

Miraculous Medal Novena

(Said Mondays following daily Mass)

Sign of the Cross

Leader: (+) In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Introduction

All: O Lord Jesus Christ, we have just received you in the Eucharist. We are so very aware that you are with us in a very special way, through the sacrament of your Body and Blood. Dear Lord and Savior, who for the accomplishment of your great works, have chosen the weak of the world, so that no human being may ever glory in your sight; and who for a better and more widely diffused belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary, your Mother, have wished that the Miraculous Medal be manifested to St. Catherine Laboure, grant that we may be filled with the same true love and humility. Help us to live in our daily lives what we profess and celebrate here today.

Memorare

All: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

Novena Prayer & Consecration

All: O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, we your loving and trustful children, implore you to obtain the graces and favors we ask, as we pray for those we love and those who are most in need of assistance and healing this day.

(Pause, here, and privately present your prayers and petitions.)

Leader (and All): You know, O Mary, how often we are the sanctuaries of your Son, through our reception of the Holy Eucharist. Help us to leave behind all that is

unholy and hateful. Help us to attain that purity of heart, that will attach us to God alone, so that we may attain to that blessed abode, where you are the Queen of Angels and of all humanity.

All: O Virgin Mother of God, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this medal be for us, a sign of your affection for us, and a reminder of our duties toward you and your Son, Jesus. Keep us close to you every moment of our lives. Grant us the grace of a happy death so that, in union with you, your Son Jesus and all our sisters and brothers, we may enjoy the peace and joy of heaven forever. Amen.

Leader: O Mary conceived without sin (3 times).

All: Pray for us who have recourse to you.

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Mother of Perpetual Help

(Said Tuesdays after daily Mass)

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All: Amen.

Prayer

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer but the Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a Mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Our greatest fear is that, in time of temptation, we may fail to call out to you and become lost children. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

All: Glorious and wonderful things are said about you, O Virgin Mary. You are the glory and joy of the Christian people. You are the defender of the poor and rejected. You are a safe refuge of the persecuted and a Mother ever ready to help us. Surround us with the radiance of your loving protection and keep us safe from all that would harm us, glorious and powerful Mother of the Redeemer.

Intercessions

Leader: Holy Mary

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mother of Jesus

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Tabernacle of the Holy Spirit

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mother of the poor

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Health of the sick

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Consolation of the suffering

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mother of Perpetual Help

All: Pray for us.

Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

All: All powerful and merciful Lord, you gave us the image of the Mother of your Son to venerate under the title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Graciously grant that in all the difficulties of our lives we may be assisted by the continuous protection of the Virgin Mary and obtain the reward of eternal redemption. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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All: Amen.

Prayers to St. Anthony of Padua
Our Brother and Friend
(Said Wednesdays after daily Mass)

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All: Amen.

Anthony Holding the Child Jesus

All: Blessed Anthony, Jesus was the center of your life. It must be the same for us and for every Christian. Your purity of soul, your humbleness, your simple radiant faith, fits well with the gentle and humble Savior, who came to us as a little child, born of Mary. Help us to be childlike, and to give up our desire for power and control. Keep us from a merely intellectual faith. May we be totally dependent on Jesus as you were, with the loving trust of a little child. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Children and the Needy

All: St. Anthony, your love for the infant Jesus, made him present to you to see and hold in your arms. Help us to see and love Jesus, in all the poor and suffering of the world. Move us to clothe, feed and help Jesus, in all unwanted, abused and abandoned children and people. Lead us, for the sake of Jesus, who became a childlike one of us, to reverence and protect all human life, from its beginning to its end. We ask this in the most Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer to St. Anthony

All: After you died, St. Anthony, God chose to make your holiness known to the world, and to draw people to himself by working miracles, in answer to prayers made through your intercession. Since then, people have asked God to continue to honor you, by working wonders through your intercession. Those who have experienced the power of prayers, offered through your intercession, have told how God has answered them. God has healed the sick, restored peace of mind, relieved poverty and granted favors of all kinds. We ask you now, St. Anthony, to pray with us for the things we need and desire.

(Pause, here, and privately present your prayers and petitions.).

Leader (and All): We pray that God may give us a sign of his loving care and providence, and that through you, God may draw us all to eternity. Amen.

Intercessions

Leader: For all of us who have lost things precious and dear.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Leader: For all who have lost faith, hope or the friendship of God.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Leader: For us who have lost loved ones by death.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Leader: For all who have lost peace of mind or heart.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Leader: That we may be given new faith, new hope and new love.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Leader: That lost things, needful and helpful to us, may be returned to our keeping.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Leader: If we must continue in our loss, that we may be given Christ's comfort and peace.

