

A Call to Prayer with Our Lady Queen of Palestine

October 25th is the feast day of Our Lady Queen of Palestine.

Her Title as Queen of Palestine

Our Lady was first invoked under this title by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem as he entered the Cathedral Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre and consecrated the diocese to Mary on July 15, 1920. He asked her protection over the homeland of the Holy Family because of the ancient and growing tensions that had been threatening its people for generations.

He established this titular feast in her native land in 1927, wrote a special prayer for recitation before the Blessed Sacrament, and erected a church in her honour. The Holy See approved the feast day for the liturgical calendar in a decree asking the faithful to pray to Our Lady as Queen of Palestine for protection over the Holy Land.

The shrine of Our Lady Queen of Palestine is located in Deir Rafat, midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Nuns from the Monastic Family of Bethlehem ensure the presence of Adoration and prayer at the shrine. A Palestinian artist decorated the ceiling and walls of the shrine with the angelic exclamation of the Archangel Gabriel to our Blessed Mother in 280 different languages. This represents the great desire and fervent prayer for people of all faiths and nations to live in unity in the land of Jesus.

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Prayer to Our Lady Queen of Palestine

O Mary Immaculate, gracious Queen of Heaven and of Earth,
 behold us prostrate before thy exalted throne.
Full of confidence in thy goodness and in thy boundless power,
 we beseech thee to turn a pitying glance upon Palestine,
 which more than any other country belongs to thee,
since thou hast graced it with thy birth, thy virtues and thy sorrows,
 and from there hast given the Redeemer to the world.

Remember that there especially, thou wert constituted our tender Mother,
 the dispenser of graces.

Watch, therefore, with special protection over thy native country,
 scatter from it the shades of error,
 for it was there the Sun of Eternal Justice shone.

Bring about the speedy fulfilment of the promise,
 which issued from the lips of Thy Divine Son,
 that there should be one fold and one Shepherd.

Obtain for us all that we may serve the Lord
in sanctity and justice during the days of our life,
 so that, by the merits of Jesus
 and with thy motherly aid,
we may pass at last from this earthly Jerusalem
 to the splendours of the heavenly one.

Amen.