



PRAYING WITH ST. JOHN XXIII



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INTRODUCTION

ANOVENA is a form of private or public devotion that is prayed on nine successive days, or sometimes nine days spread out over nine successive weeks, so as to obtain a specific grace or favor.

When deciding to undertake a prayer novena, it is beneficial to recall what is recounted in the first chapter of the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

After His death and resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples repeatedly. He gave them signs of His return to life, and He transmitted to them His final teachings. Then, when the time came for Him to return to the Father, He ordered them to go to Jerusalem and to await there what the Father had promised. He said to them, “You shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit that will come upon you. Then you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (*Acts 1:8*).



DAY ONE

LORD, INCREASE GOODNESS IN ME

1. *I make the Sign of the Cross.*

Thinking about my baptism, I slowly make the Sign of the Cross, while saying: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Then I say: *Holy Spirit, help me to pray well with Mary, with the Apostles, and with Saint John XXIII.*

2. *I read some verses from the Bible:*

- The Lord is good. His kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness is constant to all generations (*Ps 100:5*).
- Now a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone” (*Mk 10:17-19*).
- God the Most High is “kind to the ungrateful and wicked” (*Lk 6:35*).

DAY THREE

LORD, MAKE ME A PEACEMAKER

1. *I make the Sign of the Cross.*

Thinking about my baptism, I slowly make the Sign of the Cross, while saying: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Then I say: *Holy Spirit, help me to pray well with Mary, with the Apostles, and with Saint John XXIII.*

2. *I read some verses from the Bible:*

- When Jesus was born, the angels sang: “Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (*Lk 2:14*).
- Jesus stated: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (*Mt 5:9*).
- He also said: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you” (*Jn 14:27*).



DAY SIX

LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH IN YOU

1. *I make the Sign of the Cross.*

Recalling that it is simultaneously a sign of Jesus' death and resurrection, I slowly make the Sign of the Cross, while saying: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Then I say: *Holy Spirit, help me to pray well with Mary, with the Apostles, and with Saint John XXIII.*

2. *I read some verses from the Bible:*

- Jesus said:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do and will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father” (*Jn 14:12*).

“All things are possible to him who has faith” (*Mk 9:23*).

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in him