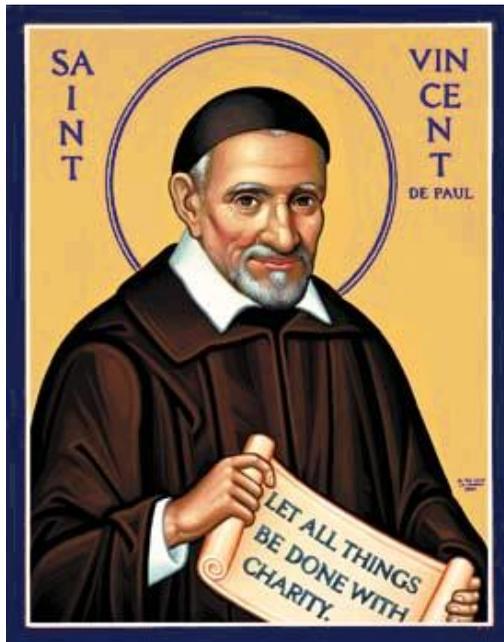


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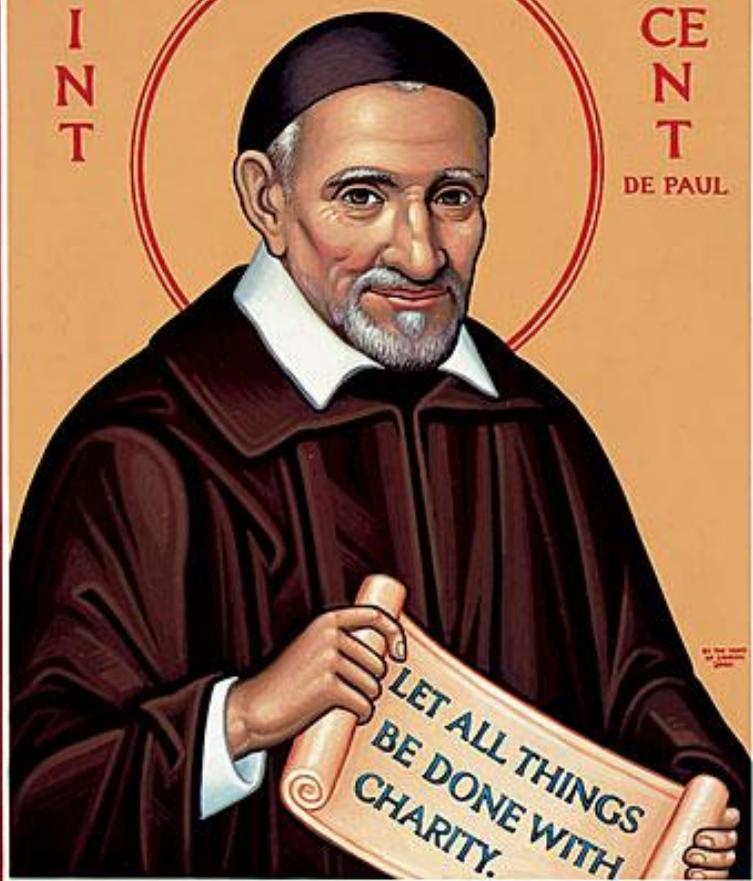
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Novena to Saint Vincent de Paul

Tuesday

Lord Jesus Christ,
You came into this world
to bring salvation
to a people
afflicted by evil and wounded by sin.

Through your divine power
the blind received sight
the lame walked
lepers were cleansed
and the poor had the gospel preached to
them.

We praise you, Lord Jesus,
that through the life and witness of
your servant Vincent de Paul
such great wonders
are still seen and heard in your church.

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts
and renew within us the gifts
we have received from Saint Vincent
that we may grow rich
through our service of the poor and
become free by our love of the oppressed

We ask this of you, Lord,
who live and reign forever and ever,
Amen



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday

Novena Prayer

Mother of Perpetual Help
with the greatest confidence
we come before your shrine
to be inspired by the example of your life.
We think of you at that moment when,
full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call
to be the mother of his Son.
Help us, your children
to accept with joy
our own calling in life.
When you learned
that your cousin Elizabeth was in need
You immediately went to serve her
and offer your help.
Help us, like you,
to be concerned with others.
We think of you Mother
at the foot of the cross,
your heart must have bled
to see your Son in agony.
But, your joy was great
when he rose from the dead
victorious over the powers of evil.
Mother of Sorrows
help us to realize
that we must expect
trials and disappointments.
Help us not to lose heart.

May we share with you and your Son
the joy of having courageously faced up
to all the challenges of life.

