

Prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville

St. Marguerite, as a daughter, wife, mother and widow,
you knew and lived through all the joys, challenges,
and sorrows of family life. Intercede for us that we may
live the gift of human love, marriage and family life
according to God's intended purpose and plan.

St Marguerite, starting from an early age and throughout
your life, you knew what it was like to struggle and
suffer against the harsh realities of economic difficulty.
In the responsibilities you faced as administrator of the
General Hospital of Montreal, you excelled in your resourcefulness,
hard work, leadership, and innovative
ways of being a good steward with the blessings God
entrusted to you. In the mystery of God's providence,
help us to use wisely our money and possessions,
so that through our own hard work, we may have
enough to provide for loved ones and be able to
share generously with those in need.

St. Marguerite, you were strong in your love for Jesus
and love for His Church. In the growth and development of Montreal,
you played a key role in manifesting Jesus' love
for all...the poor, the elderly, the abandoned newborn,
the native Aboriginal, the English soldier. You were
eventually given the title, "Mother of Universal Charity."

Help us as a growing parish to make full use of the
opportunity given to us to make manifest
God's love for all those who join us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.