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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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