



**Servant of God, Mother Mary Lange
(1787-1882)**

Mother Mary Lange was born Elizabeth Clarisse Lange in a French speaking community in Santido de Cuba. By 1813 Elizabeth arrived in Baltimore, Maryland where there were no schools for black children. For many years she offered education for those children in her home.

She is the founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first successful religious community for women of African Descent. The community educated the youth and slaves who had

been purchased and freed, provided a home for orphans & elderly and nursed the terminally ill. During times of poverty and racial injustice, Mother Mary never lost faith in Providence. Her perseverance and endurance are signs of her close union with God which she boldly asserted "*Our sole wish is to do the will of God.*" until she went home to be with Him on February 3, 1882.

Mother Mary Lange lived a Spirit-filled life. Let us Pray:

Prayer for the Canonization of Mother Mary Lange

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Design to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (*here mention your request*) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange. Amen.

Please report any spiritual or physical favors granted as a result of prayers through the intercession of Servant of God Mother Mary Lange to:

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