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BIBLICAL ABBREVIATIONS

(in alphabetical order)

Ap	Apocalypse of Saint John – The Book of Revelation
Acts	Acts of the Apostles
Col	Letter to the Colossians
1 Cor	First Letter to the Corinthians
2 Cor	Second Letter to the Corinthians
1 Cr	First Book of Chronicles
Dt	Deuteronomy
Heb	Letter to the Hebrews
Eph	Letter to the Ephesians
Ex	Exodus
Ez	Ezekiel
Phil	Letter to the Philippians
Gal	Letter to the Galatians
Job	Job
Js	Letter of James
Jd	Jude
Jl	Joel
Gn	Genesis
Jn	Gospel according to John
1 Jn	First Letter of Saint John
Is	Isaiah
Lam	Lamentations
Lk	Gospel according to Luke
Lv	Leviticus
2 Mac	Second Book of Maccabees
Mk	Gospel according to Mark
Mi	Miach
Mt	Gospel according to Matthew
Ne	Nehemiah
Nm	Numbers
Pr	Proverbs
1 Pt	First Letter of Peter
2 Pt	Second letter of Peter
1 Kg	First Book of the Kings
Rm	Letter to the Romans
Ps	Psalms
1 Sam	First Book of Samuel
2 Sam	Second Book of Samuel
Wis	Wisdom
Sir	Sirach
1 Tm	First Letter to Timothy
2 Tm	Second letter to Timothy
1 Thess	First Letter to the Thessalonians
Tt	Letter to Titus

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS

Ch.	chapter
CCC	Catechism of the Catholic Church
C.I.C.	Code of Canon Law
cfr.	confront
col.	Column / columns
<i>Compendium</i>	Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
ed.	editor / editors
eg.	example
ibid.	ibidem: same work
n. d.	no date
cent.	century
v./vv.	verse / verses

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TO OUR LADY OF THE MANTLE

“Behold your mother,” Jesus said to me
when I was with you at the foot of the Cross.
So, Mary, let me invoke you in this way.

“My Mother, carry me in your heart.
Take me by the hand.
Give me that blessed milk with which you nursed Jesus.
Keep me under your mantle
the way you held Jesus in the shadow of your arms.
My Mother, speak to me of Jesus; tell me everything about Him:
from the night of Christmas to the night of Calvary,
from the light of His conception to the light of His Resurrection.
Help me find that will of the Father
that you shared with him.
Help me welcome that Holy Spirit
who gave life to your womb and gave life to His tomb.
Open me to that love
that made you blessed and full of grace.
Open me to that mission
that, first, enclosed you in the silence of Nazareth
And then took you to a foreign land in search of your lost children.
Teach me abandonment and trust,
poverty and humility,
meekness and hiddenness.
Teach me to weep, to suffer, to die.
Teach me to give myself, to say ‘Here I am’ to Him who can do all things.
Teach me to walk where he wants me to.
Teach me to lose everything so as to become, with you, mother of all.
Help me at every hour, especially at the last hour,
which will bring me to see your face.
Teach me to say ‘yes’ when you come with Jesus to take me
from this world to bring me to the Father.”

Don Andrea Santoro