

Metrical Litany of Saint Ann

To thee, Mother Ann, we pray

1.

To thee, Mother Ann, we pray
That your help we may obtain,
Holy Mother Anna!
Graciously thy aid we seek;
Help, that we may follow thee,
Holy Mother Anna

2.

Pray that faith may strongly hold
Firmly through each strife and woe:
Holy Mother Anna!
That our hearts may trust in thee
When to sin we tempted be.
Holy Mother Anna!

3.

Pray that hope enlighten here,
When the gloom of fear draws near,
Holy Mother Anna!
Be thou self our guiding star
That shines forth in near and far.
Holy Mother Anna!

4.

Pray that heart and courage mine
Be inflamed with love divine,
Holy Mother Anna!
That our sins forgiveness find
And as you be sanctified.
Holy Mother Anna.

5.

Cares of body and of soul

Next to God to you be told,
Holy Mother Anna!
You our comfort be in trials;
Help us bear our burdens all.
Holy Mother Anna!

6.

Bless our fruits and country dear;
Ward off sorrow and all fears,
Holy Mother Anna!
Hold aloft the famine's sting,
Sickness, war and evil things.
Holy Mother Anna!

7.

To thy clients lend thine ear,
Be our guide, repel our foes,
Holy Mother Anna!
May your gracious presence e'er
Round your charge protecting glare.
Holy Mother Anna!

8.

When our life's career is o'er,
Then thy goodness we implore,
Holy Mother Anna!
That with thee, adoring sing:
We to God our homage bring.
Holy Mother Anna!

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TWO-PART FAUX-BOURDON George Gardner, Mus.Bac.





A Collection of Faux-Bourbons and Descants, Athelstan Riley, 1916

Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1904