

About St. Peregrine Laziosi, OSM

Born in Forlì, Italy, Peregrine is the patron saint of persons suffering from cancer, AIDS and other serious diseases.

As a young man, he was a member of an anti-papal party until he encountered Saint Philip Benizi, the head of the Servite Order, who had been sent to try to reconcile the divided community. While trying to preach in Forlì, Philip was heckled and even struck by Peregrine, who was overcome by momentary political fervor. But that moment also changed Peregrine. He began to channel his energies in new directions, engaged in good works and eventually joined the Servites in Siena. Returning to his hometown, he founded a new Servite house there and became well known for his preaching and holiness, as well as his devotion to the sick and poor.

One of the special penances he imposed on himself was standing whenever it was not necessary to sit. Over time, Peregrine developed varicose veins and, in turn, cancer of the leg. The wound became painful and diseased and all medical treatment failed. The local surgeon determined amputation of the leg was called for.

Tradition has it that the night before surgery was scheduled, Peregrine spent much time in prayer before the crucified Jesus, asking God to heal him if it was God's will to do so. Falling asleep at one point, Peregrine had a vision of the crucified Jesus leaving the cross and touching his cancerous leg. When Peregrine awoke, the wound was healed, seemingly miraculously cured. He lived another 20 years.

St. Peregrine died on May 1, 1345 and was ranked with the saints in 1726. Thousands of devotees pay him special honour on May 1st each year.

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Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, pray for us.



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APPENDIX

SUPPLICATION OF THE SERVANTS

Grant, Mother of all goodness,
that we, your servants, be filled with hope.
Strengthen us in the difficulties and trials ahead;
keep us faithful in your service.
Renew our sacred, timeless commitment to follow Christ.
With you as guide may we serve you,
and our brothers and sisters, with love.
And at the end be our gateway to unending life. **Amen.**

SUB TUUM

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. **Amen.**

AVE, REGINA CAELORUM

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.
Hail, O Lady of Angels
Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate
From whom unto the world a light has arisen:
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Lovely beyond all others,
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,
And pray for us to Christ. **Amen.**

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again,
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before,
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners. **Amen.**

FINAL PRAYER

**God our Father,
you made Saint Peregrine
an outstanding example of penance and patient suffering.
By imitating his virtues and trusting in his prayers,
may we learn to endure the trials of this life
with courage and so enter into our heavenly reward with joy.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**L: O Lord, our Saviour, give us patience and strength at the time
of trial.**

R: Amen.

L: Heal our wounds and allow us to live in serenity and peace.

R: Amen.

**L: Through the intercession of St. Peregrine, may the Lord bless
us, keep us from all evil and lead us to eternal life.**

R: Amen.

Final Hymn: Salve Regina *(or any appropriate song)*

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.*

*Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.*

*Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.*

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Entrance hymn *(or Any appropriate song)*

THE SERVITE ROSARY (OUR LADY OF SORROWS ROSARY)

Introduction:

**Versicle (V): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.**

Response (R): Amen.

**My Loving God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In
choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against
you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your
help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads
me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In
his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.**

V: We praise, and we bless you, O Lord.

R: Because you willed that the Virgin Mother share in the work of
salvation.

V: We contemplate your sorrows, Holy Mary.

R: May we follow you in the pilgrimage of faith.

**1. FIRST SORROW: MARY ACCEPTS IN FAITH THE
PROPHECY OF SIMEON.** Simeon blessed them and said to
Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined to be the downfall
and rise of many in Israel, and a sign that is spoken against, so that
the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will
pierce through your own soul also.” (Lk. 2:34-35)

You can say your personal request.

*And then recite the Lord’s Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times,
followed by:*

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my
Saviour crucified.

2. **SECOND SORROW: MARY FLEES INTO EGYPT WITH JESUS AND JOSEPH.** Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt. (Mt 2:13-14)

You can say your personal request.

And then recite the Lord’s Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times, followed by:

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

3. **THIRD SORROW: MARY SEEKS JESUS LOST IN JERUSALEM.** When the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day’s journey, and when they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. (Lk 2:43-45)

You can say your personal request.

And then recite the Lord’s Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times, followed by:

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

4. **FOURTH SORROW: MARY MEETS JESUS ON THE WAY TO CALVARY.** And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. (Lk 23:26-27)

You can say your personal request.

I ask that you bless him/her
with the knowledge of Your love, Dear Lord,
and with the warmth and caring of all of us
who bear this burden with him/her. Amen

14. A PRAYER FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS CANCER

This is such a difficult time for me, Dear Lord,
the discomfort and pain,
the endless medical care,
the poking and prodding of doctors until at times
I don't seem to have control of my own body any longer.
I know that medical treatment for cancer has advanced
and yet I am fearful, Dear Lord.
I want to live; with death will come eternal life with You
and the Blessed Mother in Heaven.

Please comfort me in my affliction, Dear Lord,
and give me the strength to not only bear my sickness,
but also to comfort my loved ones in their distress.
As you cured St. Peregrine of a terrible malignancy,
I ask you to give me the peace of acceptance of Your will.

