

# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



Greek initials for 'Archangel Michael', who holds the lance and the sponge. 'Michael' means 'who is like God?'

Greek initials for 'Archangel Gabriel', who holds the cross of Christ. 'Gabriel' means 'God is strong'

Mary's mouth is small, symbolising her few recorded words and the depth of her contemplation

Greek initials for 'Mother' (ΜΡ)

Greek initials for 'of God' (ΘΥ)

Greek initials for Jesus Christ (ΙC ΧC)

Gold background symbolises heaven

The mother's supporting hand

The Christ-child clings trustingly to his mother

The colour blue, worn by mothers in Palestine

Red tunic, the colour worn by virgins at the time of Christ

The falling sandal indicating his alarm at the thought of his Passion and death