

Novena for the Faithful Departed

Opening Prayers

Leader: Praise be to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God for ever.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Leader: All praise to you, Lord of all creation. Praise to you, holy and living God.

We praise and bless you for your mercy, we praise and bless you for your kindness.

Blessed is the Lord, our God

All: Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Leader: You sanctify the homes of the living and make holy the places of the dead.

You alone open the gates of righteousness and lead us to the dwellings of the saints.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.

All: Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Leader: We praise you, our refuge and strength. We bless you, our God and Redeemer.

Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips.

We remember the mighty deeds of the covenant.

Blessed is the Lord, our God

All: Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God, in you we place our trust and hope,

in you the dead whose bodies were temples of the Spirit find everlasting peace.

As we pray for our departed loved ones, give our hearts peace in the firm hope that our loved ones will live in the rooms you have prepared for them in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Act of Contrition

Most powerful and merciful Lord Jesus, lover of souls, most admirable in Your saints;

listen to the sighs and pleas of the souls in Purgatory who are desirous of Your mercy

and to the prayers of those who are making this novena for them,

so that they may obtain Your mercy

and deign to rescue them from that prison of their great suffering.

We beseech You to relieve first those who are suffering there through our fault,

our close relatives, the abandoned, and those who are about to be released from Purgatory.

We beseech You also, to free above all, those who injured us most

and deliver from their sins those who are in the bondage of mortal sin

and bring them to a sincere repentance of their sins, and become worthy of heaven. Amen.

First Day

In honor of the Blessed Virgin, pray the Hail Holy Queen three times.

Let us pray:

Lord our God, receive our supplications, prayers, mortifications and sighs in suffrage for the blessed souls for whom we make this novena; and we pray that by that motherly love bestowed on You by the Blessed Virgin, grant that they may rise and be happy in the realm of the living; bestow upon us Your grace by those sorrows endured by Your most Holy Mother, when she followed You on the way of Sorrow up to Mount Calvary, and grant what we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

Here ask Christ Crucified what you desire to obtain in this novena.

Concluding Prayer

O Lord God,
Who left us the marks of Your Passion
on the Holy Sheet,
in which Your Sacred Body was wrapped
when it was taken down from the Cross by Joseph (of Arimathea),
grant us, Lord,
that by Your death and burial,
we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection,
where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen.

Second Day

In honor of the five Wounds of Jesus and the great sorrows of Mary, pray 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary, and say the following prayer for this day.

Most merciful Lord, we beseech You, by that pain with which Your Holy Mother saw You suffer and agonize on the Sacred Tree of the Cross, that the holy souls be freed from those pains in Purgatory; especially those souls for whom we are praying in this novena, applying the indulgences granted by the Supreme Pontiffs for their relief to all Religious, Fraternities and Congregations. Bring those who are submerged in their sins to a true knowledge of their guilt and grant what we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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Third Day

In honor of Saint Joseph, pray 1 Our Father, three Hail Mary and three Glory be, and then say the following prayer for this day.]

Almighty God and Lord, to whom nobody asks without hope of receiving, by the intercession of that glorious patriarch Saint Joseph, and by the patronage of Your beloved Mother, particularly by that sorrow She experienced when She saw You expire on the Cross, enable the suffering souls in Purgatory to be able to leave that place. Deign to return to Your grace those who are without it because of sin, and grant us what we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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Concluding Prayer

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Fourth Day

In honor of St. Joachim and St. Anne, pray 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be, and then say the following prayer for this day.

O Great God, through Whose mercy the saints rest in glory,
we beg You to set free those blessed souls for whom we are specially praying,
through the intercession of St. Joachim and St. Anne.
Hear us, Lord, by that bitter pain of Your afflicted Mother when She heard
those outrageous blasphemies and offensive words
with which Your enemies were insulting Your Divine Innocence,
we beg You, Lord, to have mercy on those who follow the path of perdition
by making them return to Your grace;
and please grant us what we ask in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection,
where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Fifth Day

**In honor of St. Michael, the Archangel, pray four Our Father
and four Hail Mary, and then say the following prayer for this day.**

Sovereign Lord, in Whom it is proper to be merciful,
through the intercession of the Archangel St. Michael
and by the sorrows of Your Blessed Mother suffered when that soldier
cruelly pierced Your side with a lance,
have pity on those souls for whom we are offering this novena
and bring them to Your eternal rest.
Have mercy on those who are in the state of mortal sin
and grant us what we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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Concluding Prayer

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in which Your Sacred Body was wrapped

when it was taken down from the Cross by Joseph (of Arimathea), grant us, Lord, that by Your death and burial, we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Sixth Day

In reverence of the glorious St. Lawrence, special advocate of the souls pray 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be, and then say the following prayer.

Sweetest Jesus, incline Your ears to our petitions for Your mercy on the blessed souls in Purgatory, especially on those for whom we are making this novena, through the torments suffered by the glorious St. Lawrence in the fire of his martyrdom.

We are also begging Your mercy for the blessed souls in Purgatory by the pains suffered by Your loving Mother when she saw You being taken down from the Cross and when She received in Her Sacred Hands the Crown and Nails bathed in Your Precious Blood.

Have mercy on those who are not in Your grace by taking them out of that unhappy state and grant us what we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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Seventh Day

In honor of the nine choirs of Angels, pray 1 Our Father and four Hail Mary, and then say the following prayer for this day.

Merciful Lord, through the intercession of the Angels, especially of those who are the guardians of those afflicted souls for whom we make this novena;

and by the sorrow of Your Blessed Mother when,
after having kissed and adored Your Crown and Nails,
She received You in Her virginal and maternal arms
and gazed on Your mangled and lacerated Body,
we humbly beseech You to set them free and bring them to the happiness of Heaven.
Lead those who are in mortal sin to a true knowledge of their guilt
and grant us the grace we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection,
where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Eighth Day

**In honor of the Seraphic Father St. Francis of Assisi
and St. Nicholas of Tolentino, special patrons of the blessed souls,
pray 1 Our Father and four Hail Mary,
and then say the following prayer for this day.**

Our sweet and beloved Jesus,
through the intercession of Your beloved seraphim, St. Francis of Assisi,
and of the glorious and charitable St. Nicholas of Tolentino,
we beg of You to shower the immense treasures of Your clemency
on those blessed souls whose torments so touched the charity of these two Servants of Yours.
But we beg this grace especially through that bleeding Heart of Your Blessed Mother
when She wrapped and clothed Your Sacred Body for burial
and accompanied it to the Sepulchre.
Reduce those who are in sin to a true repentance of them
and grant us what we ask in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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Ninth Day

In honor of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, pray five Apostles Creed and then say the following prayer for this day.

Creator and Redeemer of all mankind, through the infinite merits of Your Life, Passion, and Death, we beg of You to bestow on all souls, particularly those for whom we are making this novena, the pardon and indulgences they have always desired. Through the intercession and merits of Your afflicted Mother, especially by that sorrow of sorrows with which She left You buried in the tomb and returned home without the light of Her eyes and the life of Her heart, which is You, our Jesus, have mercy on the blessed souls so that they may enjoy You eternally in Heaven. Turn Your eyes of mercy, too, on those who are in the miserable state of slavery to the devil, so that they may be restored to Your grace, and grant us what we ask of You in this novena for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

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