

## *Prayer to Our Lady of Good Success*

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Body of Mary, purify me,  
Heart of Mary, inflame me,  
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O Sweet Mary, hear me.  
With thy benign eyes, look on me,  
Through thy holy steps, guide me,  
To thy Divine Son, pray for me,  
Pardon for my sins, achieve for me,  
Devotion to your holy Rosary, infuse in me,  
Love for God and my fellow man, grant me,  
Permit me not to ever be separated from thee,  
In the hour of my death, comfort me,  
From my enemies, defend me,  
With the shield of thy holy name, defend me,  
With thy mantle, cover me,  
In the fatal instant of my agony, assist me,  
From dying in sin, free me,  
Into the arms of Jesus, deliver me,  
To the eternal mansion, bring me,  
So that, with the angels and saints  
I can praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

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- the Sacrament of Matrimony will be attacked and iniquitous laws will make it easy to live in sin
- there will be an almost total and general corruption of customs
- innocence will almost no longer be found in children, nor modesty in women
- the effects of secular education will be one reason for the lack of priestly and religious vocations
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