AMEN

Priest: *Let us pray*

All: Lord God, it is your will
that we come together today
to honour Mary as a mother
ever ready to help us.
May we who implore her motherly help
benefit by the great gift of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O Mother of Perpetual Help
with grateful hearts we join you in thanking
God
for all the wonderful things
He has done for us.
O God our Creator
we thank you for the gift of life
and all the gifts of nature;
our senses and faculties,
our talents and abilities.
We thank you for creating us
in your image and likeness
and for giving us this earth
to use and develop
to rule and control.

Despite our failures
You continue to show your love for us today
by increasing the life of your Spirit in us
at the Eucharistic table.
Finally, we thank you, loving Father
for giving us Mary
the Mother of your Son
to be our Mother of Perpetual Help.
We are grateful for all the favours
we have received through her intercession.
We pray that those past favours
may inspire us
to greater confidence in your loving mercy
and to seek the aid
of our Mother of Perpetual Help.



Novena to Saint Philomena

Thursday

O, great Saint Philomena, glorious virgin and Martyr, wonder-worker of our age, obtain for me purity of body and soul, purity of heart and desire, purity of thought and affection.

Through your patience under multiplied sufferings, obtain for me a submissive acceptance of all the afflictions it may please God to send me and as you did miraculously escape unhurt from the waters of the Tiber, into which you were cast by order of your persecutor, so may I pass through the waters of tribulation without detriment to my soul. In addition to these favours, obtain for me, O faithful spouse of Jesus, the particular intention I earnestly recommend to you at this moment. (*pause to mention your intention*)

O pure Virgin and holy Martyr, deign to cast a look of pity from heaven on your devoted servant, comfort me in affliction, assist me in danger, above all come to my aid in the hour of death. Watch over the interests of the Church of God, pray for its exaltation and prosperity, the extension of the faith, for the Sovereign Pontiff, for the clergy, for the perseverance of the just, the conversion of sinners, and the relief of souls in purgatory, especially those dear to me. O great Saint, whose triumph we celebrate on earth, intercede for me, that I may one day behold the crown of glory bestowed on you in Heaven, and eternally bless Him who so liberally rewards for all eternity the sufferings endured for His love during this short life. Amen.



Prayer to Saint Michael

Before the final blessing at Mass

Holy Michael, Archangel,
Defend us in the day of battle:
Be our safe-guard against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
By the power of God,
Thrust down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of
souls. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

Can be said when you are unable to receive Holy Communion

O my Jesus,
I firmly believe that You are
truly and really present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You with all my whole heart,
and because I love You,
I am sorry for having offended You.
I long to possess You within my soul,
but as I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least in spirit into my heart.
I unite myself to You as if You were already there;
never let me be separated for You.
Amen

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday evening before Mass

Priest:

Lord Jesus Christ,

You gave us the Eucharist

as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body
and blood

help us to experience the salvation you won for
us

and the peace of the kingdom

where you live with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

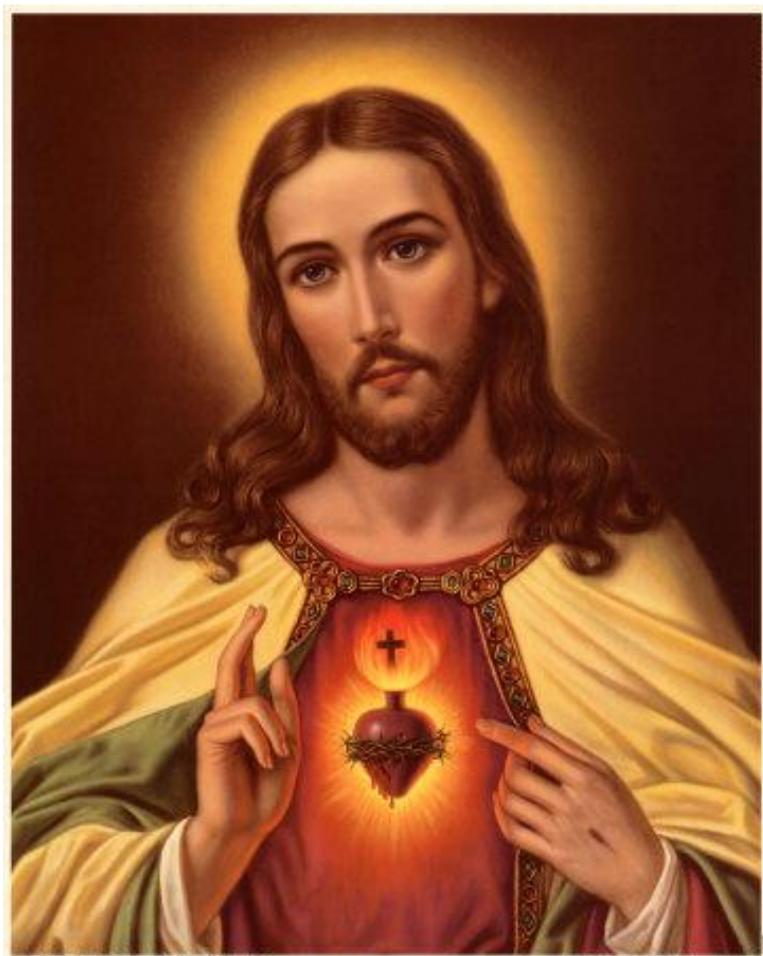
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.