Help me to live each day...each hour...as fully as possible...
with confidence in the future...whatever it might bring.
I ask that You sustain me in my Faith
and that You give me the grace to live always
according to your holy Gospel. Amen.

We are concerned for those in pain,
those who suffer from cancer,
and for those who care for them.
Bless we pray,
those who minister to the victims of this dread disease.
Give them skill and knowledge that cures may be wrought.
Give we pray, a discovery of the cure of cancer
and knowledge of how to prevent it.
Increase we pray, your ministry of healing
through all who labour in research and the health professions.
That one day we may rejoice in a world
free from the scourge of cancer,
in which all may live out their span of life
in useful service to you and your children.
To You we give praise. Amen

13. A PRAYER FOR ANOTHER WHO HAS CANCER

Dear Lord,
I beg you to help
(name of person who is afflicted with cancer).
I love him/her so much
I find it exceedingly difficult to watch him/her suffering.
As you cured St. Peregrine of a terrible malignancy,
I ask you to cure his/her illness.
Please relieve his/her pain
and guide the doctors of his/her care.
Give him/her strength to bear
whatever is to come according to Your holy will, Dear Lord.
I ask that you give me
the patience and the wisdom
to comfort him/her as best I am able.
Help me to face the uncertainty of the future.

*And then recite the Lord's Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times,
followed by:*

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my
Saviour crucified.

5. **FIFTH SORROW: MARY STANDS NEAR THE CROSS OF HER SON.** Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. (Jn 19:25-27)

You can say your personal request.

*And then recite the Lord's Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times,
followed by:*

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my
Saviour crucified.

6. **SIXTH SORROW: MARY RECEIVES THE BODY OF JESUS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.** And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate granted the body to Joseph. And he brought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud. (Mk 15:42-46)

You can say your personal request.

*And then recite the Lord's Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times,
followed by:*

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my
Saviour crucified.

7. SEVENTH SORROW: MARY PLACES THE BODY OF JESUS IN THE TOMB AWAITING THE RESURRECTION.

They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there. (Jn 19:40-42)

You can say your personal request.

And then recite the Lord's Prayer once and the Hail Mary seven times, followed by:

Holy Mother pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my Saviour crucified.

THE LITANY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father in Heaven,	have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, Paraclete,	have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,	have mercy on us.
Mother of the Crucified,	pray for us.
Mother of the pierced heart,	pray for us.
Mother of the Redeemer,	pray for us.
Mother of the redeemed,	pray for us.
Mother of all the living,	pray for us.
Mother of disciples,	pray for us.
Mother of the Church,	pray for us.
Obedient Virgin,	pray for us.

through the intercession of St. Peregrine, a friar Servant of Mary, in union of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

11. PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE DYING

Father of Love and Mercy,
You miraculously cured Saint Peregrine of an advanced cancer of his leg when the power of man could do more. You favoured him with a vision of Jesus coming down from His cross to heal his affliction. Hear the prayers we offer, through the intercession of Saint Peregrine, for the cure of the sick and dying whom we entrust to You.

(Pause here and silently recall the names of those for whom you are praying.)

May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease know that You are with them even in the depths of despair. Enable them to see Your plan and bring them closer to Your Son who accepted our suffering to teach us the virtues of meekness and patience as we carry our crosses through life. Amen.

12. PRAYER FOR THE CONQUEST OF CANCER

Our Merciful Lord, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, we thank you that you are a God of Love. From the gift of our lives to the moment we return to you, we are in your loving care. We turn to you in times of joys and times of pain.

We are present by the cross of Your crucified Son.
Here may we receive comforting strength,
peace and serenity from Him,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Peregrine, patron of the sick, pray for us.

10. PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

by Fr. Leonard Guiang, OSM

Lord, my loving God.
You called St. Peregrine
to be one of the Servants of the Blessed Mother.
And you called him to live a holy life.
He lived in penance and in sacrifice
to follow the path of our crucified Lord.
He bore in his body the pains of suffering in his leg,
He carried it with much patience and love.
Our Lord Jesus, you healed him miraculously
to free him from his sickness.
I ask you, Lord, to grant me
a healing for my poor soul
so that I may be able to live,
like St Peregrine, the will of God in my life.
Grant me, Lord serenity of spirit
and peace of heart in my day-to-day life
in order to live harmoniously in your creation.
Heal me and claim me once more Lord
as I give myself totally to you
for my spiritual healing.
I ask this in the sweet and holy name of Jesus,
Your most beloved only Son,
Our crucified and risen Lord,

Prayerful Virgin, pray for us.
Faithful Virgin, pray for us.
Virgin of silence, pray for us.
Virgin of forgiveness, pray for us.
Virgin of contemplation, pray for us.

Woman of exile, pray for us.
Woman of strength, pray for us.
Woman of courage, pray for us.
Woman of sorrow, pray for us.
Woman of the new covenant, pray for us.
Woman of hope, pray for us.

