

Enrollment in the League of Saint Gerard

Each enrollment is \$10.00 and includes a certificate, an aluminum Saint Gerard medal, a wallet-size picture of Saint Gerard, a prayer leaflet, and the booklet, *Gerard Majella: The Mothers' Saint*.

Enroll me in the League of Saint Gerard. (G0101)

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____

Check this box if you cannot afford the enrollment fee; you may still participate as a member. Saint Gerard has been good to us.

Please send enrollment gifts to the following people: (G0101)

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 SIGNATURE ON GIFT CARD _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following intentions in the weekly Mass offered in honor of Saint Gerard:

MASSES

Please offer the following Mass(es) for my intention(s) as indicated. (Masses cannot be offered on specific dates.)

The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$5.00
 I have enclosed \$ _____ for this purpose.

DONATIONS

In gratitude for favors received, I wish to make a donation to help spread devotion to Saint Gerard.

I have enclosed \$ _____ for this purpose.

The Heart of the Matter



Send your prayer requests and letters to
miss-spon@liguori.org
 or mail to One Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057-9999.

From E-mail

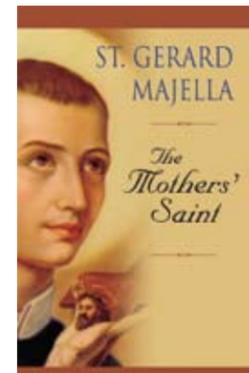
I am writing in thanksgiving to Saint Gerard. I am blessed and excited and very thankful; thankful that Saint Gerard listened to several years of prayer. After a year of trying to conceive, a friend from work suggested that I pray to Saint Gerard. She shared my woes with her mother, who in turn sent me a multitude of prayers, a homemade rosary, a miraculous medal, and a Saint Gerard medal. The prayers and rosary were employed immediately, and the medals adorned my neck just as quickly. I repeatedly asked Saint Gerard to help with the conception of a child, and I was starting to think that he wasn't listening. After another year of trial, a second friend renewed my devotion to the Mothers' Saint. She told me not to give up and gave me her own Saint Gerard medal. With daily wear of two medals and daily prayer, I thought all had been answered when I became pregnant. Unfortunately, I had a miscarriage. Although I was devastated, I faithfully asked Saint Gerard to intercede. He did. I have been gifted with a pair of healthy girls, one for each Saint Gerard medal gifted to me. My hope is that others who want a baby will read this and continue to pray to Saint Gerard as he does listen.



Cut along the dotted line.

From E-mail

This is my sixth pregnancy and I only have two children to date to show for it. I am currently over 19 weeks pregnant and everything looks good. However, I will not take anything for granted given my past history. Please pray for me and my unborn baby that it may be born in the best of health. Thank you.



PAMPHLET
**St. Gerard Majella:
 The Mothers' Saint**
 ID 804311 • \$1.00

From E-mail

Please pray for my friend who is having a very difficult third pregnancy. In the past she has miscarried. She is getting very nauseous and has to lie down most of the day, which is very hard when you have small children. Please pray that all will go well for her during this pregnancy.

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Saint Gerard's Desire to Be a Saint

YOUNG GERARD ALWAYS WANTED to belong to a religious community, yet as we know he was turned away by three different groups because of his ill health and physical weaknesses. But when Redemptorist priests preached a mission in his hometown, Gerard was determined to follow them. Even though his mother locked him in his room, he escaped by hanging a knotted sheet out the window and climbing down from the second floor.

He left behind a note for her that read, "I have gone to become a saint."

Saint Gerard's Spirituality

Saint Gerard's spiritual life did not follow any specific program of development toward a life of perfection as commonly prescribed by spiritual directors. Rather, Gerard simply tried to always do what seemed to him to be most perfect. Thus, Gerard made his own path and followed it toward God, who was constantly drawing him closer.

God had been drawing Gerard to himself from the time he was very young. From his earliest days Gerard lived in God. The thought of God was his life, his breath. He strove to become a saint by imitating Christ's life. His determination to be a saint was

Oh how important it is to become a saint.

Saint Gerard Majella

sustained by that constant presence of Christ in his life. Gerard submerged himself in the contemplation of God and saw things as God does. His

closeness to God left him totally free to act as he believed God wanted him to.

That is how we become saints—by getting on the same wavelength as God through prayer and reflection...and by being that way for all eternity.

Deep Union With God

More than anything, Gerard's spirituality was deeply rooted in a desire to be one with God. He wanted to imitate Christ not only by becoming *like* him, but by becoming *one with* him. Therefore,

