

LITANY OF ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC

May 9, 2023

(alternate sides) **Right:** Louise, abandoned child, call us to the side of the most abandoned.

Left: Louise, talented artist, help us to use our creativity.

R. Louise, faithful student of Holy Scripture, lead us to study the Word of God.

L. Louise, industrious worker, teach us to work with zeal for God's reign.

R. Louise, loving wife and doting mother, model for us as we minister to those in our care.

L. Louise, seeker of spiritual direction, urge us to seek the guidance of others on our spiritual journeys.

R. Louise, neurotic worrier, console us in our awareness of our weaknesses.

L. Louise, organizer par excellence, enable us to appreciate our unique gifts.

R. Louise, finder of the face of God in the poor, encourage us to do the same.

L. Louise, radical thinker, challenge us to find new solutions to old problems.

R. Louise, loyal correspondent, foster in us a desire to stay connected to members of the Company of Charity.

L. Louise, underrated and misunderstood woman, create in us an appreciation for the gifts of women.

R. Louise, survivor of war and lover of peace, intercede for peace in our world.

L. Louise, confident in the Providence of God, foster that trust in us.

R. Louise, woman of poor health and strong spirit, keep our spirits strong when our bodies weaken.

L. Louise, friend of Vincent de Paul, show us how to befriend the clergy today.

R. Louise, innovator and risk taker, spark in us the desire to move beyond the limits imposed on us by custom.

L. Louise, teacher, nurse, social worker, administrator in one, be with us as we respond to the needs of our time.

- Sr. Mary Ann Daly, SC

Magnificat of Louise de Marillac

Antiphon: “Please greet all our sisters for me. I urge them to arise each morning with new courage to serve God and the poor well.” (Louise’s words)

My being proclaims the greatness of God; my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.
For God has transformed the lowliness of my self-doubt and fear,
into the power to do great things. Holy is God’s name!

God, the ever-present light in darkness, has raised the lowly to high places,
and sends me to serve those who languish without hope.
Fear is banished and light springs forth to the most abandoned.
Holy is God’s name!

The proud are confused while the hungry are given every good thing.
God’s compassion touches my soul;
I receive strength beyond telling to speak words that nourish and challenge.
Holy is God’s name!

God has upheld our ancestors in faith from age to age.
I am ever mindful of God’s mercy, as the path of humility, simplicity and charity
leads us to those who are poor.
Holy is God’s name!

Glory be to God, Source of all being, to Jesus, Eternal Word, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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Louise’s Spiritual Testament (1676)

My dear Sisters, I continue to ask God for His blessings for you and pray that He will grant you the grace to persevere in your vocation in order to serve Him in the manner He asks of you. Take good care of the service of the poor.

Above all, live together in great union and cordiality, loving one another in imitation of the union and life of Our Lord. Pray earnestly to the Blessed Virgin, that she may be your only Mother.

