

# NOVENA FOR THE DEAD

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
(John 11:25)*



## SIGN OF THE CROSS

(L) In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
(R) Amen.

## INTRODUCTION

(L) In this moment of sorrow, the Lord is in our midst and comforts us with his words: Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be consoled. (*silence*)

Loving and merciful God,  
we entrust our sister/brother to your mercy.  
You loved him/her greatly in this life:  
now that s/he is freed from all its cares,  
give him/her happiness and peace for ever.  
The old order has passed away:  
welcome him/her now into Paradise  
where there will be no more sorrow,  
no more weeping or pain,  
but only peace and joy with Jesus your Son,  
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
(R) Amen.

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## FIRST DAY

(L) Lord our God, receive our supplications, prayers and mortifications for the soul of (first name only), for whom we make this novena; and we pray that by the motherly love bestowed on you by your most holy Mother, when s/he followed you on the way of sorrow up to Mount Calvary, grant what we ask of you in this novena will be for your greater honor and glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
(R) Amen.

## SECOND DAY

(L) Merciful God, we beseech you, by the pain which your Holy

Mother saw you suffer and agonize on the cross, that the holy souls in purgatory be freed from those pains; especially for the soul of (first name only), for whom we are praying and offering in this novena. Bring those who are submerged in their sins to a true knowledge of their guilt and grant what we ask of you in this novena, for your greater honor and glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

(R) Amen.

### THIRD DAY

(L) Almighty Father, to whom nobody asks without the hope of receiving, by the intercession of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, enable the suffering souls in purgatory to be able to leave that place, especially for the soul of (first name only). We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

(R) Amen.

### FOURTH DAY

(L) Gracious God, through whose mercy the saints rest in glory, we beg you to set free those blessed souls in purgatory, especially for the soul of (first name only), for whom we are praying in this novena. May you radiate your compassion and love to them so they may enter into your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

(R) Amen.

### FIFTH DAY

(L) Sovereign Lord, in whom it is proper to be merciful, through the intercession of St. Michael, the archangel, and by the sorrow of your Blessed Mother who suffered when the soldier pierced

your side with a lance, have mercy on the soul of (first name only), for whom we are offering this novena and bring her/his to your eternal rest in heaven, for the better glory and honor of your name.

(R) Amen.

#### SIXTH DAY

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, incline your ears to our petitions. Have mercy on the souls in purgatory, especially for the soul of (first name only), for whom we make this novena. We humbly ask you to set them free and bring them to the happiness in heaven, for the greater glory and honor of your name.

(R) Amen.

#### SEVENTH DAY

(L) Lord of mercy, hear our prayer. May our sister/brother (first name only), whom you called your daughter/son on earth, enter into the Kingdom of peace and light, where your saints live in glory. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

(R) Amen.

#### EIGHTH DAY

(L) Creator and Redeemer of all mankind, through the infinite merits of passion, death and resurrection, we beg you to shower the immense treasures of your clemency on those blessed souls, especially for the eternal repose of the soul of (first name only). Bring those who are in sin to a true knowledge and repentance and grant what we ask for in this novena, through Christ, our Lord.

(R) Amen.

#### NINTH DAY

(L) Lord God, you are the glory of the believers and the life of the just. Your Son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Our sister/brother (first name only), was faithful and believed in

resurrection. Give to him/her the joys and the blessings of the life to come. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
(R) Amen.

### APOSTLES CREED

(L) 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.

(R) 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

(L) Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(R) 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 (3X)

(L) Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

(R) Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

### GLORY BE

(L) Glory be to the Father,  
To the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

(R) as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

### THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion & Death on the Cross

*(On the beads of the rosary for the Our Father, say the following)*

(L) Oh Most Merciful Jesus, Look down with eyes of pity on the faithful souls for whom You suffered and died on the Cross.

