



OUR LADY

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

The oldest known prayer to Our Lady

Found on an Egyptian papyrus, c. 3rd century



LATIN

Sub tuum praesidium
confugimus, sancta Dei
Genetrix: nostras deprecationes
ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed
a periculis cunctis libera nos
semper, Virgo gloriosa et
benedicta.

ENGLISH

We fly to thy protection,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our
necessities, but deliver us always
from all dangers, O glorious and
blessed Virgin.

Amen.

