

**In the company of Mary Frances Clarke and all our sisters and associates living now and in eternal joy, we pray in gratitude for:**

- Our families, benefactors, and ministry partners who have walked with us on this journey, **thank you, O loving God.**
- The joys and blessings, the challenges and heartaches that filled our days, **thank you, O loving God.**
- Our growing awareness of the beauty and interconnectedness of your creation, **thank you, O loving God.**
- Opportunities “to give strong public witness against oppression brought about by unjust political and social struggles” (BVM *Constitutions* 17), **thank you, O loving God.**
- The Holy Spirit’s presence, guidance, and support in our call as women of the Church to live the Gospel with integrity, **thank you, O loving God.**
- Pope Francis as he addresses the emerging needs of the Church and society, **thank you, O loving God.**
- The years of prayer, community, and service to God’s people, especially the poor, **thank you, O loving God.**

- All the graces and gifts bestowed on our lives and missions throughout 190 years, **thank you, O loving God.**
- Opportunities to “wake up the minds of students by constantly calling into action their powers of observation and reasoning and incite them to ascertain for themselves. If we do not do this or if we do it poorly, they will grow up blind, so to speak, to the manifold beauty of God’s creation.” (1882 Custom Book, *Regarding Schools*), **thank you, O loving God.**

**We close our prayer with the assuring words of Mary Frances Clarke, circa 1885, “Surely so many prayers, Masses, communions, etc., offered in such good faith must have great weight with God.”**

**Confident that God, our Blessed Mother, BVM sisters, and associates have heard these prayers, “we move into the future responsive to the Spirit speaking in the exigencies of the time” (BVM *Constitutions* 1).**



*“In honor of the most Blessed Trinity I will commence a novena for all the affairs of the Community and the light of the Holy Ghost.” (1869)*

*“I commence a novena for Sept. 8.” (1878)*

*“I have commenced a novena for the Presentation of the BVM.” (1880)*

*“Thank God often, love Him much in return for all His gifts.” (1887)*