*(On the beads of the Hail Mary, say the following*

Have mercy on the soul of \_\_\_\_)

1. **Our (My) Jesus, through your bloody sweat in the garden. (R)**
2. **Our (My) Jesus, through the blow You received on Your Sacred Face. (R)**
3. **Our (My) Jesus, through the cruel scourging You endured. (R)**
4. **Our (My) Jesus, through the crown of thorns that pierced Your head. (R)**
5. **Our (My) Jesus, through Your carrying of the Cross on the path of bitterness**
6. **Our (My) Jesus, through Your face covered with blood which you allowed to be imprinted on the veil of Veronica.**
7. **Our (My) Jesus, through your bloody garments that were cruelly removed from Your wounded Body.**
8. **Our (My) Jesus, through Your Holy Body nailed on the Cross.**
9. **Our (My) Jesus, through Your Hands and Feet pierced with cruel nails.**
10. **Our (My) Jesus, through Your Sacred side pierced with the lance and from which flowed blood and water**

**(L) Eternal rest grant unto him/her O Lord**

**(R) And let perpetual light shine upon him/her**

**(L) May s/he rest in peace**

**(R) Amen**

## OFFERING

Most sweet Jesus, who in Your desire to redeem the world,  
deigned to be born, to be mocked,  
to fall into the hands of Your enemies  
through the treacherous kiss of Judas,  
to be bound and brought to the place of sacrifice  
like the meek lamb, brought before Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod,  
spat on, accused and condemned with false witnesses, to be  
slapped and have Your sacred body covered with wounds from  
the cruel scourging,  
to be crowned with thorns,  
Your face covered with a purple cloth in mockery,  
stripped of Your garments, nailed and elevated on the cross  
between two thieves as if You were one of them,  
offered gall and vinegar to drink,  
and to be pierced in Your side with a lance,  
deliver, O Lord, the souls in purgatory  
from their great sufferings through Your most bitter Passion;  
bring them to Your glory  
and deliver us from the pains of hell  
through the merits of Your Holy Passion  
and Death on the Cross,  
so that we may enter that Kingdom  
where You brought the good thief who was crucified with You, who  
lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
One God forever and ever.

(R) Amen.

## LITANY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Lord, have mercy on us.** (R) Lord, Have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us** (R) Christ, Have mercy on us.

**Lord, have mercy on us** (R) Lord, Have mercy on us.

**Christ, hear us**

(R) Christ, graciously hear us.

**God the Father of Heaven**

(R) Have mercy on the soul of

**God the Son, Redeemer of the World**

**God the Holy Spirit**

**Holy Trinity, One God**

**Holy Mary**

(R) Pray for the soul of \_\_\_\_

**Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Virgin of Virgins**

**St. Michael**

**All you Angels & Archangels**

**St. John the Baptist**

**St. Joseph**

**All you holy Patriarchs and Prophets**

**St. Peter**

**St. Paul**

**St. John**

**All you holy Apostles & Evangelists**

**St. Stephen**

**St. Lawrence**

**All you holy martyrs**

**St. Gregory**

**St. Ambrose**

**St. Augustine**

**St. Jerome**

**All you holy bishops and confessors**

**All you holy monks & hermits**

**St. Mary Magdalene**

**St. Barbara**

**All holy virgins and widows**

**All you saints of God**

**Be merciful** (R) Spare him/her O Lord  
**Be merciful** (R) Graciously hear us, O  
Lord  
**From all evil** (R) O Lord, deliver him/her  
soul  
**From Your wrath**  
**From the rigor of Your justice**  
**From the power of evil**  
**From the gnawing worm of conscience**  
**From enduring sorrow**  
**From eternal flames**  
**From intolerable cold**  
**From everlasting darkness**  
**From dreadful weeping & wailing**  
**From your admirable conception**  
**Through Your Holy Birth**  
**Through Your most sweet Name**  
**Through Your Baptism & Holy Fasting**  
**Through Your most profound humiliation**  
**Through Your prompt obedience**  
**Through Your infinite love**  
**Through Your bloody sweat.**  
**Through Your sorrow & anguish**  
**Through Your bonds**  
**Through Your scourging**  
**Through Your crowning with thorns**  
**Through Your carrying of the Cross**  
**Through Your most cruel death**  
**Through Your most holy wounds**  
**Through Your most bitter cross & passion**  
**Through Your Holy Resurrection**  
**Through Your admirable Ascension**  
**Through the coming of the Holy Spirit**  
**On the Day of Judgment**

