

NOVENA TO
SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX

The Little
Flower of Jesus





Prayers to be Said Each Day of the Novena

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of divine love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who has instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be ever truly wise and rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Faith, Hope and Love

O my God! I believe in You: strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in You: please secure them. I love You: teach me to love You, daily more and more.

The Act of Contrition

O my God! I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good. I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Concluding Prayer for Each Day

O Lord, You have said: “Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Grant us, we beg You, so to follow, in humility and simplicity of heart, the footsteps of the Virgin blessed Therese, that we may attain to an everlasting reward. Amen.



First Day of the Novena

Saint Therese, privileged Little Flower of Jesus and Mary, I approach you with childlike confidence and deep humility. I lay before you my desires, and I beg that through your intercession they may be realized. Did you not promise to spend your Heaven doing good upon earth? Grant me according to this promise the favors I am asking from you.

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena, and obtain for us from God the graces and favors we ask through your intercession. Amen.

"We can never have too much confidence in the good God who is so powerful and so merciful. We obtain from Him as much as we hope for."

- Saint Therese



Second Day of the Novena

O dear little Saint, now that you see the crucified Jesus in Heaven, still bearing the wounds caused by sin, you know still more clearly than you did when on earth the value of souls, and the priceless worth of the Precious Blood that He shed to save them. As I am one of those children for whom Christ died, obtain for me all the graces I need in order to profit by His Precious Blood. Use your great power with our divine Lord and pray for me.

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"The remembrance of my faults humbles me and make me afraid to rely on my own strength, which is nothing but weakness." - Saint Therese



Third Day of the Novena

Dear Little Flower, make all things lead me to Heaven and to God. Whether I look at the sun, the moon, the stars and the vast expanse in which they float, or whether I look at the flowers of the field, the trees of the forest, the beauties of the earth, so full of color and so glorious - may they speak to me of the love and power of God; may they all sing His praises in my ear. Like you, may I daily love Him more and more in return for His gifts. Teach me to deny myself often in my dealings with others, that I may offer to Jesus many little sacrifices.

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"How much benefit have I received from the beauties of nature, bestowed in such abundance. How they raise me to Him Who placed such wonders in this land of exile, which is only to last a day. - Saint Therese.



Forth Day of the Novena

O Dear Little Flower of Carmel, bearing so patiently the disappointments and delays allowed by God and preserving in the depths of your soul and unchanging peace because you sought only God's Will, ask for me complete conformity to the adorable Will in all the trials and disappointments of my life. If the favors I am asking during this Novena are pleasing to God, obtain them for me. If not, it is true I shall feel the refusal keenly, but I too wish only God's Will, and pray in the words you used, that it "may ever be perfectly fulfilled in me".

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"O my Beloved, I offer myself to You, that You may perfectly accomplish in me Your holy designs, and I will not allow anything created to be an obstacle in their path." - Saint Therese



Fifth Day of the Novena

Little Flower of Jesus, from the very first moment of your religious life you thought only of denying yourself in all things so as to follow Jesus more perfectly. Help me to bear patiently the trials of my daily life. Teach me to make use of the trials, the sufferings, the humiliations that come my way, to learn to know myself better and to love God more.

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“Far from resembling those beautiful Saints who practice all sorts of austerities from childhood, my penance consist in breaking my self-will, in keeping back a sharp reply, in doing little kindness to those about me, but considering these deeds as nothing.” - Saint Therese



Sixth Day of the Novena

Saint Therese, Patroness of the Missions, be a great missionary throughout the world to the end of time. Remind our Master of His own words: "They harvest is great, but the laborers are few." Your zeal for souls was so great, obtain a like zeal for those now working for souls, in beg God to multiply their numbers, that the millions to whom Jesus is yet unknown may be brought to know, love and follow Him.

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"Let us work together for the salvation of souls. We have only the days of this life to save souls and to give them to the Lord as proofs of our love." - Saint Therese

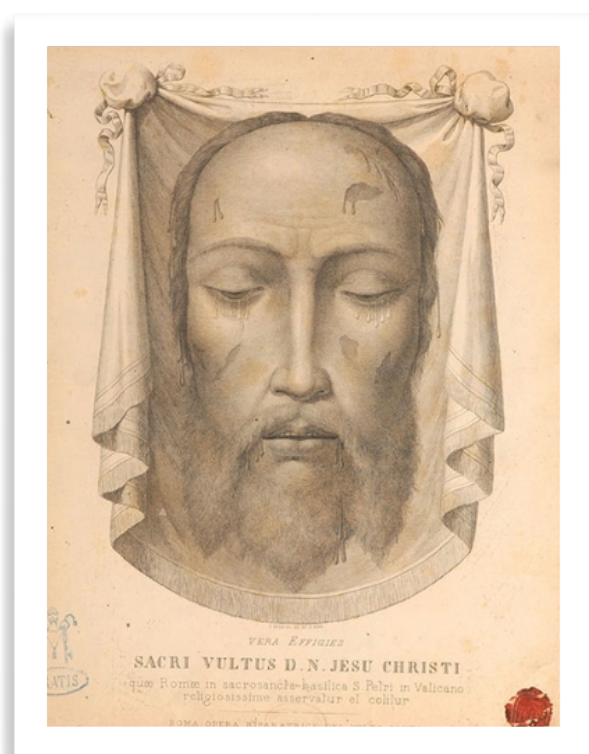


Seventh Day of the Novena

O little martyr of Love, you know now even better than in the days of your pilgrimage that Love embraces all vocations, that it is Love alone which counts, that unites us perfectly to God and conforms our will with His. All you sought on earth was Love; to love Jesus, as He had never yet been loved. Use your power in Heaven to make us love Him. If only we love Him we shall desire to make Him loved by others; we shall pray much for souls. We shall no longer fear death, for it will unite us to Him forever. Obtain for us the grace to do all for the love of God, to give Him pleasure, to love Him so well that He may be pleased with us as He was with you.

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena, and obtain for us from God the graces and favors we ask through your intercession. Amen.

“Remember that the dear Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone. Remember that He is consumed with a desire to come into your heart.” - Saint Therese



Eight Day of the Novena

Dear Saint Therese, like you, I have to die one day. I beseech you, obtain from God, by reminding Him of your own precious death, that I may have a holy death, strengthened by the Sacraments of the Church, entirely resigned to the most holy Will of God, and burning with love for Him. May my last words on earth be, "My God, I love You."

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"Life is not sad; it is very joyous. If you say, 'This exile is sad', I understand you. We are wrong to give the name 'life' to something which will end; It is only to the things of Heaven that we should apply this beautiful name." - Saint Therese



Ninth and Final Day of the Novena

Dear little Saint Therese, by love and suffering while you were on earth, you won the power with God that you now enjoy in Heaven. Since your life there began, you have showered down countless blessings on this poor world; you have been an instrument made use of by your divine Spouse to work countless miracles. I beg of you to remember all my wants. Sufferings must come to me also; may I use them to love God more, and follow my Jesus better. You are especially the little missionary of Love. Make me love Jesus more, and all others for His sake. With all my heart, I thank the most Holy Trinity for the wonderful blessings conferred on you, and upon the world through you.

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“I will spend my Heaven doing good upon earth. This is not impossible, since the angels, though always enjoying the beatific vision, watch over us. No, I cannot be at rest until the end of the world.” - Saint Therese



Concluding Prayer of the Novena

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Amen

