. And we know that a society riddled by the worms of obscenity is one mortally

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## FIRST DAY

Make the sign of the Cross

Through the sign of the Holy Cross - Deliver us from our enemies, Oh Lord our God.

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## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY

Sicut balsamum aromatizan odorem dedi. (Eccli. XXIV, 20)

Oh Most Holy Virgin and Our Mother! Since thou art the balm that can heal, to Thee do we present our souls covered by the wounds of affliction, in search of a cure. With good reason, the Church calls this world the *valley of tears*. The Flood of the Old Testament punished the world, inundating it in its waves, - but only once. However the flood of afflictions is constant; it begins in the cradle and it lasts throughout our life. It is impossible to find eyes that have not been moistened by tears, or hearts that have not been pierced with sorrow.

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wounded by spiritual and material death. Should this not arouse our souls? Should it not cause us tears of sorrow? In such bitterness, should we not come to Thee then, Oh Sovereign Queen of Heaven? Who, but Thee, can give remedy to all this evil?

Prostrated on our knees, and full of hope, we ask Thee to remedy this. We trust in Thee because Thou art “*consolatrix afflictorum*,” – “the Consoler of the afflicted,” and Thou cannot leave us without consoling us in our sorrow. Oh Mary, we place our confidence in Thee because we know that the sweetest task of Thy reign over the earth is to descend and spread the healing balm of Thy favor on the wounds of suffering souls. Thou cannot leave without curing the immense open wound in our hearts caused by the moral ruin of our country.

Correct us, purify us, and save us, oh Virgin of Good Success! Grant us this grace, and the special favor that we ask of Thee in this novena, if is for the greater glory of God and the good of our souls.

Amen.

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## **SECOND DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

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## **PRAYER FOR THE SECOND DAY**

Ero quasi ros. (Hosea, XIV, 6)

Oh Holy Virgin! Spiritual dew of our souls, we turn to Thee on this second day of our novena, in need of Thy

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become members of the Church, which is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

However, when these same children, then awakening to the light of reason, are placed in secular schools, the result is the extinguishing of all grace in their souls. Little by little, the passions are aroused and they, who were once innocent, will drown in sin. They will try to defend their conduct and resort to false theories that they have learned in these Godless schools; and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity will wither like flowers in a poisonous atmosphere and thus, apostasy takes place.

In spite of all this being true, there are parents so ignorant, so careless, and perhaps even so criminal not to tremble to send their children to these secular schools, thereby paving the way for their everlasting destruction. These parents, if not in word, at least in works also apostatize from God and His Holy Church. This is the sad story of so many of our people [Catholics].

And these bands of apostates who have left the fold of Christ to join the ranks of practical atheists, are today as widespread and alarming as ever, because the secular schools, which ignore God, have spread like an iron mesh, over the whole nation.

Oh Blessed Mother, what a terrible misfortune! The holy religion of Jesus Christ in our country has been mortally wounded, by secular schools and this is what fills us with dismay and pierces us with regret.

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assistance. The Lord pitied the misfortunes of the Jewish people, and comforted them by the Prophet Hosea, making this pledge: "I will be like the dew to Israel; which will bloom like the lily."

In this way, Dear Lady, Thou art like the dew for Christians. As a beneficial mist which crystallizes in the center of flowers or lines the grass of the field, Thy dew of grace shines like fine diamonds serving as a beneficial rain.

Moreover, dry fields often times do not get life-saving water except from the dew. Oh Mary, so too, Thou art the exalted dew as Thy beautiful soul – so full that grace generously overflows like a gentle rain over our parched souls. Oh! How often are our souls arid, without the flowers of virtues! More so, they are permeated with drought, because we have allowed the waters of pure bitterness to penetrate.

Of all such bitterness, it is most painful to see the grievous sorrow of baptized children educated in Atheism. Oh, this is to be mourned with tears of blood!

These children, regenerated in the waters of Baptism and clothed with sanctifying grace, are entitled to participate in the Banquet of Glory. With this banquet, they are able to receive the virtues of Faith in the Revealed Truths, of Hope in the attainment of Eternal Happiness and of Charity, uniting them to God with bonds of love. Furthermore, they have received the gift to

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But, Oh heavenly Lady, do not let this continue! May the dew of Thy grace come to us; May Thy grace enlighten the minds of parents who do not see this abyss into which their children will be plunged once they send their children to secular schools.

May Thy grace strengthen parents in the fight to give their children a Christian education. Give Thy grace of constancy to the teachers who are discouraged to see such little fruit from their toils and labors. Finally give Thy grace as balm for the weak souls of children, so that, despite everything, their souls will bloom with the lilies of all virtues.

