

AN URGENT PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE ELECTION

Tom and Phyllis Coté from New Jersey spotted this Election Year prayer in a Florida Catholic newspaper in 2000. It is just as relevant today—perhaps more so—and that is why we decided to share it with you.

[Please note that because of space limitations, we simply cannot print many of the beautiful prayers and other materials that our members send us. This is a one-time exception.]

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation in which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the "culture of death" and lead us into a Millennium of Life. Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray: Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother, to thee do we come, before thee

we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word
Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear
and answer us. Amen.