

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
An Act of Reparation For Blasphemies Against Our Holy Mother
(During the month of May)

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Most glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, turn thine eyes in pity upon us, miserable sinners; we are sore afflicted by the many evils that surround us in this life, but especially do we feel our hearts break within us upon hearing the dreadful insults and blasphemies uttered against thee, O Virgin Immaculate. How these impious sayings offend the infinite Majesty of God and of His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ!

How they provoke His indignation and give us cause to fear the terrible effects of His vengeance! Would that the sacrifice of our lives might avail to put an end to such outrages and blasphemies; were it so, how gladly we should make it, for we desire, O most holy Mother, to love thee and to honor thee with all our hearts, since this is the will of God. And just because we love thee, we will do all that is in our power to make thee honored and loved by all men.

In the meantime do thou, our merciful Mother, the supreme comforter of all afflicted, accept this our act of reparation which we offer thee for ourselves and for all our families, as well as for all who impiously blaspheme thee, not knowing what they say. Do thou obtain for them from Almighty God the grace of conversion, and thus render more manifest and more glorious thy kindness, thy power and thy great mercy. May they join with us in proclaiming thee blessed among women, the Immaculate Virgin and most compassionate Mother of God. ***(Recite the Hail Mary three times.)***

An indulgence of 5 years (S. C. Ind., March 21, 1885; S. P. Ap., April 6, 1935 and June 10, 1949). The faithful who during the month of May, who perform their devotions privately are granted: An indulgence of 5 years once on any day of the month; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if they perform these devotions every day during the month; but where public exercises are held, this indulgence is granted only to those who are lawfully hindered from taking part in the same (Secret Mem. March 21, 1815; S. C. Ind., June 18, 1822: S. P. Ap., March 28, 1933).

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The faithful who devoutly recite the Hail Mary three times with the invocation:

“Pray for me, O holy Mother of God,”

or another at their choice, before an image of our Lady, are granted: An indulgence of 300 days; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions if this pious practice is performed daily for a month (S. P. Ap., May 24, 1936 and June 18, 1949).