

PRAYER OF ENTRUSTMENT

Prayed at Shrewsbury Cathedral at the closing of the Diocesan Marian Year
21st November 2011 – Revised for Pope Francis's Consecration of the World to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary, 13th October 2013

"Blessed are you who believed" (Luke 1:45) that *"nothing is impossible to God"* (Luke 1:37) and have led all generations to say *"the Almighty has done great things for me"* (Luke 1:49). To you the Help of Christians we turn in this hour following the example of the first generation of our Diocese knowing that you see our need (John 2: 4). In each generation, you invite us to do whatever Christ the Lord tells us (John 2:6) with unconquerable faith.

So once more we look to you Holy Mother of God as *"the great sign"* of hope (Rev. 12:1) in the midst of the Church's struggle and the promise of her victory. We ask you, Mother of the Church, to pray with us constantly as you prayed together with the infant Church for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14), for the courage of a new evangelisation, for renewed faithfulness in all our vocations and for new vocations. To you who were given from the Cross as mother to all the disciples of your Son (John 19:27) we entrust ourselves and this parish of Holy Angels. To your Immaculate Heart (Luke 2:19) with Pope Francis we entrust this moment so full of hope and fraught with dangers, that we may each increase in faith and faithfulness so we may say together with you *"let it be to me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38). We entrust ourselves to your prayer that our hearts may be renewed. With this act of entrustment we call upon your help knowing that it is a thing unheard of that anyone ever implored your help or sought your intercession and was left unaided.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.