

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Prayer

In complete faith, you received the message
of the Archangel Gabriel
and became the mother of Jesus, the only Son of God:
Teach us to pray, in order to grow in faith.

At the Visitation, you exulted with joy
in the Magnificat:
Teach us to give thanks to God.

At Cana, you asked Christ to provide wine
for the wedding-feast:
**Teach us to intercede in favor of our brothers and
sisters.**

Standing at the foot of the Cross,
you suffered with Jesus for the love of sinners:
Teach us to welcome the mercy of the Father.

At Pentecost, you prayed with the Apostles
when they received the plenitude of the Holy Spirit:
**Teach us to ask the Spirit to help us bear witness to
the Gospel.**

You are the Mother of the Church
and the Protectress of families.
May you watch over each of our families:
Teach us to love each other faithfully.

You are the Mother of humanity
and the Patroness of France.
Open our country to the universal love of God:
Teach us to serve with generosity.

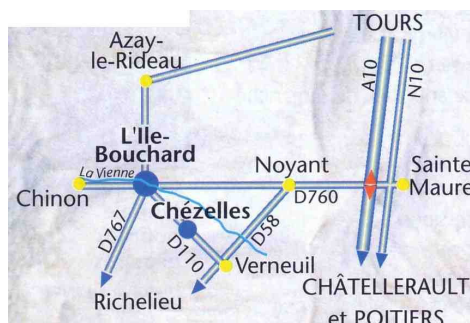
**Oh Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to you !
Our Lady of Prayer, teach us to pray.**

December 8, 1999
André VINGT-TROIS, *Archbishop of Tours*

Directions to L'Ile-Bouchard

(40 km south-west of Tours) :
by motorway A10 : exit n°25 Ste-Maure
by train : Ste-Maure-Noyant station
(route Tours-Poitiers)

*St-Gilles church is situated north of the river Vienne
which crosses L'Ile-Bouchard.*



Discover more
about the message of Our Lady of Prayer
and activities offered at the Sanctuary
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The message of L'Ile-Bouchard

Our Lady of Prayer
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*Our Lady of Prayer, teach us to pray !
St. Gabriel archangel, watch over us!*

From 8 to 14 December, 1947, four little girls confirmed having seen the Virgin Mary and the angel Gabriel in St. Gilles parish church at L'Ile-Bouchard.

Since then single or group pilgrimages have been constant. They culminate annually on 8 December and the following Sunday.

The diocesan authorities authorised the construction of a grotto with two statues inside St. Gilles church, according to the request of the « Beautiful Lady » conveyed by the children.

The Virgin of L'Ile-Bouchard has been named **Our Lady of Prayer**.

Mgr. André Vingt-Trois, archbishop of Tours, authorised « these pilgrimages, as well as the public worship celebrated in the parish church of St.Gilles, in L'Ile-Bouchard, to invoke Our Lady of Prayer », on 8 December, 2001.

The Virgin Mary's main messages

« Tell the little children to pray for France, because she is in great need. »

« Yes, I am your heavenly Mother. »

« Give me your hand to kiss. »

« Kiss the cross of my rosary. »

« Sing the 'Hail Mary', this hymn which I love. »

« Say a decade of the rosary. »

« Kiss my hand. »

« Do you pray for sinners ? »

« I will grant families happiness. »

« Tell the people to sing the Magnificat. »

The message

1- Our Lady of Prayer

The Virgin Mary teaches children and all the people to pray : the sign of the cross, the *Hail Mary* spoken or sung, a decade of the rosary, the invocation *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you ! The Magnificat*; She also gives prayer intentions.

2- A Mother

She welcomed in faith angel Gabriel's message and became the Mother of Jesus, the Only Son of God. In the parish church, she is Mother of the Church. She shows herself as a loving mother very close to her children. She kisses our hands of sinners as we are. She also asks us to kiss her hand and to kiss the cross of her rosary. Mary eclipses behind Jesus offered for our salvation. She is the mother of unity, peace and reconciliation, faced by the temptation of disunity.

3- Prayer for France

France is seen as a large family which is sometimes in danger. Mary intercedes and asks for prayers for France. On the whole we see that the multitude of people on earth are meant to form one large family wherein every nation has its place.

4- Prayer for sinners

Immaculate Mary inspires prayer for sinners. She shows us how much the way of compassion for sinners is the Charity of daily prayer and making of sacrifices.

5- Promise of Happiness for Families

Mary gives family life happiness here and now. She helps us understand how much the family is the place of happiness. She watches over each one of our families.

6- Prayer for Vocations

She welcomes prayer for vocations and has a tender care for the priesthood.

Books, pictures, postcards, medals...

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