

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

This is the oldest known prayer to Our Lady.
It was written shortly after the Council of Ephesus in 431.



Mother of God,
we fly to you,
our shade and shelter
on our pilgrim's way.
Look kindly on our prayers,
and turn not from us
in our times of need;
but free us
from the dangers that beset us,
radiant and holy Virgin.