New Eve, pray for us.
Disciple of the Redeemer, pray for us.
Servant of reconciliation, pray for us.
Defence of the innocent, pray for us.
Courage of the persecuted, pray for us.
Strength of the oppressed, pray for us.
Hope of sinners, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Refuge of the poor, pray for us.
Comfort of exiles, pray for us.
Support of the weak, pray for us.
Relief of the sick, pray for us.

Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of your Servants, pray for us.
Glory of the Church, pray for us.
Virgin of Easter, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *forgive us, Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *hear us, Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Let us pray,

O Loving God, when your Son was raised on the cross, you willed that his sorrowing Mother be near to him. Like her, may we be united to the passion of Christ and share in the glory of his resurrection. He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER - CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

O Virgin most holy and Queen of Martyrs,
receive the filial homage of my sincere love.
Receive in your heart,
pierced with so many swords, my poor soul.
Receive it as a companion of your sorrows
near the Cross of your dying Son Jesus.
With You, Sorrowful Virgin,
I willingly will suffer all the hardships,
adversities and illness which I shall encounter in my life.
I offer everything to you in memory of your Sorrows,
so that every thought of my mind
and every throb of my heart
become an act of compassion and love for you.
And you, O Sweet Mother,
have mercy on me, reconcile me
with Your Son Jesus Christ.
Preserve me in His grace and assist me in my last agony
so that I may join you in heaven to sing your glory forever.
Amen.

THE MEMORARE OF ST BERNARD

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit.
Come Lord Jesus,
cover me with your Precious Blood,
and fill me with your Holy Spirit,
I love you Lord Jesus, I praise you Lord Jesus,
I thank you Jesus,
I shall follow you every day of my life. Amen.

Mary, my Mother, Queen of Peace,
St Peregrine, the cancer saint,
all the Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen.

9. PRAYER DURING THE TIME OF HEALTH CRISIS (EPIDEMIC, PANDEMIC, OTHER DISEASES)

O Loving God, our Heavenly Father,
source of all good and hope for the sick:
You sent your Son, Jesus Christ into the world
to take upon Himself our sufferings and to give life to everyone.
Look kindly we pray,
on the healing of those afflicted,
and the protection of all from this life-threatening disease.
We put our trust in Your saving help,
through the intercession of Saint Peregrine,
who has shown patience and strength in his infirmity.
Send Your healing grace to those who are sick.
Guide and protect all those involved in the medical profession
that they may find the cure.
For us all, we beg of You to increase our faith,
that we may see You, Lord, as our only hope.
Help us to face the trials of life with courageous hearts,
that we may never lose confidence in You.
Help us to carry every burden of suffering,
following the example of Saint Peregrine.

Through your intercession, St Peregrine,
may the Lord grant us the will
and means to cultivate friendship
and the desire for reconciliation;
to become heralds of the Gospel of mercy,
seekers after justice and promoters of peace.
Ask the Lord for peace and harmony for us
and for everyone: peace in our hearts
so that the seed of the Word
may produce pardon and humility;
peace in our families,
that they may live loving one another;
peace among nations
so that the noise of cannons and bombs
may be silenced and changed to songs of hope.
Thus by overcoming quarrels and contentions
we will foster respect for life,
solidarity and social progress.
St Peregrine, faithful servant of Mary,
accept our praise and prayers.
Intercede for us, you who live in the home
of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

8. THE MIRACLE PRAYER

by Fr Peter Rookey, OSM

Lord Jesus,
I come before you, just as I am.
I am sorry for my sins,
I repent of my sins, please forgive me.
In your Name,
I forgive all others for what they have done against me.
I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works.
I give you my entire self, Lord Jesus,
I accept you as my Lord God and Saviour.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy
hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. PEREGRINE

O dearest Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
behold us, your children,
in prayer at your feet;
we have come to plead for this special favour
through the intercession of your faithful servant, St. Peregrine,

(Mention your request in silence)

O Sorrowful mother,
we beg you to present our petitions to your divine son.
We know, dearest mother,
that you want us to seek the holy will of God
concerning our requests.
If what we ask for should not be granted,
pray that we may receive
that which will be of greater benefit to our souls.
Mother of sorrows, we love you.
We put all our confidence in you,
because your prayers before God are most powerful.
For the greater glory of God, and for the sake of Jesus,
through the prayer of St. Peregrine,
whom you had led to sainthood,
hear and grant our prayers.
Amen.

