



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

In Mexico in 1531, Our Lady appeared to a humble Indian, St. Juan Diego, and asked him to go to the bishop and ask for a church to be built where she appeared. St. Juan Diego took miraculous roses (this was winter time) in his tilma (cape) to the bishop as a sign of Our Lady's request; when he opened his tilma, a beautiful image of Our Lady as she appeared to St. Juan Diego miraculously appeared on the tilma. The image has never disintegrated and is venerated to this day. Our Lady's feast day under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12. She is the patroness of the Americas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mystical Rose,
make intercession for holy Church,
protect the sovereign Pontiff,
help all those who invoke you in their necessities,
and since you are the ever Virgin Mary
and Mother of the true God,
obtain for us from your most holy Son
the grace of keeping our faith,
of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life,
of burning charity, and the precious gift
of final perseverance.
Amen.

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