THE REQUEST OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE HOUR OF GRACE

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1. Day and time of Hour of Grace - December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception - to be started at 12 noon and continue until 1 pm for one full hour of prayer.

2. During this hour the person making the 'Hour of Grace' either at home or in the Church must put away all distractions but totally concentrate on your union with God during this Special Hour of Grace.

3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms

4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way or by using favorite prayers, singing hymns, meditating upon other Psalms, etc.

Seventh Apparition on 8th December, 1947.

On this great feast countless priest were present. It was only with a great deal of effort that Pierina was able to get into the Basilica. She knelt in the center of the church, just where the other apparitions had taken place. During the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Pierina called out: "Oh, Our Lady!"

Great silence ensued! Our Lady appeared on a large white staircase, decorated with a white, red and yellow rose. She said with a smile: I am the Immaculate Conception. And descending several steps with great majesty She continued: I am Mary, full of grace, Mother of My Divine Son Jesus Christ. Descending even more, She said: Through my coming to Montichiari, I wish to be known as the

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It is my wish that every year, on 8th December, at noon, the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion.

Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brother. One should very soon notify the Holy Father of the Church, Pope Pius XII, that it is my wish that the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be made known and spread throughout the world. If anyone is unable to visit his church, yet will pray at noon at home, he will also receive graces through me. Whoever prays on these tiles and weeps tears of penance, will find a secure heavenly ladder and receive protection and grace through my motherly heart.

Then Our Lady showed Pierina her heart and said: Look at this heart which loves mankind so very much, but most people only shower offenses upon it. If the good and the bad unite in prayer they will obtain mercy and peace through this heart. The Lord is still protecting the good and is holding back a great punishment because of my intercession. Our Lady smiled again and went on: Soon one will recognize the greatness of this Hour of Grace.
When Pierina saw that Our Lady was going to depart, she said: "Dear Lady, I thank you! Bless my homeland Italy and the whole world, but especially the Holy Father, the priest, the religious, and the sinners."

Our Lady replied: **I have already prepared a flood of graces for all the children who listen to my words and keep them in their hearts.** She assured Pierina that she would return at a suitable time when the Secret entrusted to her, would be made public through the Ecclesiastical authority. Our Lady then said 'good-bye'.

**Psalm 51**

**Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon**

*To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
5. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
6. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
9. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
10. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
11. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
12. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
13. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
14. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
15. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
16. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
17. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; 
   rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
19 then you will delight in right sacrifices, 
   in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; 
   then bulls will be offered on your altar.

During the period of November 24, 1946 to December 8, 1947, Our Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierrina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, eleven times.

On the first appearance Our Blessed Mother told Sister Pierrina that She wanted to be known as the 'Mystical Rose' and that an Hour of Grace should be kept at noon on December 8th in all the Catholic Churches of the world. Our Blessed Mother wanted this to be known through all of Italy and the entire world.

It was November 16, 1947 when Sister Pierrina was finishing her thanksgiving after Holy Communion when she saw a great light. She then saw a vision of Our Blessed Mother as the 'Mystical Rose.'

Sister was so deeply moved by the stunning beauty of Our Lady that she began talking to Her. All of a sudden a gentle force made her kneel down in front of Our Lady. The Blessed Mother spoke these words.

"My Son is greatly offended by the sins of impurity. He is already planning to send the deluge upon the people, for their destruction, but I have asked him to show mercy and not send the destruction. So that is why I have appeared to ask for penance and atonement for the sins of impurity."

Then Our Blessed Mother asked for an Act of Humility by Sister Pierrina. She asked her to make the sign of the cross with her tongue on each of the stones in the Sanctuary. "This shall be a reminder to the people that I have appeared here and do not have the people step on those stones."

Our Blessed Mother then stepped on each of the stones so that Her gown touched all four stones.

On the 22nd of November, Sister Pierrina felt the overwhelming urge to go to Church at 4:00. The Mother Superior, four Sisters and a group of friends accompanied her. They were all saying the Rosary when the Blessed Mother appeared as before.

She instructed Sister Pierrina to make the sign of the cross on the stones and fence them off so that no one would step on them.