IN PRAISE TO ST. PEREGRINE LAZIOSI, OSM

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

All: Come 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.
And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

Leader: O great St. Peregrine,

you have been called
"The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker,"
because of the numerous miracles
which you have obtained from God
for those who have had recourse to you.
For so many years you bore in your own flesh
the cancerous disease that destroys
the very fibre of our being.
You had recourse to the source of all grace
when the power of man could do no more.
You were favoured with the vision of Jesus
coming down from His Cross
to heal your affliction.
Ask of God and Our Lady,
the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you.
Aided in this way by your powerful intercession,
we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity,
a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

All : God, our Father, you are the God who loves us.
We thank you for the many blessings you have given us.
In loving trust, we place ourselves before you.
Let your healing love fill our life.
Give us strength to understand our illness.
Pardon our failures to carry the cross.
In St Peregrine you gave us an example of patient suffering.

changing your hostile attitude
into a prayerful request for pardon.
Now, St Peregrine, implore the Lord for us,
that He may grant us the gift of a sincere
and profound conversion,
changing our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh,
so that our lives, reconciled with God,
with our sisters and brothers,
and with all of creation,
may be filled with the values of the Gospel,
attentive to the urging of the Holy Spirit
and always directed toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom.
St Peregrine, obtain for us the courage
to pardon and to ask for pardon,
to proclaim the truth without triumphalism,
to defend what is right with perseverance,
to love during the struggle for justice.
St Peregrine, accept our plea and intercede for us.
You are now transformed
and live in the house of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Where God is present, for every sinner
who converts there is celebration
and joy forever and ever.
Amen.

7. PRAYER TO ST PEREGRINE TO INTERCEDE FOR RECONCILIATION AND PEACE

St Peregrine, brother and friend,
disciple of Jesus, the Lord of peace,
listen kindly to our plea.
You experienced the evil of hate
and the ravages of discord:
your city was divided into factions,
families passionately sought revenge
and many lives were cut short by violence.

and Jesus heard your prayer
and today you live in the eternal light of heaven.
Now pray that the Risen Lord
will extend His all-powerful hand over N. ____
to cure him/her of his/her illness.

St Peregrine, faithful Servant of Mary,
intercede that Jesus will free N. ____
from the suffering which torments him/her
and in this way show the power of His saving love.
Ask the Lord of Life to shine on N. ____
so that he/she may enjoy the light of recovered health
and hasten to give thanks to Jesus, our Saviour.
Hear our prayer, St Peregrine:
intercede for our suffering friend
as the Centurion pleaded for his servant;
as Martha and Mary pleaded for their brother, Lazarus;
as Mary pleaded for the couple at Cana,
so that N. ____ too may know the power of your intercession
for those who are suffering.
May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
whose holiness shines forth in you,
St Peregrine, receive all honour and glory forever.
Amen.

6. PRAYER TO ST PEREGRINE FOR CONVERSION OF HEART

St Peregrine,
brother and friend,
faithful Servant of Mary,
saint in God's church,
listen kindly to our plea.
While you were still a young man,
you experienced the grace of conversion
from violence to meekness,
from pride to humility,

Supported then by his prayers,
we ask that the suffering
be a source of life both now and forever.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Peregrine, *Pray for us.*

V: Lord Jesus, you have known the pain of suffering.

Be with us in our pain, and comfort us in our loneliness.
Forgive our impatience and bless our efforts to be generous to all.

St Peregrine, *Pray for us.*

V: O Holy Spirit bless us with the gift of understanding.

Bring healing to our life and the lives of our loved ones.
Send your gift of forgiveness to those we may have hurt in the past.

St Peregrine, *Pray for us.*

Intercessions

Leader (L): St. Peregrine, you have aided us in the past, and so once again we ask for your help with confidence. We pray not only for our own needs but also for the needs of the church and for all mankind.

L: Father of mercy, we your sons and daughters place our lives before you.

Response (R): Take and bless them.

L: Lord Jesus, our saviour, help us understand your holy cross.

R: Raise our minds and hearts to you.

L: Holy Spirit, giver of life, heal our lives.

R: Remove the hurts that we have received.

L: Bless N. our Pope, our Bishops, our clergy and all the religious.

R: Protect them from harm and surround them with perfect love.

L: Bless all married couples.

R: Increase their love for one another.

L: Bless and be with all single people.

R: Enrich their lives with generosity.

L: Assist and accompany all widows and orphans.

R: Grant them their daily needs.

L: Guide our government leaders.

R: Give them always wisdom in serving others.

L: Be with our sick brothers and sisters.

R: Grant them the healing they need.

L: Give us the gift of compassion

R: Help us in caring for those who are sick.

L: Remembering the example and life of St Peregrine

who has gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
may we strive to find meaning in our own sufferings.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: All together we pray.

O glorious wonder-worker, St Peregrine,
you answered the divine call,
to dedicate yourself to God
in the Order of the Servants of Mary.
In union with Jesus Crucified
you endured painful suffering with much patience.
In response, God healed you miraculously
of an incurable wound in your leg.
Obtain for us, we pray the grace
to answer every call from God.

“May your will be done, Father”,
blossom on the lips of our sick brothers and sisters,
just as it did on the lips of Christ and the Virgin.
Receive, St Peregrine, Patron of the sick,
our praise and our petition,
you who live in the light of the Father,
of the Son and of the Spirit,
to whom be glory and honour forever and ever.
Amen.

4. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS THROUGH ST PEREGRINE.

by Fr Hubert Moons, OSM

O Lord,
you joined us on the Road to Emmaus long ago:
come and be the Stranger joining us today.
Come and shine a light upon our intelligence.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening;
the day is far spent.
Come and be recognised in the breaking of bread.
Come and join us on the road today,
when we accompany young people on their way.
Put your own healing Word in our hearts and on our lips.
Let us sow the seed of love in young people’s hearts,
so that any spirit of violence may be turned towards peace.
We remember St Peregrine our brother, O Lord,
who is an example to all pilgrims, young and not so young.
May we all be guided by the healthy breeze of the Spirit,
as we move in search of your presence and your will.
We ask you this, O Lord, who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

5. PRAYER TO ST PEREGRINE FOR A FRIEND WHO IS ILL

We come to you with confidence, St Peregrine,
asking you to intercede for **N. ___** who is ill.
You prayed before the crucifix

and gave sight to the blind, have mercy on me.”
 You know my need, you see my suffering,
 but I say to you with faith:
 “Lord, if you wish, you can heal me.”
 Extend your hand over me
 just as you stretched it over St Peregrine,
 so that my weak and sick body
 might be well and strong again.
 Jesus, healer of souls and bodies,
 with the grace of healing,
 make me a part of your victory over sin and death;
 so that, well again,
 I may be a witness of your merciful love,
 a sign of your saving power,
 and like St Peregrine, I may live
 every day in service to you and the Church.
 To you, Jesus, crucified and risen,
 every glory and honour forever and ever. Amen.

3. PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

St Peregrine,
 brother and friend,
 faithful servant of the Mother of the Crucified,
 holy in the Church of God,
 listen kindly to our prayer.
 You, who in sickness were patient
 and strong, help our sick brothers and sisters
 to carry with humility the cross of sickness.
 You, who were miraculously healed
 by the touch of the hand of the crucified Christ,
 pray to the Lord for the sick,
 so that their sick and weak bodies
 may regain strength and health,
 and their anxious and tormented souls
 may find peace, serenity and trust.
 And, St Peregrine, may the obedient and fruitful words:

Deliver us from the infirmities
 that so often afflict our weak bodies,
 and give us the grace of resignation
 to the suffering which, in His providence,
 we are asked to endure.
 Pray that, by imitating your
 virtuous love of our Crucified Lord
 and His Sorrowful Mother,
 we may be able to merit glory everlasting in paradise. Amen.

DAILY PRAYER TO ST PEREGRINE

L: Saint Peregrine,

humble servant of the Lord and of Blessed Mary,
 come to our aid and support us in our weakness.
 Suffering invades our bodies and makes life uncertain.
 Sadness fills our hearts and our faith fails.
 By your prayers, grant us a living faith and a firm hope.
 May God have mercy on us, free us from all evil,
 and heal us in body, mind, and soul.
 May God’s holy will be done in us.
 Join your voice to our humble prayer,
 Saint Peregrine our brother,
 you who were the man of prayer living
 in service of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 and sharing now in the glory of the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
 Amen.

*Choose one theme that you may like to use for your prayer each day or
 you can use the following prayers for 9-day (Novena) prayers. Here
 are the following :*

1. SAINT PEREGRINE, MAN OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

“Blessed be the Lord God who showed his loving kindness to blessed Peregrine and guided his feet into the way of peace.”

Saint Peregrine was part of the group of young Forli citizens who unleashed violence and insults against Saint Philip Benizi, who visited Forlí in an attempt to reconcile the city divided between allegiances to the Pope and the Holy Roman Emperor. Moved by Philip's peaceful and merciful attitude, he repented and, on his way out of the city, he asked for forgiveness. Peregrine was pardoned by Saint Philip, who advised him to entrust himself to the protection of the Blessed Virgin.

Jesus Christ calls us to be builders of peace. The young Peregrine, after striking Saint Philip, asked for forgiveness and became a humble disciple of the Master of Peace. Let us praise the mercy of God and implore that every person that draws near to the Lord will find health of body and peace of mind.

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

God, merciful Father, you called Peregrine,
through his encounter with Saint Philip,
to be an instrument of peace.
Grant us a sincere spiritual conversion
and health of body and mind
so that we will recognize you as our only Lord
and source of healing and peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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You may choose one or more prayers that you want to say as your devotion to St Peregrine. Here are the following prayers,

1. PRAYERS TO ST PEREGRINE FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

St Peregrine, as a humble Servant of Mary,
you experienced human weakness
and the pain and suffering of sickness.
Knowing that medicine
and human knowledge have limits,
we pray for all those involved with the medical profession
that they will be a source of healing and comfort to all people.
Like you, we also turn to God in our suffering.
Just as Jesus reached out and touched you
with His healing hand,
we pray that the following sick person(s)
will be strengthened in body and spirit
and cured of their illness by Jesus Christ
through your intercession:

(here mention the name(s) of your sick relatives and friends)

In gratitude we pray for all the people of the world
that they will come to know you, St Peregrine,
and the love that God has for each of them. Amen

2. PRAYER OF A SICK PERSON

O Jesus Saviour,
who in your crucified body
bore the sorrows of the world,
I come to you,
with my sick body and my tormented soul.
I come to you just as St Peregrine,
dragging his wounded leg, came to your feet.
With him and like him I implore you:
“Jesus, Son of David, who healed the leper

All: We honour you St. Peregrine,

as a mighty wonder worker,
for you have obtained miracles
for many suffering people through your intercession.
For many years you suffered with a cancerous disease,
a disease which now afflicts countless people.
When the power of medicine could do no more,
you were favoured with a vision of Jesus
coming down from the cross, touching and healing you.