Grant us these graces and the special favor we ask of Thee in this novena, if it is for the greater glory of God and the good of our souls.

Amen.

- ◆ Petition for the graces desired
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### **THIRD DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

Through the sign of the Holy Cross -Deliver us from our enemies, Oh Lord our God.

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Photographic Image taken in 1941 of Our Lady of Good Success Statue. Published in the Quito Newspaper "El Comercio," describing the 1941 miraculous animation of the statue.

### **PRAYER FOR THE THIRD DAY**

O Most Holy Virgin! How Thou dost remind us so vividly of the complaint Our Lord made to Jerusalem:

*"How often would I have gathered together Thy children, as the hen doth gather her chicks under her wings, and thou wouldst not? (Mat 23:37)*

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have yielded to the vilest of vices such as drunkenness, lust and revenge...

These are the shameful causes that influenced so many educated Christian men and women to break with the dogmas of the Church and to eject themselves from the yoke of Christ's teachings. And if this continues, soon our country will be one of many "[Russian Communist controlled] rubles" without religion. Can there be a greater disgrace? Oh Lady of Good Success! Halt our compatriots in their miss-steps. Give them strength to control their worldly passions, to resist the attractions of vanity, and to bear the hardships - calmly and firmly - that their loyalty to the religion of Jesus Christ may bring. May all Ecuadorians [Catholics] gather together under the folds of Thy mantle, where we will be defended from the dangers of losing the Christian faith. Grant us Thy mercy and the special favor we ask of Thee in this novena, if is for the greater glory of God and the good of our souls.

Amen.

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Yes, Thou hast desired to devote Thy protection to the Ecuadorians [Catholics] by placing them "under Thy wings," since the beginning of time. Like the sheltering hen, a symbol of maternal love, Thou hast saved us from so many natural hazards such as: earthquakes and plagues, and also the dangers of the diabolical wiles of heresy and schism.

And how have we responded to Thy maternal solicitude? Ah, we are forced to confess that in recent years, we have sinned without end!

We have already confessed in the past days of this novena that the flagrant display of lust and immorality deserve that same punishment God pronounced for Sodom and Gomorrah. As well, we realize that atheistic teaching kills the Faith in many baptized children; and moreover, the apostasy of men continues without end.

We must admit that we ran from Thee and Thy protective mantle, dear Lady, We are such ingrates! Why? It is not because science has shown us anything that would jeopardize Catholic truth, the truth whose glorious seal was placed on us at baptism. No, the reasons are more vile and contemptible. It is due to a general weakness of character. It is our lack of overcoming human respect, and the anxiety for increasing personal gain by unjustly increasing wealth, or scaling the heights of public office without conscience or shame, in order to secure a morsel of bread for sustenance. As well, many

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### **FOURTH DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

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### **PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH DAY**

The Church delights in Thee - invoking Thee as "Star of the Sea." Thou art most deserving of such a title for Thou art so. Before the discovery of the compass, mariners had no other guide than the North Star. When a storm covers the stars with its black mantle, and the hurricane is unleashed, it curls the waves into mountains. A ship becomes a plaything of those waters, surely losing its path. How somber and chilling is that darkness! But if

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a gust of wind creates a break in the clouds, if the North Star can be seen, what joyful hope emerges for all: for then it can guide the ship into a safe harbor.

This world has been likened to the sea in storm, because the passions of men are more violent than hurricanes. The ship symbolizes the Church and also our souls. Ah! How we feel the truth of this comparison! How in these times of sorrow, we, Catholics, around the world, feel the sting of these winds and waves on our face! For in this hour of this tempest unleashed against us, the wind and the waves of religious hatred trample the rights of Holy Mother the Church. This hatred [for the Catholic Church] has caused churches of [false] worship to be erected. We are now at the mercy of wicked powers that could tie our hands at any moment, based on the law. This hatred prevents public displays of Christian piety. This hatred robs the Church of Her secular and divine rights as a perfect society, founded by Jesus Christ. It seeks, or, at very least, lays the groundwork to take the necessary means of subsistence from Her. This hatred tramples Her rights and puts constant restrictions to the free expansion of Catholic ideas. It has even, in some nations, martyred thousands of priests, religious and hundreds of thousands of Catholics by the sword and ransacked and destroyed many churches - many of these churches [acknowledged as] artistic wonders. Lastly, this hatred is one that gives free liberty to the dissemination

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## **FIFTH DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

Through the sign of the Holy Cross -Deliver us from our enemies, Oh Lord our God.

