



## Spreading Devotion to Our Lady of Knock



Fall 2019

## No Raindrop Touched the Ground

To me, a most symbolic part of the apparition at Knock is that reportedly, the area of earth near the gable wall remained dry during the revelation.

It speaks (in Knock silence) of the protective mantle of Our Holy Mother. At the same time, the persons who appeared (the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. John the Beloved) and the Lamb of God on the altar really make the message Eucharistic.

As a pastor in Buffalo's Historic Irish District, I felt a strong desire to nurture devotion to Our Lady under the title Lady of Knock.

May her motherly protection be our safe haven, and her prayerful gesture point us as she always does, to worship her Divine Son!

Peace,  
Fr. Bill Quinlivan, Pastor

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,

You gave hope to your people in time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, see and you shall find." Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a reater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death.

Amen.

## Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## **The essential elements of the practice of First Saturday Communions of Reparation**

With the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart for these five offenses, we are asked to:

1. Go to confession
2. Receive Holy Communion worthily
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary

### **A life-long devotion**

The promise associated with the practice of the devotion on five consecutive First Saturdays has been mistakenly construed by many to mean that, once one has completed a series of five, they have accomplished the devotion and are finished. This was not Our Lady's intention in making the promise, and has resulted in far fewer people practicing the devotion. Our regular practice of the First Saturdays is a sign of our devotion to the Immaculate Heart and a desire on our part to make reparation for the blasphemies against her.

Adapted from [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)

## **Prayer Intentions**

### **Prayer 1 (September)**

#### **– For the “Lost Sheep”**

Lady of Knock, your appearance on a rainy night at the gable wall brought profound consolation to the families of Ireland. We ask your intercession for the members of our families and parishes that have fallen away from their practice of the Catholic Faith. Pray with us that the image of the Lamb of God on the altar in the heavenly vision that night in a small, humble town will draw your “lost sheep” back. We implore you to grant this prayer through Christ our Good Shepherd. Amen

### **Prayer 2 (October )**

#### **– That Your People Hunger For God's Word**

Blessed Lady, we pray as we ponder the vision of St. John the Evangelist standing near you at Knock. In his hands he held the Sacred Scripture, the Living Word of God. O Mother, direct us to contemplate what our God has spoken. And as a mother teachers her children proper nutrition for their bodies, intercede that we will nurture a true hunger for the Word of Life. As your Son is the Word made Flesh, to know the Scripture is to know, love and experience His healing Grace. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

### **Prayer 3 (November)**

#### **– For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Holy Mother, we pray this month with special remembrance for our beloved deceased. At the time of your visit to Knock, many had recently died in the Great Famine. While our hope is great that those we have buried now enjoy the feast at Heaven's table for which all souls long, we also intercede for souls in purgatory. For those who may have died un-repentant in sin, and any chained in un-forgiveness...we beg Jesus to free them, heal them and bring them into glory! We ask this through Christ our Merciful Lord. Amen

### **Prayer 4 (December)**

#### **– Advent/Christmas Prayer for Children**

Dear Mother of Christians, Lady of the New Advent, we know that you did not speak at Knock but you gathered people of all ages. Today we intercede for children in need, and trust that you will be anything but silent in interceding for them to your Son. For children trapped in poverty, for the orphaned, abandoned and abused. For children who are physically, mentally and emotionally ill. Obtain abundant Graces for them in the days of Advent. As Christmas nears, may generous people reach out to ease their pain and bring the joy of Christ. We pray this in the name of the Prince of Peace, the Child of Bethlehem, who saves. Amen

Please help us spread devotion to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Knock.

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## **LADY OF KNOCK**

There were people of all ages  
gathered round the gable walls  
Poor and humble men and women,  
little children that you called  
We are gathered here before you  
and our hearts are just the same  
Filled with joy at such a vision  
as we bless your name

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland  
All my cares and troubles cease  
As I kneel with love before you  
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace

O your message was unspoken,  
but the truth in silence lies  
So I gaze upon your vision and the  
truth I've tried to find  
Here you stand with John the teacher  
and with Joseph at your side  
And I see the Lamb of God on the altar glorified  
And the Lamb will conquer  
And the woman clothed with the sun  
Will shine her light on everyone  
Yes the Lamb will conquer  
And the woman clothed with the sun  
Will shine her light on everyone!

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## **Prayer 5 (January)**

### **– Prayer For Blessed New Beginnings**

Holy Lady of Knock, we honor you as Mother of God on the first day of each new year. We implore you to help us find ways to new beginnings in our discipleship in this new year. When you came to Knock, the cares and “troubles” of human hearts met the Queen of Peace. Teach us to live like you, entrusting all that troubles us to your Son. Remind us throughout the year of the healing power of a good confession, so that each new beginning in a state of Grace will bear great fruit of Christ’s Gospel in us. We pray this through Christ who renews His Church. Amen

## **Prayer 6 (February)**

### **– Prayer to Heal Broken Hearts**

Mother of tenderness, for over two millennia your children have shared with you their prayers on days when their hearts are broken. Join us in praying for those who are languishing in the pain of lost love, separation and divorce, the death of a child, the betrayal of a friend or the loneliness of those who have yet to encounter Christ. Lady of Knock, you listened at the gable wall to the townspeople who prayed. Listening in love now, bring these intentions through your Immaculate Heart to your Divine Son. We pray this with hopeful hearts through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Prayer 7 (March)**

#### **– Prayer to Break the Chains of Alcohol Addiction**

Mother of Mercy, the month of March includes an over-lap of the Feast of St. Patrick and the Season of Lent. May our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving bring Graces of conversion as numerous as the raindrops the night you appeared at Knock. And may the dry ground under the apparition be a hopeful sign of healing toward sobriety for those who suffer from alcoholism. And we beg for the virtues of temperance and self-control for those not yet aware of the devastation that excess drinking can wreak in families and our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Prayer 8 (April)**

#### **– For Healing Relationships Between Priests and Their Flocks**

O Lady of Knock, your Son's commandment of love was given to disciples who struggled at times to live in unity and mutual respect. Even your appearance at Knock brought about tension between skeptical clergy and the people. We place ourselves and our Pastors between yourself and St. Joseph in the scene at Knock. May your Holy, mutual love wash over us to heal any misunderstandings and past hurts so that your Church grow more as a holy family. We pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus, Son of God. Amen

### **Prayer 9 (May)**

**– For New Springtime of Marian Devotion**  
O Queen of Peace, all generations have called you Blessed! We, your children, acknowledge that devotion to our Immaculate Mother can bring us closer to Christ, your Son. Your crown at Knock contained a golden rose. May our lives of prayer bloom into purified gold with profound admiration for you, the woman clothed with the sun. May the scent of roses sanctify our shared faith journey as we endeavor to trust the Heavenly Father, be docile to the Holy Spirit and magnify Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen!

