

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PATRONESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO BE PRAYED STARTING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH TO MONDAY NOVEMBER 4TH FOR THE
CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost; grant us by the same Spirit to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Through Christ our Lord. R.

Amen.

PREPARATORY PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY OF THE NOVENA.

Virgin most pure, conceived without sin, all fair and stainless from thy Conception; glorious Mary, full of grace, Mother of my God, Queen of angels and of men, - I humbly venerate Thee as Mother of my Saviour, who, though He was God, taught me by His own veneration, reverence, and obedience to Thee, the honour and homage which are due to Thee. Vouchsafe, I pray Thee, to accept this Novena, which I dedicate to Thee. Thou art the safe refuge of the penitent sinner; it is very fitting, then, that I should have recourse to Thee. Thou art the Mother of compassion; then wilt thou surely be moved with pity for my many miseries. Thou art my best hope after Jesus; Thou canst not but accept the loving confidence that I have in Thee. Make me worthy to be called thy son, that so I may dare to cry unto Thee, *Show Thyself a mother.*

Nine Ave Maria's, one Gloria Patri, and the following Prayers:

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY.

Behold me at Thy sacred feet, O Immaculate Virgin. I rejoice with Thee, because from all eternity Thou wast elected to be the Mother of the Eternal Word, and wast preserved stainless from the taint of original sin. I praise and bless the Most Holy Trinity, who poured out upon Thy soul in Thy Conception the riches of that privilege. I humbly pray Thee to obtain for me grace effectually to overcome the sad effects produced in my soul by original sin; make me wholly victorious over them, that I may never cease to love my God.

Then say the Litanies of Loreto (last page), and then:

V. All fair art thou, O Mary.

R. All fair art thou, O Mary.

V. The original stain is not in Thee.

R. The original stain is not in Thee.

V. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem.

R. Thou art the joy of Israel.

V. Thou art the honour of our people.

R. Thou art the advocate of sinners.

V. O Mary.

R. O Mary.

V. Virgin most prudent.

R. Mother most clement.

V. Pray for us.

B. Intercede for us to our Lord Jesus Christ.

V. In Thy Conception, O Virgin, Thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray for us to the Father, whose Son was born of Thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the Immaculate Conception of a Virgin didst prepare a worthy dwelling-place for Thy Son, we beseech Thee, who by the death of that Son, foreseen by Thee, didst preserve Her from every stain of sin, to grant that by Her intercession we also may be purified, and so may come to Thee.

O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, graciously look down upon Thy servant Francis., whom Thou hast chosen to be the pastor of Thy Church; and grant him, we beseech Thee, both by word and example, so to direct those over whom Thou hast placed him, that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may attain eternal life.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all holiness, listen to the pious prayers of thy Church, and grant that what we ask in faith we may effectually obtain. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The same order is to be observed on all the other days of the Novena, the Prayers for the Day alone being changed.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND DAY.

Mary, unsullied Lily of purity, I rejoice with Thee, because from the first moment of Thy Conception Thou wast filled with grace, and hast given unto Thee the perfect use of reason. I thank and I adore the Ever-blessed Trinity, who gave Thee these high gifts. Behold me at Thy feet overwhelmed with shame to see myself so poor in grace. O Thou who wast filled full of heavenly grace, grant me a portion of that same grace, and make me a partaker in the treasures of Thy Immaculate Conception.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD DAY.

Mary, mystic Rose of purity, I rejoice with tTee at the glorious triumph tTou didst gain over the serpent by Thine Immaculate Conception, in that Thou wast conceived without original sin. I thank and praise with my whole heart the Ever-blessed Trinity, who granted Thee that glorious privilege and I pray Thee to obtain for me courage to overcome every snare of the great enemy, and never to stain my soul with mortal sin. Be Thou always my aid, and enable me with Thy protection to obtain the victory over all the enemies of man's eternal welfare.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH DAY.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mirror of holy purity, I rejoice exceedingly to see how from Thy Immaculate Conception there were infused into Thy soul the most sublime and perfect virtues, with all the gifts of the Most Holy Ghost. I thank and praise the Ever-Blessed Trinity, who bestowed upon Thee these high privileges, and I beseech Thee, gracious Mother, obtain for me grace to practice every Christian virtue, and so to become worthy to receive the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH DAY.