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## **PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH DAY**

The bee is quite small, but its fruit is foremost in its sweetness. Just after the morning dawns, the bee leaves its delicately made hive, and flies to the gardens adorned with flowers, plants that trim the banks of streams and hills where scented thyme blooms. Tirelessly darting from flower to flower, the bee collects the nectar for the

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of impious and immoral works that trigger the storms of destruction and devastation upon the world...

O Holy Virgin! Who will deliver us out of this persecution? Who, but Thee, can undo and thwart the hidden and visible forces that torment us and imprison our Faith? Thee, yes, and only Thee! Hasten, then, to our aid! Oh resplendent, beneficent, shining Star, shine Oh Dawn preceding the Sun of Peace and true Christian freedom for Catholics of all nations. Surrender the darkness of International Communism to the Light of Truth which holds that the Catholic Church alone is the sole Light of the World. May we soon attain Thy support and that of Thy Blessed Son.

Amen.

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honey without causing damage to the benevolent little goblet of the flower. So it spends the day working tirelessly until the twilight gathers them once again into their delicately patterned dwellings.

O Holy Virgin! Behold a clear reflection of Thy life's labor. Loving work, especially during Thy life in Nazareth, Thou performed Thy maternal duties as well as cared for Thy home with Thy own hands and by the sweat of Thy brow. Thou stitched that same seamless robe that Jesus wore until His executioners drew lots for it on Calvary. What can be said about Thy diligence in accumulating spiritual graces and merits? They are limitless! Such perfection and generosity in the fulfillment of the Law! Such sanctity in Thy actions, and Thy thoughts with each breath!

O Mother of Good Success! Such a contrast to our own tepidity! What miserable creatures we are! We are negligent in prayer, and in resisting temptations that entice us to sin. In doing good works; even if we feel the inspirations of grace, with what indifference and cowardly resignation do we cope with the problems of our fellow man. And so we will persist, if Thou, O Mother, do not help us.

Hasten then, and shower Thy mercy upon us, open Thy generous hands, always willing to help Thy poor children. Grant us diligence and fervency in prayer, and in the fulfillment of our duties, as this is God's will.

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Grant us exact obedience to all God's commandments and the grace of steadfastness, patience in adversity and charity with those who annoy us. Thus, in imitation of Thee, oh Mary, may we taste the sweet nectar of holiness, extracted from all the "flowers" of our daily actions in order to increase supernatural grace. O Mother of Good Success! With Thy succor and Thy aid, may we always be prepared to cross the threshold of eternity and to enjoy Thy loving company forever.

Amen

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all calculation; so is Thy love for God which is above all of the cherubim, seraphim and saints combined. Therefore, conforming to Thy love for God is Thy love for men. This is what led Thee to Calvary, to be crucified to a cross without nails, and yet be our Co-Redemptrix. And yet how much more are Thou a Co-Redemptrix since Thy Assumption into Heaven? How we, poor sinners, feel the influences of Thy motherly love! Thou art the Consolation of the Afflicted, the Help of Christians and Refuge of Sinners. Thou art the constant Mediator between God and men, and from Thy hands, pass all mercy obtained from Heaven. Oh Mother of Good Success, Thy love for mankind gives us great consolation! Holy Virgin, Thou can see now, more than ever, we need Thy charity. Assist us in the dangers that threaten Catholics in the world today, but above all, grant us an ardent charity for all, especially to our fellow Catholics. Grant peace, harmony, understanding and mutual aid to prevail amongst Catholics today more than ever. Grant us the virtue of Charity, so pleasing to Jesus, that He desired that His disciples be known by this virtue, (just as followers of Lucifer are known for their hatred). Also, grant us the strength to overcome our heart's natural anger, extending our love to our enemies. How much this costs us, especially when we see the ill will and injustice with which they treat us! But for this very reason, then, charity is more deserving. O Virgin Mary, do not permit

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## **SIXTH DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

Through the sign of the Holy Cross -Deliver us from our enemies, Oh Lord our God.

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## **PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH DAY**

The rose is considered the queen of the garden. Nature expresses its devotion to the rose with its breeze, the dew with its pearls and the birds with their songs. The rose also symbolizes love, queen of all virtues. Therefore the rose is a symbol of Thee, Oh Most Blessed Virgin! Thou art the queen of all the angels and saints, and Thy love flourishes purer and more ardent than we can ever imagine.

Who can measure Thy immense love of God in Heaven? Only one who can acquire the knowledge of the dignity of Mother of God. But as this dignity is beyond

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us to be deprived of these merits through cowardice. Then, may these merits, one day, be converted into untold happiness with Thee in heaven!

