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*The Pilgrim Saved from Shipwreck*

*Great is the power over the sea and all the winds of the Mother of Him who created the four elements.*

On this theme I will relate a miracle which I took from a book where I found it with three hundred more, which the matchless Virgin performed to show us all that she has power to command.

A ship set to sea intending to land in Acre but a storm arose which breached the timbers of the ship and it began to sink with more than eight hundred pilgrims on board.

A bishop had boarded the ship thinking to travel with the pilgrims and when he saw the troubled sea his only thought was to escape and so he took to a boat with another two hundred

men. One man tried to jump into the boat but his feet caught on the rigging and he fell into the sea and went down to the ocean bed

The men in the boat began to row as fast as they could to pull away from the ship and escape the scorn which they had heard was kept for those who look after themselves and do not help others.

And in their eagerness to get to shore they raised a sail and reached the land full of fear and terror, where they saw the man who had come to grief when they took to the boat.

They began to cross themselves and asked him to tell them without delay the true story whether he had swum to safety or who had pulled him from the sea and its perils.

He began to weep and said "As God is my witness, it was Holy Mary who helped me not because I deserved it but to show you all that if you have faith in her you will be aided by her wisdom".

All who were in that place began to praise Her and call out for grace to make them used to her teaching so that they might not sin nor come to grief.