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**Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception**

**Feast Day: December 8th**

Most holy Virgin, who wast pleasing to the [Lord](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) and became His Mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in [faith](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4554) and in love, look kindly on the wretched who implore thy powerful patronage. The wicked serpent, against whom was hurled the first curse, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy [children](http://www.catholic.org/shopping/?category=28) of Eve. Do thou, then, O Blessed Mother, our queen and advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of the enemy, receive the [prayers](http://www.catholic.org/prayers) which, united with thee in our single heart, we implore thee to present at the [throne](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11541) of God, that we may never fall into the snares which are laid out for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and, in so many dangers, may the Church and [Christian](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=2927) [society](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10913) sing once again the [hymn](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5998) of deliverance and of victory and of peace. Amen.

In Thy conception, O Virgin Mary, thou wast immaculate; pray for us to the Father, Whose Son, [Jesus](http://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) [Christ](http://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) conceived of the Holy Ghost, thou didst bring forth.