

May for Notre Dame.

God, in His love, blessed you with a heavenly Mother, Mary. Channel of all graces, she cooperates with God to give life to you - supernatural life to your soul.

Mother she is, who encourages you in temptation, rejoices in your triumphs, pleads forgiveness in your defeats, inspires you to rise and try again.

She, too, more even than your own earthly mother, sees you through eyes of love - sees the good heart beneath the weakness and the thoughtlessness of the sinful act. Pained though she is by sin, like a true mother she pleads with her Divine Son for forgiveness for you.

It is she who melts coldness and indifference of heart, who brings contrition and courage to an embittered or fearful heart.

To you, who are students at her own University, she has a special affection. She is truly your Alma Mater, nourishing mother, who wants you to carry her emblem engraved, not so much exteriorly but interiorly, on a heart strong with the courage, purity and charity of her Divine Son.

To your heavenly mother, give the month of May. Renew and strengthen your alliance, your devotion to her with these: May devotions tonight, hymns at the Grotto every night after supper (beginning Thursday); periods of adoration. Then there's her favorite prayer, the Rosary, and the greatest prayer of all, the Mass.

Novena for Your Mother.

God blessed you with an earthly mother who, in cooperation with God, gave you life, brought you into the world, risked her own life for you.

Through the years, even now - ever - her heart and hands were eager for deeds that would help and heal and soothe.

Her ears were always ready to hear your sorrows, your fears, your joys or your dreams.

Her eyes, seeing through love, saw mostly the things worthwhile in you. Your failings she covered up, at least from knowledge and sight of others. Even her scolding was only love in another form.



You dream of honor and success that you may share them with her, to help repay the sleepless nights, the bedside vigils, the moments of disappointment or sorrow you caused her.

From home, she follows you with her prayers that have no distractions in them, because her whole soul is in them.

For your mother on earth, put your soul into the Novena for Mother, which begins Friday (First Friday) and ends on Mother's Day.

PRAYERS: (dec) grandmother of Tom Robison (Mor); cousin of D. Quinlan. 5 sp. ints.