Amen

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## **SEVENTH DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

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## **PRAYER FOR THE SEVENTH DAY**

It is the olive tree that produces gentle oil that is used to treat wounds. Our Lady of Good Success! Thou art this salve to us! Abundant mercy flows from Thy heart and in time of extreme need, we must apply Thy mercy.

Essentially, the olive branch has always been a symbol of peace, the virtue so loved by Thy Divine Master, who greeted His disciples with that phrase: "Peace be with you." Dear Mother, Thy strength is that same peace! Amid the hardships of Thy poverty, in the midst of Thy pain, especially when the ungrateful people of Jerusalem

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and that peace which is the beginning of eternal peace and happiness, which we hope for all eternity.

Amen

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turned against Thy Holy Son, -slandering and humiliating Him, scourging Him, crowning Him with thorns, and mocking Him sarcastically as He was nailed to a cross. In the midst of all this, what resignation Thou didst have to the will of God! What charity to those heartless executioners! What unalterable peace of soul! Oh, what an example Thou has given us, for which we need in these times! It's so difficult for us to remain calm amid the storm!

We are infuriated by the contempt that is shown toward our right to confess our religious beliefs. We are discouraged when we see our enemies - unjustified enemies - of the Catholic Faith, triumphant. This is only natural, if one looks to the world, but one must look to Heaven instead. O Mother of Good Success! Help us! Enlighten the eyes of our faith, to see clearly how insignificant all the things of this world are, and that we must only value Heaven. Only when our souls are rooted in this contempt for temporal and earthly goods, then these things will not harm us. We will not be dismayed, nor beaten down, nor will we lose our peace of mind. It is this peace that is so sweet, so profitable and so necessary for the soul! Come to our assistance; bestow on us the great grace to live only for Heaven. We need not worry about earthly things. May our passions, moral cause of our sufferings, be tamed. May peace flourish in our souls, that peace that Jesus brought from Heaven for His own,

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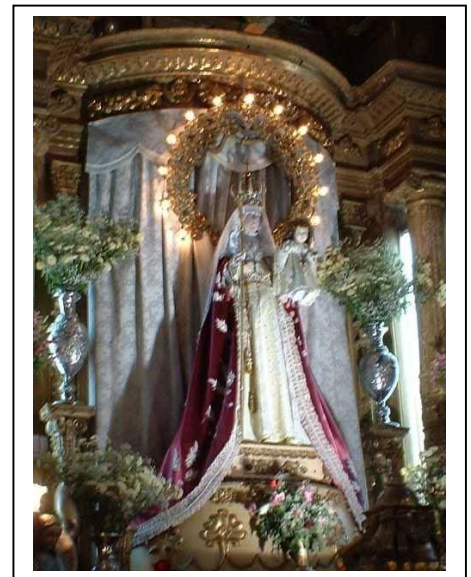
## **EIGHTH DAY**

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## **PRAYER FOR THE EIGHTH DAY**

On calm, clear nights, a silvery strip of fine dust can be seen in the sky, that is - the Milky Way, which is commonly called [in Spanish speaking countries] "Camino de Santiago" or in English "Way of St. James." It is formed by millions of stars and [legend says] its distance forms a path from earth to heaven. Behold, O Holy Virgin! Thy soul mirrors the Milky Way

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as Thy virtues are like the stars of the Milky Way, countless, and perhaps considered small by some. However, in reality these virtues are quite outstanding since they are practiced with pure love of God - as they ascend to the zenith of the most exalted sanctity.

Thou art our guiding light that shows us the path we must ascend to reach sanctity and eternal life. Yes, O Virgin of Good Success! Assist us to become humble and follow Christian laws, as Thou were humble and complied to God's law. Assist us to work with pure intentions in the ordinary tasks of life, bearing with tolerance and patience, human frailty and annoyances of our fellow men. Help us to show compassion for the sorrows of the unfortunate by alleviating all we can. Show us how to praise, without envying, the good works of others and cooperate, with a spirit of docility, with people of different temperaments.

Finally, we wish to imitate Thee by taking advantage of the many occasions to practice virtue which we are given in trivial matters of everyday life. Then, we will accumulate numerous and resplendent "stars" of virtuous acts, as numerous and bright as the stars that form the Milky Way. These stars will then form the path that will lead us to the glories of heaven. Oh Sovereign Mother - We can only reach this path through Thy efficacious help! Our constant falls have taught us that nothing replaces the practice of virtue, and we will continue to

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## **NINTH DAY**

Make the sign of the Cross

Through the sign of the Holy Cross -Deliver us from our enemies, Oh Lord our God.

