

PRAYER FOR THE 15TH CENTENARY
OF SANTA MARIA IN PORTICO

Rejoice, O Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you!
You, blessed among all women,
as a Throne of grace,
reveal to us your Son Jesus,
the eternal Word of the Eternal Father,
the gateway to Paradise
and the path that leads to Heaven.

To you, who are the most kind among mothers,
we come forward joyfully,
to invoke your protection upon us,
upon our families,
upon this city, and the entire world.
Mother of Mercy,
intercede for your children,
that faith may increase,
hope may sprout,
and the love of Christ may burn in our hearts.

You who hosted in your womb
The One whom the heavens cannot contain,
O new Eve, who gives birth to the race
victorious over sin and death,
guide those who struggle
to find the paths of perseverance;
support those who suffer in body and spirit;
cast your benevolent gaze upon the poor;
do not forget those who endure injustice;
aid those in adversity and trial.

Mother of Christ and the Church,
show us the way
of humble daily service
and lead all of us to the safe port of salvation,
so that sustained by the gifts of Grace,
we may be missionaries of the Gospel in the world
and shine with that light
that brings glory to the Father who is in heaven.

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Vicar of His Holiness
For the Diocese of Rome