Mary, bright Moon of purity, I congratulate Thee in that the mystery of Thine Immaculate Conception was the beginning of salvation to the human race, and was the joy of the whole world. I thank and bless the Ever-blessed Trinity, who did so magnify and glorify Thy Person. I entreat Thee to obtain for me the grace so to profit by the Death and Passion of Thy dear Son, that His Precious Blood may not have been shed upon the cross for me in vain, but that after a holy life I may be saved.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH DAY.

Mary Immaculate, brilliant Star of purity, I rejoice with Thee, because Thine Immaculate Conception brought exceeding joy to all the angels in Paradise. I thank and bless the Ever-blessed Trinity, who enriched Thee with this privilege. Enable me also one day to take part in this heavenly joy, praising and blessing Thee in the company of angels world without end. Amen.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVENTH DAY.

Mary immaculate, rising Morn of purity, I rejoice with Thee, and I am filled with admiration at beholding Thee confirmed in grace and rendered sinless from the first moment of Thy Conception. I thank and praise the Ever-blessed Trinity, who elected Thee alone from all mankind for this special privilege. Holiest Virgin, obtain for me an entire and lasting hatred of sin, as the worst of all evils, that I may rather die than ever again commit a mortal sin.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE EIGHTH DAY.

Mary, Virgin, Sun without stain, I congratulate Thee, and I rejoice with Thee, because God gave unto Thee in Thy Conception a greater and a more abundant grace than He gave to all His angels and His saints together, even when their merits were most exalted. I thank and admire the immense beneficence of the Ever-blessed Trinity, who hath dispensed to Thee alone this privilege. O, enable me too to correspond with the grace of God, and never more to receive it in vain; change my heart, and help me to begin in earnest a new life.

Litanies, & All Fair art thou...., as before.

PRAYER FOR THE NINTH DAY.

Immaculate Mary, living Light of holiness, Model of purity, Virgin and Mother, as soon as Thou wast conceived, Thou didst profoundly adore Thy God, giving Him thanks, because by means of Thee the ancient curse was blotted out, and blessing was again come upon the sinful sons of Adam. Let this blessing kindle in my heart love towards God; and do Thou inflame my heart still more and more, that I may ever love Him more constantly, and afterwards eternally enjoy Him in Heaven, there to thank and praise Him more and more fervently for all the wondrous privileges conferred on thee, and to rejoice with thee for thy high crown of glory.

LITANY OF LORETO

LORD, have mercy on us.

CHRIST, have mercy on us.

LORD, have mercy on us.

CHRIST, hear us.

CHRIST, graciously hear us.

GOD the FATHER of heaven, have mercy on us.

GOD the SON, REDEEMER of the world,

have mercy on us.

GOD the HOLY GHOST, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one GOD, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of GOD, pray for us.

Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.

Mother of CHRIST, pray for us.

Mother of divine grace, pray for us.

Mother most pure, pray for us.

Mother most chaste, pray for us.

Mother inviolate, pray for us.

Mother undefiled, pray for us.

Mother most amiable, pray for us.

Mother most admirable, pray for us.

Mother of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Mother of our CREATOR, pray for us.

Mother of our SAVIOUR, pray for us.

Virgin most prudent, pray for us.

Virgin most venerable, pray for us.

Virgin most renowned, pray for us.

Virgin, most powerful, pray for us.

Virgin most merciful, pray for us.
Virgin most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of justice, pray for us.
Seat of wisdom, pray for us.
Cause of our joy, pray for us.
Spiritual Vessel, pray for us.
Vessel of honour, pray for us.
Vessel of singular devotion, pray for us.
Mystical Rose, pray for us.
Tower of David, pray for us.
Tower of ivory, pray for us.
House of gold, pray for us.
Ark of the covenant, pray for us.
Gate of heaven, pray for us.
Morning-star, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.

Help of Christians, pray for us.
Queen of Angels, pray for us.
Queen of Patriarchs, pray for us.
Queen of Prophets, pray for us.
Queen of Apostles, pray for us.
Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of Confessors, pray for us.
Queen of Virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen conceived without original sin, pray for us.
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

LAMB of GOD, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O LORD.

LAMB of GOD, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O LORD.

LAMB of GOD, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.