Placing our trust in you,
we seek your prayers for our sick relatives and friends.
May the loving mercy of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Spirit,
be upon all our sick loved ones.
May it be accompanied by the healing they seek
and for which they pray.

Intercede for us all, St. Peregrine,
that we may be genuinely grateful for every healing
and grace received from our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is forever glorified in his saints. Amen.

Pray for us, O glorious, O beloved St Peregrine,

Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Merciful and Loving God,
be gracious and hear the prayers
which we present to you in honour of St Peregrine,
your beloved servant.
We do not rely on our own merits;
help us in our needs through the intercession of him
whose life was so pleasing to you.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2. SAINT PEREGRINE GUIDED BY THE VIRGIN MOTHER

“Peregrine walked the way of salvation and, as the end of his life drew near, he watched and waited for the coming of the Lord.”

Peregrine’s exhortation by Saint Philip to entrust himself to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin and the pardon he showed him, filled Peregrine’s heart with peace and serenity. He returned to his home and began a more Christian life and increased his devotion to the Virgin. In his native city of Forlí, he went to pray before an image of the Virgin in the Church of the Holy Cross. One day she appeared to him and declared "Do not fear son: I am the Mother of Him whom you worship crucified and he commanded me to point you to the path of happiness. Do you know those religious who are called Servants of the Virgin Mary? Your name is Peregrine, so you will be a pilgrim in name and deed. It is necessary that you go to Siena; Coming there, you will find these holy men in prayer: beg them to welcome you into their family.” *(From the Life of St. Peregrine written by Nicolas Borghese (1432-1500))*

A tender devotion to the Virgin constantly encouraged St. Peregrine. When he was uncertain of his future, the Blessed Virgin guided his steps along the path that led to Jesus Christ. Peregrine was always ready to follow the invitation of his glorious Lady. Let us ask him to grow in love for the Virgin Mother and to welcome her as mother and guide of our lives also. And let us praise the goodness of the Lord that we might always have light, hope and comfort.

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

O God, the Father of mercy,
in your provident kindness
the Virgin Mary inspired Saint Peregrine
to set himself free of his passions

and to follow the way of your Son in the Order of her Servants.
Look kindly on those seeking direction in their lives.
Through the intercession of St. Peregrine,
guide all wanderers and support them on the right path.
Grant us freedom from sickness, suffering,
and sin and let us walk together as pilgrims to your Kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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3. SAINT PEREGRINE GUIDED BY AN ANGEL

"A good angel will go with him; he will have a good journey and come back to us well and happy." (Tobit 5:22).

After his encounter with the Blessed Virgin Peregrine began the trip to Siena. As soon as he left Forlì, he met a young man, who told him that he was following the same path and asked to accompany him since a journey becomes less burdensome and lonely when there are two travellers. When they reached Siena, the young man disappeared. Peregrine then realized that this companion was none other than an angel, a guardian sent by God.

"Look, I am sending an angel to precede you, to guard you as you go and bring you to the place that I have prepared." (Ex 23.20).

Our angels are faithful servants and messengers of God. They are powerful spirits executing their duties as companions and guardians. They accompany us and protect us on our journey towards the promised Kingdom. St. Peregrine was assisted by a guardian angel and likewise they assist us.

*Kindly read the Gospel of the day and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

venerate his body was so great that at night it was not possible to close the city gates, there were so many people crowding through. Many miracles were attributed to blessed Peregrine: records tell of people with evil spirits being set free; blind people restored to sight; and people being healed after serious falls, all as a result of invoking Saint Peregrine. He himself cured by a miracle, thus became the intercessor for the cure of many sick people. Over six centuries later many still pray for blessings and miracles through his intercession.

*Kindly read the Gospel of the day and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

Prayer

O God and Father most holy,
you sent your Son into the world
to carry the weight of our pain
and to heal the diseases of your suffering sons and daughters.
By the prayers of Saint Peregrine,
our brother of intercession,
we beg you to heal and relieve the sufferings
of all who place their trust in you.
Keep their hearts alive in hope
and grant them peace and serenity of spirit.
And may your healing Spirit of love fill us all with grace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

Leader: Together with our brothers and sisters in sickness and people tested by the sorrows of life, we seek the intercession of our beloved St. Peregrine:

as they turn to him, wounded and weak.
Endow them with serenity and peace,
that they may thank you and honour your Holy Name,
through your Son Jesus who has died and is risen,
living and reigning for ever and ever.
Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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9. ST. PEREGRINE, BROTHER OF INTERCESSION

"And Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'" (Lk 17:19)

Saint Peregrine died on May 1, 1345, at the age of eighty, after suffering a severe fever. His body was later exhumed and found incorrupt. In contrast to the bad odour which at one time emitted from his gangrenous leg, his body now gave off an extraordinary fragrance which people found difficult to describe. Today his intact body is enshrined in the Servite Church in Forlì, Italy. From 1608 to 1958 at least seven examinations of his body were made by experts. Peregrine was canonized on December 27, 1726, along with Saint John of the Cross and St. Francis Solano. Let us pray this day with a robust faith for the healing of our own bodies if it is the will of God.

