



The Image of
OUR LADY OF CARAFA
Venerated in St. John's Co-Cathedral,
Valletta - Malta.

A CONTEMPLATION AND A PRAYER

If human hands can draw so well of Thee
So fair a Face whose Eyes — like flaming darts —
Deep penetrate and dwell in all the hearts
Of those who love so lovely Form to see,
How greater still must then that Beauty be,
That glorious, mystic Grace, wherewith the Lord
Adorned thy Self; and all His graces poured,
Just like an endless, flowing stream, on Thee!
Sweet Mother, refuge of all sinners, hail!
With contrite hearts we visit every day
Thy altar and, through Thee, we ask the Lord
Forgiveness for our many sins. We pray
Thy precious Help; and thus in our great task —
However hard — we hope we shall not fail.

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THE CROWNING OF THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF CARAFA 7th NOVEMBER, 1954.

A golden crown adorns Her glorious head!
The Father's pre-elected Child, the Son's
Dear Mother, and the Spirit's mystic Spouse —
Our Lady of Carafa — wears the crown.
With constant prayer and with steadfast hope,
We have for years longed for this happy day.
What joy unspeakable now fills the hearts
Of all of us alike: of rich and poor.
Of healthy and infirm, of young and old.
Our heartfelt thanks to God we, grateful, give
For having deigned to grant our fervent wish.
O Fount of grace divine, o peerless Star,
Thou, most humble, most exalted art,
Both in the realm of Heaven and on earth.
Immaculate, Who crushed the serpent's head;
The only chosen One through Whom the Lord
To exiled human race its Saviour gave.
Accept, we all sincerely pray, this gift
As token of our great esteem for Thee.
Instil in every one of us true love
Of Jesus Christ and Thee, His dearest One.
Thy help, we hope, won't fail and, by good deeds.
We shall add further glitter to the crown
To the great glory of Him Who reigns on high.

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