



# Renewal of the Consecration of the Basilica of Saint Mary to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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THE BASILICA OF  
SAINT MARY

*Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia*

## INTRODUCTION

**When our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples on Easter Sunday he said: "Peace be with you." We can be confident that he desires this same peace for all the members of his body, the Church, and for the people of the entire world.**

**In this difficult time we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Peace, to ask that she intercede with her Son for all those who are affected in any way by this pandemic. As we renew the consecration of our parish and of ourselves to the Mother of the God, we implore her maternal care for her children.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Let us pray.**

**O God, Father of mercies,  
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,  
to be our Mother also,  
grant, we pray, that with her loving help  
your Church may be more fruitful day by day  
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,  
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.**

**R. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Let us now entrust the Basilica of Saint Mary and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:**

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love.

In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians, who come to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we make today with confidence, and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CROWNING OF MARY

## REGINA CAELI

*REGINA CAELI, Simple Tone*

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**R** E-gina caeli \* laeta-re, alle-lu-ia: Qui- a quem me-  
ru- isti porta-re, alle-lu-ia: Re-surre-xit, sic-ut di-xit,  
alle-lu-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lu- ia.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

As we conclude this consecration, we ask the blessing of Almighty God:

Let us pray.

Bestow the grace of your kindness  
upon your supplicant people, O Lord,  
that, formed by you, their creator,  
and restored by you, their sustainer,  
through your constant action they may be saved.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.