FROM POPE FRANCIS

Here is a CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during the coronavirus pandemic.

*O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

*Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,*

*but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*