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Who Supports Me?

A monk told me the following story:

I joined the monastery after having a prestigious job after graduation. I lived all my life spoiled by my family, friends and colleagues. While I was a novice I was asked to be responsible for baking. I poured water over the flour and this was my first time to bake. Few minutes later I felt tired as I had no experience in such a work. I asked myself, "Who will support me?" I'm ashamed of asking God to help me do this earthly work. Is it fit to ask Virgin Mary the queen to help me? There's no doubt that St. Demiana is experienced in baking as she was a mother to forty virgins. I asked for her help and I really felt happy while baking. I finished baking and the monks were amazed how I finished so quickly. St. Demiana became my intercessor in this work which, with God's blessing, was transferred from a manual work to a great joy.

Thank You O the Lover of mankind, For giving me a cloud of witnesses surrounding me. It supports me for the salvation of my soul, It helps me reach a partnership with You. With it my life is transferred to a heaven.