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# **"You are all-beautiful, O Mary!"**

Pope Francis made the traditional papal trip to Rome's Piazza di Spagna for the Immaculate Conception of Mary and recited a prayer written especially for this occasion.

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## **Pope Francis' prayer to Mary Immaculate:**

“Virgin most holy and immaculate,

to you, the honour of our people,  
and the loving protector of our city,  
do we turn with loving trust.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

In you there is no sin.

Awaken in all of us a renewed desire  
for holiness:

May the splendour of truth shine  
forth in our words,

the song of charity resound in our  
works,

purity and chastity abide in our  
hearts and bodies,

and the full beauty of the Gospel be  
evident in our lives.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

In you the Word of God became  
flesh.

Help us always to heed the Lord's  
voice:

May we never be indifferent to the  
cry of the poor,

or untouched by the sufferings of the  
sick and those in need;

may we be sensitive to the loneliness  
of the elderly and the vulnerability of  
children,

and always love and cherish the life  
of every human being.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

In you is the fullness of joy born of  
life with God.

Help us never to forget the meaning  
of our earthly journey:

May the kindly light of faith illumine  
our days,

the comforting power of hope direct  
our steps,

the contagious warmth of love stir  
our hearts;

and may our gaze be fixed on God, in  
whom true joy is found.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

Hear our prayer, graciously hear our  
plea:

May the beauty of God's merciful  
love in Jesus abide in our hearts,

and may this divine beauty save us,  
our city and the entire world.

Amen.”

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