"They surrounded me, the snares of death; the anguish of the grave has found me; anguish and sorrow I found. I called on the name of the Lord: 'Lord, save my life!'" (Ps 116: 2-3)

In the "Life of the Blessed Peregrine of Forlì," we learn that in his sickness, Saint Peregrine had the comfort and supportive care of many people, both brothers and laypeople. The news of the miraculous cure of his leg was spread widely abroad, causing great veneration on the part of everyone towards Peregrine, the friend of God. On May 1, 1345, while in his 80s, Peregrine died. The flocking of people to

Prayer

God, provident Father,
you sent a guardian angel
to accompany St. Peregrine
in order to make his path easier.
Grant us freedom from all sickness,
and assisted by our angels,
give us patience and strength in the time of trial. Amen

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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4. SAINT PEREGRINE, FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY

"For Peregrine, prayer, fasting and almsgiving were worth more than hordes of gold."

Saint Peregrine was a poor friar, austere and penitent, with a keen awareness of being a sinner who dedicated his service to God and to the Virgin in constant prayer. He was fervent in love, frequently fasted, observed vigils and other forms of ascetic practices. It was said that he never sat down and always remained standing.

"All the various penitential practices are basically a means to make you more free, free to empty yourself of selfish concern and to fill yourself with God, free to go about the Father's business (Lk 2: 49) and to play your part in the Divine Plan, to drink from the cup where Jesus drank (Mk 10: 38-39) and to give your life, like he did, for others (Mk 10: 45)." (*Hubert Moons, OSM, Get Up and Walk, #20*)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to do the will of God. Because God will satisfy them. (Mt 5: 6)

Saint Peregrine, lived intensely the charism of humility and mercy, service to the Virgin and to his brother friars. In Siena he lived fraternally with two other servant saints, Francis and Joachim, who were faithful witnesses of the values, charism and spirituality of the

Servants of Mary. Let us pray to the Lord that every one of us find sister and brother saints to help us mature in our own special vocations.

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

Loving God and Father of all,
you called St. Peregrine to follow your Son
in the Order of the Servants of Mary.
You still call generous young people
to commit to a consecrated life in service to your Kingdom.
Be the road, bridge, and sign for all who want to reach you,
light for those who need you, and peace to those who seek you.
To you Father, from whom comes every perfect gift,
be honour, praise and glory forever. Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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5. SAINT PEREGRINE, A COMPANION AND FRIEND

"How good and pleasant it is, when brothers live in unity." Psalm 133 (132)

Saint Peregrine was a kind friar, following the example of the Seven Holy Fathers of the Order whose friendship was sincere, warm, fair and disinterested. He also looked at the example of his fellow friars, including Saint Philip Benizi. In community, he shared the fears and the joys, the difficulties and the hopes of his brothers in religion. In community, he accepted and became friends with everyone. He learned to share and to uphold and uplift others: welcoming, listening, encouraging.

Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. (Proverbs 27,9)

once he woke up and realized that his leg was healed and as strong as it previously had been. After giving thanks to the most merciful God for such an extraordinary gift, he returned to his cell. The following morning, the doctor came to conduct the amputation. But he saw that the leg was completely healed. He turned to his assistants and exclaimed: What a great miracle!

On the wood of the cross Christ bore all our sins so that by his wounds we may be healed.

“You can now pick up the cross with courage, like Peregrine. In spite of everything, keep walking, keep moving towards the crucified Jesus. Let him draw you to himself. What new strength you will find amid your great weakness. ...keep looking towards the cross with faith, like Peregrine. Put your trust in the power of God and do not doubt that God will help you. It is in the cross that you will discover the love of God which purifies us and purges us of all that is not of God.” (*Hubert Moons, OSM*)

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

O God our Father, ever merciful and kind,
you sent your Son on earth as a healer of bodies and souls;
to rescue humanity stricken by sin and by death.
For your will is that we should have life to the full.
Look kindly we pray upon all who are suffering
and sick, for they place their trust in your help.
By the prayers of Saint Peregrine,
grant them your healing as once you poured healing upon him.
Grant that your Son, Jesus Christ, our saving Lord,
stretch forth his hand from the cross
to bless in our day all his servants in pain,

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

Holy God and Father,

in your Son you give us comfort in our illnesses
and are present to us in our trials.

