Some La Salette Prayers—Old and New

The Missionaries of La Salette have a few prayers which are unique to the message and spirituality of the Congregation: namely, the two main traditional prayers of the La Salette Missionaries—the *Memorare* and the *Consecration*—and the *Invocation*, used often as a closing prayer. The other prayers included here are contemporary prayers to the Weeping Mother.

Memorare to Our Lady of La Salette:

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for us on Calvary. Remember also the care you have taken to keep us faithful to Christ, your Son. Having done so much for your children, you will not now abandon us. Comforted by this consoling thought, we come to you pleading,

despite our infidelities and ingratitude.

Virgin of Reconciliation,

do not reject our prayers, but intercede for us, obtain for us the grace to love Jesus above all else.

May we console you by a holy life

and so come to share the eternal life Christ gained by his cross. Amen.

Consecration to Our Lady of La Salette

Most holy Mother, Our Lady of La Salette, who for love of me shed such bitter tears in your merciful apparition, look down with kindness upon me, as I consecrate myself to you without reserve. From this day, my glory shall be to know

From this day, my glory shall be to know that I am your child.

May I so live as to dry your tears and console your afflicted heart.

Beloved Mother, to you

and to your blessed charge and sacred keeping and into the bosom of your mercy, for this day and for every day, and for the hour of my death

I commend myself, body and soul, every hope and every joy, every trouble and every sorrow, my life and my life's end. O dearest Mother, enlighten by understanding, direct my steps, console me by your maternal protection, so that exempt from all error, sheltered from every danger of sin, I may, with ardor and invincible courage, walk in the paths traced out for me by you and your Son. Amen.

Invocation:

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

Prayer for Faith to Our Lady of La Salette

Most Holy Lady of La Salette,

help us to root our love for God in deep and lasting faith.

We wish to live our lives by good and godly goals, so that God's Word and love may abide in us.

We also thirst to know, to experience within us, the transforming presence of God's power and glory.

Help us to face adversity boldly, not giving into doubt, always trusting in God's love.

Through your intercession,
may God grant us the deep faith
to love without fear
and above all without counting the cost.

Virgin Mother, may our faith grow stronger with each passing day and may we learn, like the disciples of old, what it means to die and rise in the pattern of Jesus who is Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving to Jesus through Our Lady of La Salette

Loving Mother of La Salette,

how can we ever express sufficient thanks to your Son for the many blessings he has showered upon us through his loving concern for all his children.

As Mother of the Church,

you teach us by word and example how to praise and give thanks to God not only in moments of joy, but also in the more difficult events of life.

We do give thanks to your Son for the mighty power of God's Spirit living within us, showing forth even in our weakness.

May Jesus make us worthy, most Gracious Lady, of these precious gifts, until we can thank him one day with you in Paradise. Amen.

A Prayer for Wisdom to Our Lady of La Salette

Queen of radiant Light,

Blessed Lady of La Salette, grant us the grace to realize fully the great truth that God's ways are above our own.

Help us, through your loving example, to place before God our life and our talents, our time and our gifts.

May we always be ready to be used by God for all good things, great and small.

Grant that, through your loving intercession, we may be reconciled with God's gracious plan for us.

May your Son open our eyes in faith to see the path God bids us walk and may we be willing always to follow the Way that leads to life everlasting. Amen.

A Prayer for Healing to Our Lady of La Salette

Our Lady of La Salette,

heavenly reflection of Christ's love and concern for God's needy children, help us to be open, like you, to the reality and wonder of God's healing touch in our lives.

Quiet our fears,

and, just as you ministered to the two children at La Salette, may the grace of your Son ease the sufferings, the hurts, the crosses that we bear as well as those borne by people we hold close to our hearts.

Blessed Lady,

in this moment of need, may Jesus Christ bring us the healing and peace we need in order to continue to be his faithful children, now and for ever. Amen.

