



# NOVENA PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

*October 4–October 14, 2018*

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
we stand before you  
shaken by the scandal and division  
in the Church that we love.

We pray for victims of abuse,  
whose trust was betrayed  
and whose innocence was shattered  
by members of the clergy.

We pray for those whose suffering  
was ignored  
and for those who were silenced  
or disbelieved.

We pray for Church leaders,  
that by putting the needs of the vulnerable first,  
by acting with transparency,  
and by always holding themselves  
accountable to God  
and to the People of God  
they may regain the trust  
that has been broken.

We pray for ourselves,  
that the darkness and confusion we feel  
may give way to light.

May we find the way to justice,  
unity, healing, and hope,  
through your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us.  
Mary, comfort of the troubled, pray for us.  
Mary, mother of the Church, pray for us.

*Image: The Mother of Sorrows. St. James Cathedral, Seattle.*