Again Our Lady asked for penance. She said "Penance is nothing more than accepting all your crosses daily willingly. No matter how small, accept them with love."

At this time, she told sister Pierrina to come again on December 8th at noon. "This will be My Hour of Grace." The Sister asked how she was to prepare for this Hour of Grace? To which Our Blessed Mother replied, "With Prayers and Penance. Pray the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms three times. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces will be granted. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God."

The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked Her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

It was December 7th when Sister Pierrina felt the urge to go to Church. This time she was accompanied by the Priest and the Mother Superior.

The Blessed Mother appeared with a young boy and girl dressed in beautiful white clothing. Sister Pierrina was sure these little ones were angels because they were so beautiful.

The Blessed Mother said "Tomorrow I will show you My Immaculate Heart which is so little known among the people." She asked people to pray for Russia. "There are so many people being held prisoners which their families know nothing of
because they have been gone for so many years. Pray for the conversion of Russia, the suffering of the soldiers and their sacrifices and martyrdom will bring peace to Italy.

The little children are Francisco and Jacinta. I am giving them to you as your companions. You will have much to suffer for My sake. I want simplicity and goodness from you as of these little children." The Blessed Mother then blessed Sister Pierrina, the Priest and all those who were gathered there.

On the morning of December 8th people began arriving at the little Church at 8:00 in the morning from neighboring towns. By noon, some 10,000 people had gathered to see the Blessed Mother, many of whom had to stand outside because the Church did not have enough room for the large crowd.

Sister Pierrina was accompanied to Church by her Mother and Brothers, the Mother Superior and the Chief of Police from Montichiari. Sister was reciting the Rosary with the crowd in the middle of the Church.

Suddenly a brilliant white light appeared from the ceiling. Stairs were coming from the light down to the floor of the Church about fifteen feet in length. The staircase was beautifully decorated with red, white and yellow roses.

The Blessed Virgin appeared so radiant, dressed in white, with Her Hands folded. She was standing on a splendid carpet at the top of the stairs made of the red, white and yellow roses.

In the most gentle and loving voice, Our Lady smiled and began to speak.

"I am the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of all Graces and the Mother of my Beloved Son, Jesus.

I wish to be known as the Mystical Rose. My wish is that every year on the 8th of December at noon an 'Hour of Grace' will be installed. Many spiritual Graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray undisturbed during this hour."

Then slowly she began to ascend the staircase gracefully scattering roses as She went along until She reached midway of the staircase. Here again Our Blessed Mother spoke.

"I am very happy to see this great demonstration of Faith."

Sister Pierrina asked for many of the sinners to be forgiven. Our Blessed Mother replied

"My Divine Son will show his Greatest Mercy as much as the people will pray for them. I want this to be known and told to Pope Pius XII. Tell him I wish him to install the 'Hour of Grace' throughout the whole world and those who are not able to go to Church during this time, may obtain this Grace in their homes at noon".

She also asked that a Statue be made and placed on the spot where She stood. This should be called the 'Rosa Mystica' and carried in procession through the town at which time many Graces will be given and cures will take place. Then the Statue is to be returned to the Church.

Our Lady prayed for the sick, some will be cured others not. Many men, women and children were cured at that very instant.

A twenty-six year old woman who could not say a word for nine months, suddenly began shouting, "I see Her. I see the Blessed Virgin."

An eighteen year old girl with ulcers was instantly cured.

A five year old boy who had been paralyzed was told by Our Blessed Mother

"Come to Me, you will be walking now."

He was placed on the Blessed Stones and was able to walk.
There were three others who were very sick and were immediately cured. But of course, the greatest miracles taking place were those of the spiritual blessings being shed upon the people gathered in the Church.

Our Blessed Mother said "This is the last time I will come here. Pray, weep and do penance on these Stones and you will receive the care of My Motherly Heart."

She then left the little Church, but because of the Unending Love of Our Heavenly Mother, She has given us the 'Hour of Grace' to be spread throughout the entire world. She had given all people the opportunity to demonstrate our love and trust to Her and to help make reparation for the grievous sins offending Her Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.