

## 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:

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## MASSES

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

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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](mailto:miss-spon@liguori.org)

or mail to One Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057-9999.

### From Iowa

Please pray for my nephew's unborn infant and its mother. She is about halfway through her pregnancy and doctors have found a problem in the baby's brain. It is unsure if the baby will survive until birth.

### From E-mail

I request prayers from your readers for Saint Gerard's intervention for my husband and me. We have miscarried and have been told there is little to no hope of having a baby. We would be wonderful parents and would be grateful for the opportunity to have and raise just one healthy baby.

### From E-mail

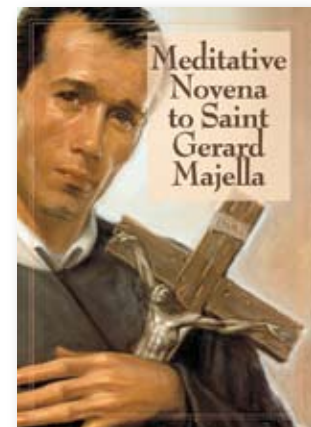
Please pray for my husband and me to have a successful pregnancy. For the past two years, we have endured much pain and heartache dealing with infertility and an early miscarriage. We pray to God, Saint Gerard, and Saint Anne to bless us with the gift of life.

### From Texas

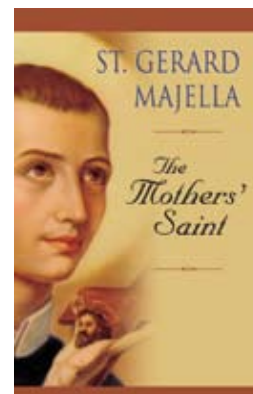
Please pray for my cousin whose pregnancy is severely challenged as she struggles with the effects of leukemia. Please pray for her doctors, her husband, and her family. Thank you.



Cut along the dotted line.



DELUXE PAMPHLET  
**Meditative Novena to Saint Gerard Majella**  
ID 812224 • \$1.95



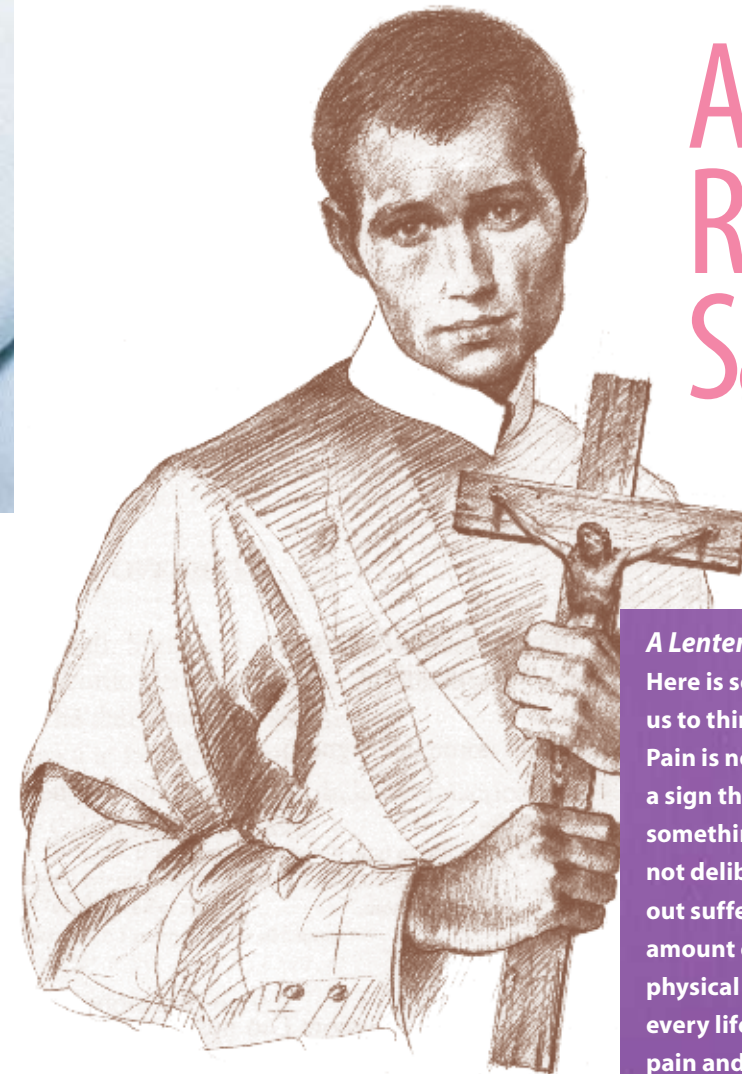
PAMPHLET  
**St. Gerard Majella: The Mothers' Saint**  
ID 804311 • \$1.00

# THE LEAGUE OF Saint Gerard



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## A Lenten Reflection With Saint Gerard



Lord and on the Eucharist. For him, imitating Christ meant that one must be transformed interiorly through the Eucharist before one can become a living image of Christ exteriorly.

He understood well that it is through the Eucharist that we participate more deeply in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Saint Gerard had an unexplainable fervor for the salvation of every person, and he dedicated his prayers and actions toward that cause. The dedication of his life was like a continuous Eucharist or sacrifice offered entirely to Jesus for the sake of others.

Those of us who live today do not need to seek for opportunities to suffer because life itself presents enough pain, sorrow, and heartache. But when any type of suffering does come our way, we can try to accept it serenely as another opportunity to be like Christ. All the anxieties, temptations, and emotional stresses we endure present sufficient suffering to be like the "mortified" Christ, who continues to suffer through the

anguish and pain we endure. In fact, that is one of the ways

Christ is present in today's world.

### A Lenten Practice

Here is something for each of us to think about in this regard. Pain is not a good thing. It is a sign that we are sick or that something is wrong. We should not deliberately cause or seek out suffering. Yet a certain amount of grief, anxiety, and physical pain is inevitable in every life. Can I accept whatever pain and sorrow that comes my way as an opportunity to share in the sufferings of Christ? Can I offer my anguish and my normal aches and pains as a sacrifice for the sake of others?

Adapted from *An Hour With Saint Gerard Majella* by David Werthmann, Liguori Publications

SAINT GERARD DEARLY LOVED the crucified Christ. As a youth, Gerard had already been transformed through his love and compassion for Jesus on the cross, by living with humility and his dedication to prayer. As an adult, he grew into a living memory, an actual walking, breathing portrait of Jesus.

Brother Gerard's spirituality thrived on both the crucified

