Novena
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OUR LADY OF ARABIA

The devotion to Our Lady of Arabia started on the day on which a Chapel in Her honour was dedicated in Ahmadi, Kuwait: December 8, 1948.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF ARABIA

The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, himself gave a grand lead to this devotion, when on December 17, 1949, on the eve of the great Jubilee Year, in the Vatican Palace, he deigned to bless personally the new Statue of Our Lady of Arabia, and condescended to be photographed in prayer before it. Sometime before - November 21st - His Eminence Alexander Cardinal Verde signed the document which grants to the Church of Our Lady of Arabia the same indulgences as for visiting the greatest Marian Shrine of the world, the papal basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. After being flown to Kuwait, the Statue was received - 6th January, 1950 amidst triumphal rejoicing at her Shrine, where every day it is visited by devout people. The short history of this devotion already gives evidence that favours have been granted which compare with those bestowed by Our Lady at other famous Shrines.
1. OPENING PRAYER

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

People: Amen

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

People: Amen

II INVOCATION

Leader: O Mary,

People: 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.

1. For the Pope and the Missions:

Leader : Almighty, Eternal God

People : By Whose judgment all things are ruled, mercifully regard our prayers, and by your goodness preserve our Pontiff Pope Francis, 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.

Leader : Help of Christians,
People : Pray for us

2. For Government Officials:

Priest: Almighty and Ever Loving Father,

People: Bless our country and its leaders, fill them with wisdom and knowledge, so that they may guide and protect this country and bring peace and tranquility among people.

Priest: Mirror of Justice
People: Pray for us.

3. For Peace in the World:

Leader : Almighty, Everlasting God,

People : 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.

Leader: Queen of Peace
People: Pray for us

4. For sick persons:

Leader: Almighty, Everlasting God,
People: 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.

Priest: Health of the sick
People: Pray for us

5. For our relations and friends:

Leader: O God,
People: Who, by the grace of the Holy Spirit did pour the Gifts of charity into the hearts of your faithful, grant to 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.

Leader: Cause of our joy
People: Pray for us

6. For everyone in need:

Leader: Almighty and Eternal God,
People: The comfort of the afflicted and the strength of those in labor; 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.

Leader: Comforter of the afflicted
People: Pray for us

7. For our deceased relatives and
for souls in Purgatory:

Leader: O God,

People: Who grants forgiveness and
desires the salvation of mankind;
we beseech You, in Your Mercy, to
grant that our brothers, 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.

Leader: Gate of heaven,
People: Pray for us

All: “O Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Lady of Arabia and our
Patroness!

To you we offer up our prayers for
the needs of the Church here and
throughout the world. Help us to
remain one with your Son Jesus and
united amongst ourselves, so that
we may be true witnesses for Christ
in our daily lives and that the Lord’s
blessings of peace and harmony be
within our families and communities
always. Trusting in your maternal
intercession, we beseech you to hear
our humble prayers and grant us the
graces we seek............. so that we may
give glory to God forever. Amen.

“Our Lady of Arabia, pray for us!”
V CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: We offer up to You, 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.

OUR LADY OF ARABIA HYMN

Verse 1
Our Lady of Arabia, we pray unto you, great light of the desert, our help and our need.

Chorus
Ave Maria! Ave Maria! Ave Maria! Ave Maria!

Verse 2
Mother of all Christians In our daily lives, make us strong witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Verse 3
Holy Mother of all, grant us courage to stand for our faith.

Verse 4
Mary of Arabia, help of the poor, Mother of the hopeless, grant us your love.

Verse 5
Mother of the faithful, hear our pray’r May we praise God forever Amen.
Our Lady of Arabia, Pray for Us.

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SOPRANO

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(INTRO) Our Lady of Arabia, we

ALTO

Our Lady of Arabia, we

TENOR

Our Lady of Arabia, we

BASS

Our Lady of Arabia, we

pray unto you, great light of the desert, our help and our
Verse 3:

Choir:  Christ. a!___ Holy Mother of___ all,

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Choir:  Christ. a!___ Holy Mother of___ all,
Verse 5:

Mother of the faithful, hear our love.

Mother of the faithful, hear our love.

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Mother of the faithful, hear our love.

May we praise God forever Amen.

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OF NORTHERN ARABIA