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## **PRAYER FOR THE NINTH DAY**

Among the wonders of nature, there are few comparable to the dawn. When she smiles in the East, the mountains are dressed in clouds of emerald, sapphire and scarlet. And all these beauties are like the messengers who announce the coming of a king — the sun.

O Holy Virgin! Thou art the true dawn, as Thou art the messenger announcing the arrival of the true Sun of Justice: Christ Jesus — our King. Thou art never more beautiful and kind than when we see the Infant Jesus in

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fall if a very extraordinary grace does not act on our will. Therefore, hasten to grant us the graces we need so that from now on we may courageously undertake the path of Christian perfection. May we walk with Thee on that path, so that we may also rejoice with Thee forever in Heaven.

Amen

- ◆ Petition for the graces desired
- ◆ Pray three Hail Mary's
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Thy arms. And as the sun lights the sky for the benefit of all, so does Jesus borne in Thy arms benefit everyone. Thou brought Him forth into the world to be sacrificed as a Victim for our sins. He redeemed us with the seal of His blood, Bring Him now to our souls spiritually to enlighten us. If we have sinned — Let us be reconciled with Him. If we are already in the state of grace — May He increase our sanctity.

Dear Lady — True Dawn! Bring Jesus to us because we need Him. We need to reconcile with Him, because we have been disloyal. We need the infinite merits He has made available to us, in satisfaction for our sins, in thanksgiving to the Eternal Father for the many benefits received and for those that we must obtain in order to remain in the state of grace. O Holy Virgin! The "Good Success" [that we ask for] is Thy answer to our request that Thou bring Jesus to us. May we be reconciled with Him that He will keep us always beside Him with the virtue of Faith. May we be preserved beside Him in the midst of the current storms with the virtue of Hope. Based on His merits and promises, may He encourage us in our battles by His side. May we love Him with the virtue of charity. Through Him, may we love our neighbor in the fulfillment of our duties, because only by loving Jesus can we keep His commandments. Oh Mother of Good Success, grant us this grace that we may secure Heaven. Then Thou will be the true dawn,

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announcing the possession of Jesus, Divine Sun that illuminates the heavenly abodes of eternal bliss. With Thy help, grant us our desire and our hope.

Amen

- ◆ Petition for the graces desired
- ◆ Pray three Hail Mary's
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### **FINAL PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY**

Oh Most Holy Mary, Thou hast demonstrated so many times how pleased Thou art when honored with the avocation of Our Lady of Good Success; grant us, we beseech Thee, the grace that we have now asked of Thee. Moreover, cast a compassionate glance on our Country, in which Thou sees plunged in so many miseries, above all spiritually. Take pity on us since all the evils overburden us.

Thou deigned to visit Ecuador from the beginning of its birth as a civilized and Christian nation. With tender love Thou descended from Thy imperial throne in Heaven to the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Quito. Why hast Thou appeared so many times to Thy angelic servant, Mariana de Jesus Torres? Thou manifested Thy will to have a statue made under the title of Our Lady of Good Success and that Thou be presented with the keys and the crosier. Certainly with these details Thou wished to give proof of Thy ineffable love for the Monastery of Quito, consecrated to honor Thy Immaculate Conception. But it is not less true that, with this act, Thou wished to protect in a special way the City of Quito and the whole Ecuadorian nation [and the Church], evidenced by the fervor with which the Ecuadorians have always honored Thee as their sublime Patroness. The numerous favors that have always been attributed to Thee serve as a

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manifestation. Therefore, dear Lady and most-loving Mother, look at the misery hanging over us. Grant that the rights of God are respected in our country: that children receive an education in Catholic schools, so that one-day they may become well-instructed people and good Christians. Grant that the Church founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ with basic fundamental rights along with the worship due to God revives the fervor in all Catholics. May their thoughts and actions be those of discerning Christians. May our straying brethren now abandon the paths of apostasy. May they correct their steps toward the sheepfold of the Church, of which they departed through their rejection of Its dogmas. May the seminaries flourish in number and by virtue of those who throughout time will be the guardians of souls. May that glorious day soon dawn when all Ecuadorians [and Catholics, worldwide] unite closely together to pay tribute to God and surrender the social cult that He deserves as Supreme Maker of all things. Oh Most-Holy Virgin of Good Success, despise not our petitions. Have pity on our unfortunate country; provide its remedy and grant us - that after our Christian life is spent we may enter into Heaven and sing the praises to God in Thy company throughout a glorious eternity.

Amen.

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