

**Prayer inspired by the Message for Sea Sunday 2022
(July 10, 2022)
of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**

O Blessed Virgin Mary, sign of the maternal face of God,
we invoke Your blessing on the seafarers who, working every day, provide us with
the goods we use and consume.
You, who know the daily challenges they face for us, keep them in Your Immaculate
Heart, strengthening them in the face of life's difficulties.

Sign of the Father's nearness, comfort them with Your sweetest presence during the
long periods of time when ships remain in anchorage because of the increased
demand for goods.

Sign of the mercy of the Son, spread Your tenders mantle over the ships that,
because of the war in Ukraine, face the arduous task of sailing through the mines in
the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.
Embrace the seafarers who died during this unjust war.

Sign of the fruitfulness of the Spirit, remain at the foot of the cross of the seafarers
who, because of the forced length of their contracts, live in a state of physical and
psychological exhaustion, far from their family affections.

Sister of men, remind the governments and managers of shipping companies that
seafarers are human beings, our brothers and sisters, in need of decent
accommodation, nutritious food, a safe working environment, acceptable working
hours, shore leave, and honest remuneration, which guarantee their mental and
physical well-being, on which safety at sea and the protection of the marine
environment depend.

Star of the Sea, we entrust to you the commitment and dedication of chaplains and
volunteers serving seafarers throughout the world.

Queen of peace, pray for us. Amen!

**"That the rulers and shipping companies of the world may guarantee the right of
crews to disembark to relax and unwind with their families, recovering their mental
and physical well-being. We pray".**