We ask you to hold us in the safety of your hand
in sickness and health, in pain and joy,
and in every good or bad moment of our daily lives.

As you are always with us, help us likewise
to stand with you at the crosses of all our brothers
and sisters suffering from disease, hunger and poverty.

Make us the means of your grace
bringing them comfort, compassion and hope.

In the sufferings of the world, your Son is present
and he is our true physician and brother in pain.

To you, Father, be honour and glory for all ages. Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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8. SAINT PEREGRINE, MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

“Jesus said, 'Get up, pick up your sleeping-mat and walk around.'

The man was cured at once, and he picked up his mat and started to walk around.” (Jn 5: 8-9)

As recorded in the Life of Saint Peregrine of Forli, when he was in his 60s, was stricken with a gangrenous ulcer on his leg. The wound festered, would not heal, and eventually required amputation. The night before the surgery, he dragged himself to the chapter room where there is a fresco of the Crucifixion. He remained there in trustful prayer to the crucified Christ. Overcome by pain and distress he dozed in a trance and as in a dream saw the crucified Jesus come down from the cross and liberate him from every ailment of his leg. At

Saint Peregrine knew how to be a friend and had friends. In friendship made service, he shared his bread and the joys and sorrows of his brothers and those of his fellow townspeople. But above all, he nurtured a special love for his glorious Lady, the Blessed Virgin, and for Jesus Christ, to whom he looked for salvation.

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

Lord, with your grace,

Saint Peregrine was faithful

to the commitment of the evangelical life:

constant in prayer, patient in trials,

and friendly to everyone,

especially to us who hope in his intercession.

Help us also to do your will,

to grow in love of our brothers and sisters,

to lead a simple and sober life.

To you, Lord, source of communion

who in your Son gave us the friend

who never fails us, be honour and glory now and forever. Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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6. SAINT PEREGRINE, A WITNESS OF HOPE IN SICKNESS

“Peregrine bore the death of Jesus in his body so that the life of Jesus might be revealed.”

Saint Peregrine was sorely tried by illness. Around 1325, a painful, cancerous ulcer attacked one of his legs. The foul odour emanating from the sore was unbearable for Peregrine and those close to him. It isolated him from others and even caused him to loath himself. He was called another Job, so afflicted did he appear.

Nevertheless, reduced to such great and distasteful suffering, he did not complain about his lot. Rather, he endured this wasting away and torment with a tranquil spirit, trusting in the words of the Apostle who says that virtue is made strong in weakness.

“Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.” (Is 53:4)

Saint Peregrine followed the footsteps of Christ, carrying his cross each day. He saw his sufferings in the light of the life of Jesus who, in his merciful heart, healed the sufferings of many, reviving their hope and faith. When cancer threatened him with the amputation of his leg, Saint Peregrine crawled with much difficulty to the chapter room and spoke with Jesus crucified, his guide and teacher. He entrusted his suffering to him and put his hope in him. And Jesus came down from the cross and healed him.

Let us ask our Lord and Guide to understand the mystery of suffering as we look hopefully to the cross of Christ. Let us ask for the strength and faith to unite our sufferings to the suffering of Jesus for the redemption of the world.

*Kindly read the **Gospel of the day** and after reading it, pause for a moment of silence. Then pray the following:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Prayer

Father of all compassion,
in Christ your Son, you have revealed to us
the Christian values of suffering
and the hope that springs from the cross.
Stay with us in difficult times
and comfort us with a Spirit of solitude.
Help us to face the sorrows of life with hope and faith.
Through the intercession of Saint Peregrine,
teach us to place our sufferings

at the feet of Christ crucified and to receive from him serenity and health. To you Father, refuge of the weak, be honour and glory forever. Amen.

St. Peregrine, *pray for us.*

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7. ST. PEREGRINE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS AND ENDLESS CROSSES

“Servants of Mary, may they not cease to look to the cross, and with the Mother may they be close to her Son where he is still suffering and dying, so that the light of Easter may shine everywhere.” (*Prayer of Blessing 3, Rite of Solemn Profession of the Friar Servants of Mary*)

Saint Peregrine was healed in front of the now famous image of the crucifixion in the chapter room of the Forlì convent, where he dragged himself in pain. Peregrine remains with the Mother of Jesus at the foot of countless human crosses to bring a comforting and consoling presence. The Blessed Virgin models the mystery of compassion to him: to suffer with the other, to recognize and remain close to Jesus crucified in the other. And Jesus Christ revealed to him the joys of Easter: life, health, salvation. The early stories of Peregrine relate how the poor and peasants were also helped by him and speak of how he miraculously multiplied wheat and wine for the hungry. It is also said he healed a blind man and helped carry the crosses of many others in need.

And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple (Lk 14:27).

Saint Peregrine carried with his cross with a serene spirit, and he put all his hope in the Lord. He also helped to carry the crosses of the poor peasants and the sick, bringing them compassion and comfort. Though sorely tested himself, he was patient in suffering and found peace despite his pain.