All: St. Anthony, pray for us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers, through the intercession of our friend and brother, St. Anthony. Our hearts are filled with gratitude. You called Anthony of Padua to live and preach the Gospel. Help us to live the Gospel as he did. Fill our hearts with love, that we may pursue unselfishly, a sincere love of God and neighbor. May we grow in the call you have given us and be faithful to the commitments we have made. May we imitate the life and work of Anthony and, together with our sisters and brothers, build up your kingdom.

Glory be to the Father

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: (+) In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

St. Anthony of Padua
(1195-1231)

The Gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Anthony's life. Over and over again God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later, when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the town where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So, Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving his goal. He returned to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Again, he was called from that post to preach to the heretics, to use his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled.

In one of his Sermons, Anthony says: "The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ."

Anthony should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased-and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

(Said 30 minutes before daily Masses in May and October)

Preparatory Prayer

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His, life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that, while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From the Roman Ritual)

Opening: Make the sign of the Cross; say Apostles Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary (x3), and Glory be to the Father.

Decade: For each decade (mystery), say the mystery, say the meditation; and say Our Father, Hail Mary (x10), Glory be to the Father, and Fatima Prayer.

Conclusion: After the last decade, say Hail! Holy Queen! and make the sign of the Cross.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: (+) In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Leader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

All: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Leader: Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

Leader: O my Jesus!

All: Forgive us of our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

(Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation of Our Lord

MEDITATION: The angel said to Mary: "You shall conceive and bear a son and give Him the name Jesus. And He will be called Son of the Most High."

Luke 1:31-32

2. The Visitation

MEDITATION: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled."

Luke 1:42-45

3. The Nativity of Jesus

MEDITATION: While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.

Luke 2:6-7

4. The Presentation in the Temple

MEDITATION: When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that, He could be presented to the Lord.

Luke 2:22

5. The Finding in the Temple

MEDITATION: They came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

All who heard Him were amazed.

Luke 2:26-27

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

(Tuesdays and Fridays)

1. The Agony in the Garden

MEDITATION: Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer. "My Father; if it is possible, let this cup pass me by."

Matthew 26:36 & 39

2. The Scourging at the Pillar

MEDITATION: The people said, "Let His blood be upon us and upon our children." At that, he released Barabbas to them. Jesus, however, he first had scourged.

Matthew 27:25-26

3. The Crowning with Thorns

MEDITATION: They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they fixed it on His head and began to mock Him.

Matthew 27:28-29

4. The Carrying of the Cross

MEDITATION: Jesus was led away, and carrying the cross by Himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull. There they crucified Him.

John 19:17-18

5. The Crucifixion and Death

MEDITATION: The curtain in the sanctuary was tom in two. Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit." After this, He expired.

Luke 23:45-46

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES **(Wednesdays and Sundays)**

1. The Resurrection of Our Lord

MEDITATION: The angel spoke, “Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but He is not here. He has been raised, exactly as promised.”

Matthew 28:5-6

2. The Ascension into Heaven

MEDITATION: He then led them out near Bethany, and with hands upraised, blessed them. As He blessed, He left them, and was taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:50-51

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit

MEDITATION: Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

4. The Assumption of Mary

MEDITATION: May you be blessed, my daughter, by God most high, beyond all women on earth; and may the Lord God be blessed, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Judith 13:18

5. The Coronation of Mary

MEDITATION: A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Revelations 12:1

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

(Thursdays)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan

MEDITATION: Jesus descends into the water of the Jordan River and is baptized by John. The heavens open and the voice of the Father declares Him the beloved Son. The Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove and fills Him with God's mission to save humankind from Sin.

Matthew 3:17

2. The Wedding at Cana

MEDITATION: Jesus changes water into wine at the request of Mary, who was first among believers. The disciples witness this miracle, their hearts open to the faith, and they begin to believe in Him.

John 2:1-12

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

MEDITATION: Jesus preaches the Gospel in Galilee. He proclaims that this is the time of fulfillment, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. He asks all to repent and forgives the sins of those who believe in Him.

Mark 1:15

4. The Transfiguration

MEDITATION: On Mount Tabor, the Apostles see the glory of God shining forth from the face of Jesus. The voice of the Father, coming from a cloud, says, "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him."

Luke 9:35

5. The Institution of the Eucharist

MEDITATION: At the Last Supper, Jesus offers His body and blood, under the signs of bread and wine, and washes the feet of the Apostles. He knows that Judas has betrayed Him and His hour has come. Jesus testifies to His everlasting love for each one of us by sharing the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

John 13:1

Hail! Holy Queen!

All: Hail! Holy. Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope, to you do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears; turn, then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

All: that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: (+) In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted, if the Rosary is recited in a church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious Community or pious Association; a partial indulgence is granted in other circumstances.

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