

# FAVORITE CATHOLIC NOVENAS



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Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And do you, O Blessed Saint Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

*Say for nine mornings.*

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O Saint Joseph, I never grow tired contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his dear head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen. O Saint Joseph, hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. O Saint Joseph, pray for me.

*This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or*

Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm. Give peace and order to all nations and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry. Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation to It be glory and honor forever. Amen.

## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

Merciful Jesus, I consecrate myself today and always to Your Most Sacred Heart.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I implore, that I may ever love You more and more.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I trust in you!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe in your love for me.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like your Heart.

## NOVENA PRAYER

O divine Jesus, who has said "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you"; behold me kneeling at Your feet. Animated with a lively faith and confidence in these promises dictated by your Sacred Heart and pronounced by your adorable lips I come to

ask your aid (*here mention your intentions*).

From whom shall I ask, O sweet Jesus if not from you whose heart is an inexhaustible source of all graces and merits? Where shall I seek if not in the treasure which contains all the riches of your clemency and bounty? Where shall I knock if it be not at the door of your Sacred Heart through which God himself comes to us and through which we go to God?

To you then, O Heart of Jesus I have recourse. In you I find consolation when afflicted, protection when persecuted, strength when overwhelmed with trials and light in doubt and darkness. I firmly believe you can bestow upon me the grace I implore even though it should require a miracle. You have only to will it and my prayer is granted. I know I am most unworthy of your favors, O Jesus but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of mercies and you will not refuse a sorrowful and humble heart. Cast upon me a look of pity, I believe you and your compassionate heart will find in my miseries and weakness a pressing motive for granting my petition.

But, O Sacred Heart whatever may be your decision with regard to my request I will never cease to adore, love, praise and serve you.

## NOVENA TO SAINT GERARD

*From the day of his birth on April 6, 1726, until his death at the age of twenty-nine, Saint Gerard was a paragon of weak health. That was why he was three times denied admission to a religious order. And yet, after he was received into the Redemptorist Order, for all his spare frame and pallid face, it was found that he could do “the work of four.”*

*No one has been able to answer satisfactorily why Saint Gerard has come to be considered the patron of mothers. On several occasions during his life, his prayer saved the life of a mother and her newborn child. And after his death, and before his canonization, several instances of this special patronage over mothers were recorded.*

*But in the two centuries since his death, Saint Gerard’s dominant virtue – trust in God’s providence – have brought more and more to seek his intercession. His favorite expression, “God will provide” hurls a ringing contradiction at the timidity of a materialistic world.*

*More than two hundred years ago, the saint once remarked: “If anyone unable to bear the sufferings which God has sent him, calls on me for help...or if I hear of such a one, I will pray that God give him the grace of conformity with his holy will.”*