# The Virgin Mary Advocate of Sinners

The titles with which the Church honours the Virgin Mary are many, one cannot even count them. During the centuries, each of her good child has attributed a particular name to Her. Indeed, the Virgin Mary deserves every good title and ever good name, for in her hands Jesus has poured out all the treasures of the heavenly grace and goodness. Jesus wanted that the entire Heaven to be in his Mother’s hands. He has also placed his heart entirely in the hands of the One who has generated Him in his humanity, delivered, kept, protected, helped to grow, nourished Him for thirty years, before beginning his mission of salvation and of redemption among us. One of the most meaningful title is undoubtedly the one we are called to reflect together: “Advocate of sinners.” It is not a private title, belonging to the piety of a single man or of a particular circle. No. It is a public title. Thus the entire Church, all her children, invoke the Virgin Mary: “Advocate of sinners.” It is the title that, above any other, shows the condition of our humanity. The man is a sinner by birth, by nature conceived in the original sin, by choice, will, temptation, not prayer, closure in one’s world of earth, loss of transcendence and of hope. Today both the sin of the Christian and of the non-Christian is truly monstrous. Let us think of the prodigal son. He was in the house of the Father. He was fine. He enjoyed every abundance. For an unfortunate desire of disengagement from the love of the one who has generated him, who has given him life, decided to collect all his belonging and set off to a distant country.

We know the end. After having squandered every possession, after having consumed what he had received by the father with no intelligence, he found himself in abject misery. Not even carob to eat. Swine were more worthy than him, because of the profits expected from their selling. When one is in a desperate situation of sin, of spiritual misery, who can one turn to? Certainly not to the Father. He sees him as a Judge. Neither to Christ Jesus does one has the strength to go, bow down, ask for forgiveness. Let alone the Church. Many of us do not know mercy, one ignores it, one make themselves the masters of the grace of God and of his piety. Who can one turn to? To the unique heart, to the heart of the Mother, a heart that is rich in mercy, goodness, forgiveness, acceptance, lovingness, understanding. The Christian does not turn to Her because he acknowledges Her as the source or the principle of his salvation, the source of forgiveness and of the absolution or remission of his sin, of his fault. He turns to Her because he acknowledges that the Mother of Jesus knows how to intercede before her Son, She knows what to ask, how to speak in our favour, what excuses to provide, what piety to ask and what clemency to implore and obtain. The Christian knows the seriousness of his fault. He does not dare to go before God. The fear of Him refrains him. One is more familiar with the Mother. One is less scared with Her. One has that faith that She can always put a good word in our favour, even if our sin has been great and the offence inexcusable.

She is Advocate. The advocate is not the one who declares the true false and the false true. Instead, he is the one who can find a reason, even the littlest and insignificant, so that the judge opens his heart to clemency, to mercy, to a light sentence. The advocate is the one who must achieve the absolution of the offender, guilty of having seriously transgressed the law. The Virgin Mary is our Advocate. To Her must we entrust our life, in repentance, in conversion, in the firm and determined will to love Her with all our heart and, through Her, reach the heart of Christ Jesus, who, in the Holy Spirit, leads us to the heart of the Father. The Virgin Mary is not our Advocate because She has to justify our horrible faults and declare the mas they did not happen. Whoever had to think like that must know that he is mistaken, that he is in great error. The Virgin Mary is the Advocate who must convince us so that we may stop sinning and must ask her Son for piety and mercy, for we are sincerely repented. She is the Advocate who, after having obtained forgiveness from her Son, takes us by hand and leads us to the highest steps of holiness, so that our heart may be filled with all the grace and the truth of Jesus the Lord. If we want to understand this mystery well, we must go to Cana in Galilee for a moment. Here a wedding feast is celebrated. Two bridegrooms are in great difficulty. There is no wine. The Virgin Mary, who notes and sees everything, thinks and finds out all things, notices that there is no wine. She leaves the table, approaches Christ Jesus, asks Him to intervene. This is her first role of our Advocate. Seeing, noticing, intervening before Christ Jesus, so that He may give a heavenly solution to our spiritual or material need. Then She goes to the servers and asks them a perfect obedience to every word of Jesus the Lord. *“Do whatever He tells you. Do everything He asks.”* This is the second role of our Advocate. Going to every man and ask for a complete obedience to every word of her Son Jesus. She intercedes before the Son so that He may intervenes. She intercedes before the man so that he obeys. Her ministry of Mother, Advocate of sinners, is in this double role. You who are sinner, who do not have the courage to go before Christ Jesus, who are afraid of approaching the Sacrament of the Confession, bow down before your heavenly Mother. Invoke Her. Ask Her to intercede for you, so that the Lord fills you with that grace that lacks in you to humiliate, prostrate yourself and ask Him for forgiveness. I you trust your heavenly Mother, you can do it. She will take you by hand, She will lead you before her Son Jesus, will present you to Him, will ask Him every grace. He will grand her request and you will be saved in eternity. Today, more than ever, we need this Heavenly Advocate. She must not ask Christ only the wine of grace and of light, of truth and of righteousness. Today She must ask Christ Jesus to intervene so that He may deliver his Church, with true exorcism, from all the legions of unclean spirits who took possession not of the body, but of the mind and of the heart of many of her children. If Jesus does not come and does not work with true exorcism, the life of is Church will be in most great suffering. No one might exorcise this multitude of legions. Only Christ Jesus can do it with the might of the Holy Spirit. The Virgin Mary must not ask for this grace tomorrow. It might be too late. She must ask it today. She must ask it with her entire heart of Mother, with all the might of the Holy Spirit who rules her entire life. Mother of God, Advocate of sinners, pray your Son Jesus for us. Ask Him to descend soon and exorcise us from this multitude of devilish legions.