

# NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF ARABIA

RECITED IN HER SHRINE AT AHMADI, KUWAIT

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA IS CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (WITH PERMISSION TO CELEBRATE IT ON SUNDAY OR ON FRIDAY ACCORDING TO NO. 58 OF NORMAE UNIVERSALES DE ANNO LITURGICO ET DE CALENDARIO)



## 1. OPENING PRAYER

**V:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R:** Amen.

**V:** Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

**R:** And You shall renew the face of the earth.

**Let us pray:** O God, Who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and evermore to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R:** Amen.

## 2. INVOCATION

**V:** O Mary ...

**R:** Dear Mother, we call you 'Our Lady of Arabia' to ask for your blessing upon this country, and for your loving protection on us. Keep ever your child near Jesus in the happiness of sanctifying grace. Amen.

## 3. MEMORARE

**All:** Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to your protection, implored your assistance or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you we come; before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer them. Amen.

**(Reading of favours that have been asked for, and favours that have been granted.)**

## 4. INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### i. For our relations and friends:

**V:** O God ...

**R:** Who, by the Grace of the Holy Spirit did pour the Gifts of charity into the hearts of Your faithful, grant Your servants and handmaids, for whom we entreat Your Mercy, health of mind and body that they may love You with all their strength and by perfect love may do what is pleasing to You.

**V:** Cause of our joy ...

**R:** Pray for us

### ii. For sick persons recommended to our prayers:

**V:** Almighty, Everlasting God,

**R:** The abiding health of those who believe, hear us on behalf of Your servants that are sick, for whom we humbly crave the help of Your Mercy, that being restored to health, they may render thanks to You in Your Church.

**V:** Health of the sick ...

**R:** Pray for us

### iii. For everyone in need:

**V:** Almighty, Eternal God ...

**R:** The comfort of the afflicted and the strength of those in labour; let the prayers of those who call upon You in any trouble, be heard by You; that all may, with joy, find the effects of Your mercy in their necessities.

**V:** Comforter of the afflicted...

**R:** Pray for us

#### **iv. For the Pope and the Missions:**

**V:** Almighty, Eternal God ...

**R:** By Whose judgment all things are ruled, mercifully regard our prayers, and by Your goodness preserve our Pontiff ... chosen by You, that Christian people, who are governed by Your authority, may increase the merits of their faith and their number, under so great a Pontiff.

**V:** Help of Christians ...

**R:** Pray for us

#### **v. For the redemption of nations; peace in the world:**

**V:** Almighty, Everlasting God ...

**R:** In Whose Hands rest every power and the government of all nations, look in Your mercy, upon those people once so devout, and lead them back to Your law; overcome we beseech You all human wickedness and assure to Your faithful the benefits of enduring peace.

**V:** Queen of Peace ...

**R :** Pray for us

#### **vi. For our deceased relatives and for the souls in Purgatory:**

**V :** O God ...

**R:** Who grants forgiveness and desires the salvation of mankind: we beseech You, in Your Mercy, to grant that our brethren, kinsfolk and benefactors who have passed out of this life, by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and all Your Saints, may partake of everlasting bliss.

**V:** Gate of Heaven ...

**R:** Pray for us

#### **vii. For ourselves:**

**V:** O Immaculate Virgin Mary...

**R:** Mother of our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all powerful and never failing intercession, we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us your graces and favours we ask during this novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls. You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to

that blessed abode where you are the Queen of Angels and of men. Amen.

**V :** Mother most amiable...

**R:** Pray for us

#### **5. A PLEA FOR THE TRIUMPH OF OUR LADY**

**V:** O Mary, Immaculate Mother of God...

**R:** Whom the Angels and Saints attend in heavenly bliss, we hail you as Queen of Heaven and Earth; we beseech you to proclaim your sovereignty over the souls of men. By the divine grace, of which you are the kindly channel, obtain that every soul may in truth know God, that every heart may in humility surrender to Him. O Mother, establish in each of us your abode of love, that from you, all our joys may spring, in you all our troubles may be calmed, through you all our prayers may confidently rise. Hasten, O powerful Queen, to conquer the world in the peace of your love, for the splendor of your crown in the glorious advent of the universal reign of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord!

**V:** We shall end this novena service by thanking God and our heavenly Mother for all the benefits we have ever received and also for the grace she will grant us after these our prayers. Using her own words, let us together, standing, say ...

#### **6. THE MAGNIFICAT**

My soul does magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He that is mighty has done great things to me, and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is from generation unto generations to them that fear Him. He has showed might in His arm: he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their seat; and has exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent empty away. He has received Israel His servant; being mindful of His Mercy. As he spoke to our fathers; to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

#### **7. CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Priest :** We offer up to Thee, O Lord ...

**People :** This service of praise, rejoicing in the glory of the Mother of Your Son, invoked as Our Lady of Arabia; for we trust in her protection to get rescue from all evils, whether of the present time or of that yet to come. Amen.