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Novena to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving Holy Church as I should, above every earthly thing, and of ever showing my love by deeds.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of openly professing as I should, with courage and without human respect, the faith that I received as your gift in holy Baptism.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of sharing as I should in the defense and propagation of the Faith when duty calls, whether by word or by the sacrifice of my possessions and my life.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving my family and others in mutual charity as I should, and establish us in perfect harmony of thought, will, and action, under the rule and guidance of the shepherds of the Church.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of conforming my life fully as I should to the commandments of God's law and those of His Holy Church, so as to live always in that charity which they set forth.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I ask in particular this special favor: *(mention your favor)*.

Dedication of One's Family: Most loving Jesus, by Your sublime and beautiful virtues of humility, obedience, poverty, modesty, charity, patience, and gentleness, You blessed with peace and happiness the family which You chose on earth. In Your mercy look upon my family. We belong to You, for we have received Your many blessings over many years and we entrust ourselves to Your loving care.

Look upon my family in Your loving kindness, preserve us from danger, give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in imitation of Your Holy Family, so that having revered You and loved You faithfully on earth, we may praise You eternally in Heaven.

Mary, dearest Mother, to your intercession we have recourse, knowing that your Divine Son will hear your prayers. Glorious patriarch, St. Joseph, help us by your powerful prayers and offer our prayers to Jesus through Mary's hands. Amen.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to Mary and Joseph, You sanctified family life by Your beautiful virtues. Grant that we, with the help of Mary and Joseph, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family, and may after death enjoy its everlasting companionship.

Lord Jesus, help us ever to follow the example of Your Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother, together with St. Joseph, may come to meet us, and we may be worthy to be received by You into the everlasting joys of Heaven. You live and reign forever. Amen.



Mother Teresa's Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father,
You have given us a
model of life in the
Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign.

May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, and vibrant with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow through family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family, especially in their distressing disguise.

May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts meek and humble like His, and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as You forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever You give and to give whatever You take, with a big smile.

Help us, O Holy Father, to make our families one heart, full of love, in the Heart of Jesus through Mary.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.
Amen.



Novena to the Divine Child Jesus

Divine Child Jesus, we believe in You; We adore You; and we love You; have mercy on us, sinners.

We've come to this temple in response to Your love. We've come in response to Your mercy and grace. We are here because You invited us to come before You and to pour out the cares of our hearts to You since You deeply care for each of us.

We remember Your words to the disciples: "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened." Trusting in Your infinite goodness and trusting that You always keep Your promise, we now ask this intention, which we pray in the silence of our hearts ... (silently mention the request).

Thank You, Divine Child Jesus, for listening attentively to our prayers all the time. We hope that You will ask this before Our Heavenly Father. And, if what we ask for may not be good for our salvation and sanctification, we trust that You will grant us instead what we truly need, so that one day we may be with You for all eternity, enjoying that ultimate happiness of Heaven.

Divine Child Jesus, bless and protect us.

Divine Child Jesus, bless and lead us.

Divine Child Jesus, bless and provide for us.

All this we ask through the intercession of Your Holy Mother, Mary, and in Your powerful and Most Holy Name, Jesus. Amen.



Novena of Trust to the Divine Infant Jesus

Loving Child of my life, Consolation for the Christians, The grace that I need I leave in Your blessed hands. (Our Father ...)

You that know my burdens, For I trust all of them to You. Give peace to the tribulated And relief to my heart. (Hail Mary ...)

Even though I don't deserve Your love, I will not turn to You in vain, For You are the Son of God And help for the Christians. (Glory be ...)

Remember O Holy Infant
That never has been said
That someone who has implored to You
Hasn't received Your aid.
Thus with faith and trust,
Humble and repented,
Full with love and hope,
This favor I ask of You:
(mention the grace wanted and say seven times).

Divine Infant Jesus, Bless Us.



Prayer to Mary of St. John Bosco

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers, forget me?

Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.

I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.

Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.

Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.

Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in Heaven.



The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made Flesh:

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28)

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:42)



Devotion to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from Heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in Heaven. Amen.

Prayer for St. Joseph's Protection

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests 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 St. Joseph, I never weary 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 fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departed souls, pray for me. Amen.



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