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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LORETO
PRAYER REQUEST LIST NO 88

Dear Members of the Family of Venerable Mary Ward,
On this feast, added to the Roman Calendar by Pope Francis, we recognise a tradition of veneration of the holy house of Loreto which dates back to the middle-ages. As we know, “Loreto” was cherished by Venerable Mary Ward.

We are asked to remember the following in our prayer:

Cause intention:

As we approach 15th December, the 7th anniversary of my submission of a possible miracle to a “Particular Diocese”, please pray very earnestly for the completion of this Diocesan phase.

Canada: Audrey, friend of Veronica has asked for our prayer: “Veronica has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer - it's in her breast, lumbar spine, and skull. Please pray for strength, hope and courage, and for her surgery and treatments to be successful.”

England: Cecelia, FMW and Mary Walmsley CJ, ask for prayer for Hope Gilbert, longtime Friend of Mary Ward, past pupil and former Deputy Headteacher of St. Mary's School, Cambridge, who is seriously ill.

India and S. Asia:

- For our School of the Heart Participants/Tertians – Regina, Sori, Arokia, Shakuntala and Janet (Australia) who have begun their programme in

Dublin and who will begin their 30 -day Spiritual Exercises in early January: may the Spirit guide them and their programme director, Eileen Linehan CJ, during this special Formation period.

- For Miri, Mariana and Priyanka, who have begun their 10 - day retreat in preparation for making their Final Vows on 31st January 2026.

Ireland:

- For Nessa, a 19-year-old past pupil of Loreto Abbey Dalkey, who is undergoing experimental treatment for cancer in Germany
- For Francis, a two-year old, knocked down by his dad in a tragic car accident: that he may recover
- For Sophia, pupil in Loreto Coleraine, who was badly injured in a traffic accident
- For Alisha, a pupil in Loreto Balbriggan and for her mother who were both critically injured in a road accident
- For Grace, a young woman who is facing thyroid surgery
- For Phyl, a former employee, who has significant heart issues. She would be deeply grateful for our prayerful support
- For Brian, a father, who has brain cancer.

MEP: Altötting: Cosima CJ sent the following message of thanks from Jürgen Baumann:

"I feel an extraordinary need to express my heartfelt thanks. The negative trends are increasing, which is precisely why I am writing to you in a positive manner. The sisters of Congregatio Jesu in Altötting prayed for months for a good outcome to my lung cancer. Indeed, the prayers to the "Black Madonna" and our dear Lord have helped. Although my left lower lung was removed, there was no "spread" of the disease and therefore no further treatment was necessary. My health is stable and involves three monthly follow-up check-ups."

We thank God and our Venerable Mary Ward for Jürgen's progress.

USA:

- For healing for John, father of Friend of Mary Ward, Grace, who is suffering from a debilitating disease affecting his spine, back and joints

- For Sr. Frances DeMott's family: her two nephews, Ben and Mark, who are having medical issues and for Sue, another nephew's wife, who also is suffering from medical issues.
- For Companion Lori Sellers, who had surgery recently. We ask for continued prayers for a good healthy recovery; we pray also for her family.
- For healing prayers for Mary Ellen Cassidy following a medical procedure.

We remember, too, the many needs of our war-torn world, that the spirit of peace and reconciliation will move hearts and minds.

As another year draws to its close, I thank you for your continued support of the Cause of our Venerable Mary Ward. We hope and pray, like her, that "what cannot be achieved in one month may be accomplished in the next."

Yours very sincerely,

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Venerable Mary Ward pray for us and give us your spirit