Novena to the Sacred Heart

You have said, O Divine Jesus, Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Relying on these promises I come with confidence during this Novena to beg of you the favours I need.

(Here mention your request)

From whom shall I ask, Lord Jesus, if not from You,
whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits?

Most loving Heart of God, I believe in your power. I believe in your knowledge. I believe in your personal love for me. And therefore, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Family Act of Dedication to the Heart of Jesus

Lord, Jesus Christ, we are gathered together today in your name. We believe you are present among us. We praise and thank you for all your goodness. You are seated in glory at the right hand of your Father and never cease to intercede for us. All our gifts are yours. We thank you for them all, especially for our love for one another, our home, our happiness. We wish in return to offer our lives to you by dedicating our family to your Sacred Heart. Be with us always, Lord, as the life and centre of our home.

You offered your life in sacrifice for all people and gave yourself to us in the Eucharist. United with you in baptism, we wish to live by your life, offering ourselves with you in the Mass, receiving you in Holy Communion, and turning to you in our family prayer. Through your Holy Spirit strengthen the ties which hold us, and keep us one with you in all our undertakings.

Watch over our family. Keep us from evil and from harm. Guide and bless all we do. Sanctify our joys, comfort us in our sufferings. In times of trial and sorrow help us to draw courage and hope from your cross and resurrection.

If we ever sin, grant us the grace to return to you in prayer and penance. Never let anger, resentment or bitterness take hold of us or a vindictive, unbending spirit be ours. Keep us one in love and make our hearts like yours - always open to others and ready to forgive.

Give us courage to face the change and partings of this passing life. When death comes to our family, make us calm and strong in hope, submissive to your will and a comfort to one another. In that hour be very close to us. Trusting in your love may we learn to look forward in joyful hope to our reunion in heaven, where we shall live together with you and the Father and the Holy Spirit forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, accept this dedication of our family to your Sacred Heart. Keep us in your love. May Mary your Mother and Saint Joseph help us to be true to what we promise you this day.

Amen

Prayer to St. Benedict

O Holy Father,
blessed by God in grace and in name.
Standing in prayer with thy hands raised to
Heaven, thou didst happily yield thy angelic spirit
into the hands of thy Creator.
Thou hast promised to defend against the snares
of the enemy,
in the last struggle of death,
those who daily remind thee of thy glorious
departure and thy heavenly joys.
Protect us, O Holy Father,
this day and every day, by thy blessing,
that we may never be separated from Our
Blessed Lord,
from the society of thyself and all the Blessed.
Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

Prayer to St. Oliver

O Holy Martyr St. Oliver,
You who gave your life for Christ and for Ireland,
we humbly beg your intercession for Priests in
our country.
We ask God to make you patron of Priests
Intercede on their behalf,
that they will become Holy Priests,
willing to give their lives,
if God wills it, for the glory of God
and His Holy Church.
Pray for us, children of Ireland,
To sacrifice all for the salvation of the World.

The Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity

The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption of our Blessed Mother into
Heaven

The Coronation of our Lady as Queen of Heaven

Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

The Wedding Feast at Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to
repentance

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist



Prayer for a happy death

O my Lord and Saviour, support me in my last hour by the strong arms of thy Sacraments and the fragrance of thy consolations. Let thy absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me; and let thine own body be my food, and thy blood my sprinkling; and let thy Mother Mary come to me, and my angel whisper peace to me, and thy glorious saints and my own dear patrons smile on me, that in and through them all I may die as I desire to live, in thy Church, in thy faith, and in thy love. Amen.

Cardinal Newman

May he support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last!

Cardinal Newman

Resignation to God's will

What is to happen to me today, O my God? I do not know. I only know that nothing will happen to me which you have not permitted, foreseen, or ordained from all eternity. That is sufficient for me, O my God, that is sufficient. I adore your eternal and mysterious decrees. I submit to them with all my heart for love of you. I wish for all, I accept all, I offer to you the sacrifice of all: and I unite this sacrifice to that of Jesus Christ, my divine Saviour. I ask you in his name through his merits, for patience in my sufferings, and for that perfect submission which is due to you in everything which you will or permit. Amen.