**We sinners** (R) We beseech You hear us  
**You who forgave Magdalene and**  
**answered the prayer of the thief**  
**You who freely save Your elect**  
**You who have the keys of Heaven & hell**  
**That you would be pleased to deliver the souls of our**  
**parents, relations, friends & benefactors from the pains of**  
**hell**  
**That you would be pleased to have mercy on those of whom**  
**no special remembrance is made on earth**  
**That you would be pleased to grant them all the pardon &**  
**remission of all their sins**  
**That you would be pleased to fulfill all their desires**  
**That you would be pleased to receive them into the company**  
**of the blessed**  
**King of Majesty**  
**Son of God**  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world**  
(R) Grant him/her rest  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world**  
(R) Grant him/her rest  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world**  
(R) Grant him/her rest everlasting  
**Christ, hear us** (R) Christ, graciously hear us  
**Lord, Have mercy** (R) Christ have mercy  
**From the gates of hell** (R) Deliver her/his soul, O  
Lord  
**O Lord, hear my prayer** (R) And let my cry come to  
You

## LET US PRAY

O God, the Creator & Redeemer of all the faithful,  
grant to the soul of Your departed servant (first name only)  
the remission of her/his sins;  
that by prayers, s/he may obtain that pardon  
which s/he has always desired.  
Grant this, O God, who lives and reigns  
forever & ever.

(R) Amen

O Eternal God, who besides the general precept of charity,  
has commanded a particular respect to parents,  
kindred & benefactors; grant, we beseech You,  
that as they were the instruments  
by which Your Providence bestowed on us our birth,  
education and innumerable other blessings,  
so our prayers may be the means to obtain for him/her  
a speedy release from her/his suffering,  
and free admittance to Your infinite joys,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

(R) Amen.

O God, whose nature is ever to have mercy and to spare,  
we humbly beseech You on behalf of Your servant, (first name  
only),  
whom You have called out of this world.  
That You would not deliver him/her  
into the hands of the enemy nor forget him/her forever,  
but bid Your holy angels, lead him/her into paradise,  
her/his true country, that for as much as in You  
s/he put her/his hope and trust,  
s/he may not endure the pains of hell,  
but may come to the possession of eternal joys.  
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever,

(R) Amen.

Be merciful, we implore You O Lord,  
to the soul of Your servant, (first name only),  
for whom we offer to You this sacrifice of praise,  
humbly beseeching Your majesty that,  
by those holy and propitiary offerings,  
s/he may be found worthy to win everlasting rest.  
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

(R) Amen.

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God,  
that the soul of Your servant, (first name only),  
which has departed from this world,  
may be cleansed by this sacrifice, and delivered from sins,  
and may receive forgiveness and everlasting rest.  
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

(R) Amen.

Absolve, O Lord, the soul of Your servant, (first name only),  
from every stain of sin, so that by Your aid  
s/he may escape the judgment of wrath,  
and come to the enjoyment of beatitude in eternal light.

**(L) Eternal rest grant to him/her O Lord**

(R) And let perpetual light shine upon him/her

**(L) From the gates of hell**

(R) Deliver her/his soul, O Lord

**(L) May s/he rest in peace**

(R) Amen

**(L) O Lord, hear my prayer**

(R) And let my cry come

to You

**(L) The Lord be with you**

(R) And also with you

LET US PRAY

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,  
grant (first name only), the remission of all her/his sins, that  
through our prayers s/he may obtain the pardon s/he has always  
desired, for You live and reign for ever and ever.

(R) Amen.

**(L) Eternal rest grant to him/her O Lord**

(R) And let perpetual light shine upon him/her

**(L) May s/he rest in peace**

(R) Amen

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.