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Dear Friend,

A little boy loved going to Church with his mother every Sunday. He was always well behaved. He didn't know the Mass responses and he couldn't remember the words to the hymns. But he clearly enjoyed being there. One day after Mass an elderly woman, impressed with his attentiveness, said to him, "How do you pray when you are in Church?" "Well," he said matter-of-factly, "first I tell God a ghost story. Then I say the alphabet for Jesus. And then I show the Blessed Mother what I have in my Mickey Mouse wallet."

God bless this child's mother! She is clearly teaching him how much God loves and cares for us, how interested God is in our successes and failures. The absolute innocence of this little boy's prayer must delight and please the heart of God.

For many of us, it was our mothers who taught us how to pray. Often, she was our role model for faithful devotion to God and to our Blessed Mother. During turbulent times in our lives, it was our mothers who prayed ardently to the Blessed Virgin Mary for us when we were confused, troubled or in need of heavenly assistance.



Our Sisters teach our students the power of prayer and the peace that it brings.

The Mother of Jesus understands our pain and identifies with our sorrows because she lived

through these experiences herself. St. Luke tells us that the Angel Gabriel's words to Mary at the Annunciation troubled her. When the infant Jesus was presented by Mary in the Temple, she was told by the prophet Simeon that her heart would be pierced by a sword of sorrow. And when the 12-year-old Jesus was found in Jerusalem after He was missing for three days, Mary was confused by His response to her worry and concern.



It is a blessing to care for our elder Sisters. YOU make that possible. Thank you! Sister Denise (l.) and Mother Joan Clare share happy moments together.

Friend, we Sisters of Charity are dedicated to Mary. We know first-hand that lives have been spared, marriages have been saved, hearts have been mended, the sick have been healed, and the troubled have been consoled through Mary's heavenly intercession. That's why **we are sending you the very special gift of My Treasured BLESSED MOTHER PRAYERS to help you grow in your love for her.**

And, if you can assist us in our need with an offering of \$10, \$25, \$50 or your most generous gift, we would be deeply grateful.

Your generosity will bring hope to homeless mothers and their children at our Holy Family Shelter, the hungry who visit our Food Pantry, the treasured elderly in our healthcare facilities, the young people in our schools, our young Sisters preparing to carry on the great mission of the Sisters of Charity, and our own dear elder and infirm Sisters who have spent their lives bringing hope to others.

Who seeks Our Blessed Mother in prayer today? Little boys with their Mickey Mouse wallets. Parents worried about the future and the well-being of their children. Grandparents troubled by the plague of drugs, guns and crime in our schools and on our streets. Mothers anxious over their children's health care needs, marital problems, unemployment woes and spiritual welfare. Fathers who pray that their daughters and sons will have successful careers, live happily, love God and be faithful in loving their families.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our help and our hope because she has a mother's love for all God's people. She was young. She was poor. The future was veiled from her as it is from us. Yet she clung to God's promises through every trial, and God did not leave her disappointed.

Mary was not a soft, delicate person who was pampered. She was a courageous woman of faith who did not shrink back from trials or troubles. She is a model for us in the difficulties of our lives and the problems within our families. Because she has been there, she understands, and she cares. Mary offers us a mother's strength and love. We hope our gift to you of ***My Treasured BLESSED MOTHER PRAYERS*** will assist you to trust her unfailingly and call out to her unceasingly.

We want to help you carry your burdens as well, and so we promise you our prayers. **Send us your special intentions today and we will pray for them at Holy Mass in our Motherhouse Chapel on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven.** This feast reminds us that where Our Blessed Mother has gone, we hope to be one day. We will place your needs in her care. She will not fail you. Please be sure to send back the enclosed reply form today.

May God reward your goodness and may Our Heavenly Mother watch over and protect you always.



Gratefully, in Mary, Mother of the Church,

Mother Marie Julie, SCMC

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Superior General



With your help, Sister Kateri and her students serve families in need who visit our Food Pantry.

P.S. **With gratitude for your generous assistance, the Sisters and I offer you the enclosed gift of *My Treasured BLESSED MOTHER PRAYERS*.** Just as that little boy would offer the Blessed Mother what he had in his Mickey Mouse wallet, your donation, given out of love, will please the heart of God. May the Lord, who will not be outdone in generosity, reward you for your goodness and your sacrifices to assist the Sisters.



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