

PRAYER OF BLESSING OF A STATUE or Image OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Lord God, we acknowledge your infinite glory and the abundance of your gifts. Before the foundation of the world, you appointed Christ the beginning and end of all things. You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother and companion of your Son, the image and model of your Church, the Mother and advocate of us all.

She is the new Eve, through whom you restored what the first Eve had lost. She is the daughter of Zion, who echoed in her heart the longings of the patriarchs and the hopes of Israel. She is the poor and lowly servant, who trusted solely in her Lord. In the fullness of time she was delivered of the Sun of Justice, the dayspring from on high, your Son, Jesus Christ. In her flesh she was his Mother, in her person, his disciple, in her love, his servant.

Father, may your children who have provided this image/icon (statue) of Mary know her protection and trace in their hearts the pattern of her holiness.

Bless them with faith and hope, love and humility; bless them with strength and self-respect in poverty; bless them with patience in adversity and kindheartedness in times of plenty. May they search for peace, strive for justice, and realize your love, as they pursue their journey through life toward your heavenly city, where the Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes as Mother and reigns as Queen.

With this in mind, we ask you Father, your holy blessings upon this image/icon (statue) of Our Lady of Guadalupe, make it a holy object and this a holy place within our lives. Bless us through her presence. May she always lead us to your divine Son. He who will lead us, in turn, to you, our Heavenly Father, to enjoy forever the promises of salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

With veneration and care, together let us show our esteem for our Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us trust in her and call upon her constant intercession as we pray: Hail Holy Queen