

The Litany for the Conversion of California & the Resurrection of Missionary Zeal

- V. God, Our Father and Creator of Heaven and Earth, R. have mercy on California.
- V. God, the Son to Whom the Father has given all authority, R. have mercy on California.
- V. God, the Holy Spirit, made manifest in human history, R. have mercy on California.
- V. Holy Trinity, One God, R. have mercy on California.
- V. O Immaculate Conception, victorious over the evil one, R. protect California from diabolical destruction.
- V. *Nuestra Señora de la Soledad*, sorrowing & alone after the Crucifixion of thy Son, R. protect California from ...
- V. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas, R. protect California from ...
- V. Queen of Angels, R. protect California from ...
- V. Our Lady of Bethlehem, beloved companion to San Junípero Serra in his expedition to Upper California and Mother of the Missions, R. protect California from ...
- V. St. Joseph, Patron, Protector & Miraculous Provider of the missions, R. protect California
- V. St. Francis of Assisi, called by God to rebuild His Church, R. protect California from ...
- V. Fray Junípero Serra, Apostle to California who desired to go where no missionary had been before, R. protect California from...
- V. Fray Junípero Serra, undaunted by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, R. protect California from ...
- V. Fray Junípero Serra, ardent crusader for the salvation of souls, R. protect California from ...
- V. Fray Junípero Serra, so familiar with pain and suffering, R. protect California from ...
- V. St. Charles Borroméo, Archbishop, Reformer & Third Order Franciscan, R. protect California from ...
- V. The Archangels St Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel, R. protect California from ...
- V. All our Holy Guardian Angels, R. protect California from...
- V. Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, R. spare us, O Lord.
- V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, R. graciously hear us, O Lord.
- V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, R. have mercy on us.
- V. O Lord, hear our prayer, R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, Divine Missionary sent by the Father to the fallen human race, all honor, glory, love and obedience belong rightly to Thee. Every right, favor and privilege we may now enjoy comes to us from Thy generosity through the immaculate hands of Thy Holy Mother. May she and St. Joseph guide all of us who, in response to Thy command and inspired by the witness of Fray Junípero Serra, seek to make “disciples of all nations,” teaching and baptizing them in the Spirit of Truth Thou promised would be ours after Thy Ascension and until the end of ages. Amen.

The Chaplet of Our Lady of Bethlehem



At the end of the 2025 Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Bethlehem, one of the pilgrims was inspired to write a Chaplet of Our Lady of Bethlehem and to make a bead chaplet with Our Lady of Bethlehem as the centerpiece.

Start: One Our Father, 3 Hail Marys for Faith, Hope and Charity, and a Glory be.

Opening prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in Thy merciful Heart burns an everlasting love for all mankind. I humbly beseech Thee, through the loving intercession of Our Lady of Bethlehem, Our Queen and Thy Mother, Patroness of the Holy Missions of California, to pour forth Thy grace upon these lands that once belonged to her most tender heart.

Grant, I pray, that the spirit of true repentance, true charity and true faith may flourish once more in California, as in the days when St. Junípero Serra, aflame with the missionary zeal, brought the light of Christ and the Gospel to these shores.

On each of the 21 beads (representing all of the Missions founded in California): O Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Our Lady of Bethlehem, Patroness Of the Missions, with St. Joseph her spouse, and St. Junípero Serra, grant the conversion of California and the whole world.

Conclusion: One *Glory be* and the *Sign of the Cross*.

For anyone interested in purchasing a chaplet, available in a variety of beads and centerpieces, you may email Melanie Grijalva at meg373@gmail.com.

