O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed You love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, that the bones You have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away Your face and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, nor deprive me of Your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of Your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors Your ways and sinners may return to You.

O rescue me, God my helper, and my tongue shall ring out Your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

For in sacrifice You take no delight, burnt offering from me You would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart You will not spurn.

In Your goodness, show favour to Sion: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then You will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, holocausts offered on Your altar.

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PLEASE COPY this paper and distribute it. Remember to pray for your COUNTRY during this hour. The Blessed Virgin has requested that her important message be sent throughout the entire world. Please help to fulfill her mission well...that all souls be drawn to God and that Jesus will be loved in every heart. This is the perpetual song of her heart. Let it also be ours.

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December 8th, Hour of Grace

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During the period of November 24, 1946 to December 8, 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, 11 times. On the first appearance the Blessed Mother told Sister Pierina She wanted to be known as the 'Mystical Rose' and that an hour of grace should be kept at noon, December 8th, in all the Catholic Churches of the world. The Blessed Mother wanted this to be known through all of Italy, and the entire world.

It was November 16, 1947 when Sister Pierina was finishing her thanksgiving after Communion when she saw a great light. She then saw a vision of the Blessed Mother as the 'Mystical Rose.'

Sister was so deeply moved by the stunning beauty of Our Lady that she began talking to her. All of a sudden a gentle force made her kneel down in front of Our Lady. The Blessed Mother spoke these words, 'My Son is so greatly offended by the sins of the people, especially by the sins of impurity. He is already planning to send the deluge upon the people, for their destruction, but I have asked Him to show mercy, and not send the destruction. So that is why I have appeared, to ask for penance and atonement for the sins of impurity. I lovingly ask the priests to express their great love and stop the people from committing those sins. Whoever will atone for those sins, will receive my blessing and graces'

Then the Blessed Mother asked for an act of humility by Sister Pierina. She asked her to make the sign of the cross with her tongue on each of the four stones in the sanctuary. 'This shall be a reminder to the people that I have appeared here, and do not have the people step on those stones.' The Blessed Mother then stepped on each of the stones so that her gown touched all four stones.

On the 22nd of November, Sister Pierina felt the overwhelming urge to go to the church at 4pm. The Mother Superior, four sisters, and a group of friends accompanied her. They were all saying the Rosary when the Blessed Mother appeared as before. She instructed Sister Pierina to make the sign of the cross on the stones and fence them off so that no one would step on them.

Again, Our Lady asked for penance. She said. 'Penance is nothing more than accepting all our crosses daily, willingly, and the duties too. No matter how small, accept them with love. Live out of love!' At this time she told Sister Pierina to come again December 8th at noon, 'This will be my hour of Grace.' The Sister asked how she was to prepare for this hour of Grace? To which the Blessed Mother said, 'With prayers and penance. Pray the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms three times. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces would be granted. This Hour of Grace will produce great and numerous conversions. Hardened and cold hearts resembling this marble will be touched by Divine Grace, and they will become faithful to Our Lord in loyal love.' The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

It was December 7th when Sister Pierina felt the urge to go to church. This time she was accompanied by the priest and the Mother Superior.

The Blessed Mother appeared with a young boy and girl dressed in beautiful white clothing. Sister Pierina was sure these little ones were angels because they were so beautiful. The Blessed Mother said, 'Tomorrow I will show you my Immaculate Heart which is so little known among the people.' She asked people to pray for Russia. 'There are so many people being held prisoners, which their families know nothing of, because they have been gone for so may years. Pray for the conversion of Russia, the suffering of the soldiers and their sacrifices and martyrdom will bring peace to Italy. The little children are Francisco and Jacinta. I am giving them to you as your companions, you will have much to suffer for my sake. I want simplicity and goodness from you, as of these little children.' The Blessed Mother then blessed Sister Pierina, and the priest and all those who were gathered there.

On the morning of December 8th, people began arriving at the little church at 8am from neighbouring towns. By noon, some 10,000 people had gathered to see the Blessed Mother, many of whom had to stand outside because the church did not have enough room for the large crowd.

Sister Pierina was accompanied to church by her mother and brothers, the Mother Superior, and the Chief of police from Montichiari. Sister was reciting the Rosary with the crowd in the middle of the church. Suddenly, a brilliant white light appeared from the ceiling. Stairs were coming from the light down to the floor of the church, about fifteen feet in length.

The staircase was beautifully decorated with red, white and yellow roses. The Blessed Virgin appeared so radiant, dressed in white, with her hands folded. She was standing on a splendid carpet at the top of the stairs, made of the red, white and yellow roses.

In the most gentle and loving voice, Our Lady smiled and began to speak, 'I am the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of all graces, and the Mother of my beloved Son, Jesus. I want to be known as he Mystical Rose. My wish is that every year on the 8th of December, at noon, an 'Hour of Grace' will be installed. Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray, undisturbed, during this hour.'

Then slowly, she began to descend the staircase, gracefully scattering roses as she went along, until she reached midway of the staircase. Here again the Blessed Mother spoke, 'I am very happy to see this great demonstration of Faith.' Sister Pierina asked for many of the sinners to be forgiven. The Blessed Mother replied, 'Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus will send His overflowing Great Mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brothers. I want this to be known and told to the Pope (Pius XII). Tell him I want him to install the 'Hour of Grace' through the whole world, and even those who are not able to go to church during this hour, will receive the same graces by praying during this time in their home at noon time.'

She also asked that a statue be made and placed on the spot when she stood. This should be called the 'Rosa Mystica', and carried in a procession through the town, at which time many graces will be given and cures will take place. Then the statue is to be returned to the church.

Our Lady prayed for the sick, some will be cured—others not. Many men, women and children were cured at that very instant. A 26 year old woman who could not say a word for nine months, suddenly began shouting, 'I see her, I see the Blessed Virgin.' A 18 year old girl with ulcers was instantly cured. A five year old boy who had been paralysed was told by the Blessed Mother, 'Come to me, you will be walking now.' He was placed on the blessed stones and was able to walk. There were three others who were very sick and were immediately cured. But of course, the greatest miracles taking place where those of the spiritual blessings being shed upon the people gathered in the church.

The Blessed Mother said, 'This is the last time I will appear here. Pray, weep and do penance on these stones, and you will receive the care of my motherly heart. Look at this heart which loves mankind so very much, but most people only shower offences upon it. If the very good and the bad unite in prayer they will obtain mercy and peace through this heart. I have already prepared a flood of graces for all the children who listen to my words and keep them in their hearts' She then left the little church, but because of the unending love of Our Heavenly Mother, she has given us 'the Hour of Grace', to be spread through the entire world. She had given all the opportunity to demonstrate our love and trust to her, and to help make reparation for the grievous sins offending her beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

REQUEST OF BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE HOUR OF GRACE

- 1. Day and time of Hour of Grace: December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception....to be started at 12 noon and will continue until 1pm (one full hour of prayer).
- During this hour, the person making the 'Hour of Grace' either at home or in church must put away all distractions (do not answer the telephone, or answer any doors or do anything but totally concentrate on your union with God during this Special hour of Grace).
- 3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms.
- 4. The rest of the hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way or by using favourite prayers, singing hymns, mediating upon other Psalms, etc.

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness. In Your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against You, You alone, have I sinned; what is evil in Your sight I have done.

That You may be justified when You give sentence and be without reproach when You judge