

FIFTH DAY—AUGUST 10TH

Before Holy communion I saw the blessed Mother inconceivably beautiful. Smiling at me. She said to me, My daughter, at God's command I am to be, in a special and exclusive way your Mother; but I desire that you, too, in a special way, be My child. (Diary, 1414) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the first page.**

SIXTH DAY—AUGUST 11TH

[Our Lady said to me,] I desire, My dearly beloved daughter, that you practice the three virtues that are dearest to Me and most pleasing to God. The first is humility, humility, and once again humility; the second virtue, purity; the third virtue, love of God. As My daughter, you must especially radiate with these virtues. When the conversation ended, She pressed me to Her Heart and disappeared. When I regained the use of my senses, my heart became so wonderfully attracted to these virtues; and I practice them faithfully. They are as though engraved in my heart. (Diary, 1415) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the first page.**

SEVENTH DAY—AUGUST 12TH

O sweet Mother of God, I model my life on You; You are for me the bright dawn; in You I lose myself, enraptured. O Mother, Immaculate Virgin, in You the divine ray is reflected, midst storms, 'tis You who teach me to love the Lord, O my shield and defense from the foe. (Diary, 1232) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the first page.**

EIGHTH DAY—AUGUST 13TH

Since that time, I have been living under the virginal cloak of the Mother of God. She has been guarding me and instructing me. I am quite at peace, close to Her Immaculate Heart. Because I am so weak and inexperienced, I nestle like a little child close to Her Heart. (Diary, 1097) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the first page.**

NINTH DAY—AUGUST 14TH

Today I felt the nearness of my Mother, my heavenly Mother, although before every Holy Communion I earnestly ask the Mother of God to help me prepare my soul for the coming of Her Son, and I clearly feel Her protection over me. I entreat Her to be so gracious as to enkindle in me the fire of God's love, such as burned in Her own pure heart at the time of the Incarnation of the Word of God. (Diary, 1114) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the first page.**

ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY—AUGUST 15TH

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Nine Day NOVENA To the Assumption of The Virgin Mary

**August 6th through August 14th
Based on the Diary of Saint Faustina**



***NOVENA TO THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

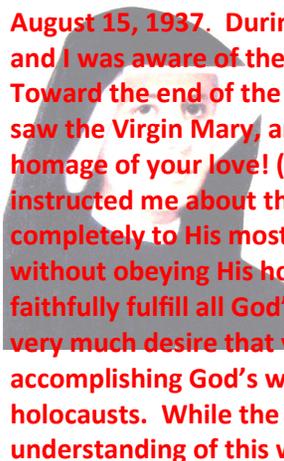
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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 966)

The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. (Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus, 1950)



August 15, 1937. During meditation, God's presence pervaded me keenly, and I was aware of the Virgin Mary's joy at the moment of Her Assumption. Toward the end of the ceremony carried out in honor of the Mother of God, I saw the Virgin Mary, and She said to me, Oh, how very pleased I am with the homage of your love! (...) I remained alone with the Most Holy Mother who instructed me about the will of God and how to apply it to my life, submitting completely to His most holy decrees. It is impossible for one to please God without obeying His holy will. My daughter, I strongly recommend that you faithfully fulfill all God's wishes, for that is most pleasing in His holy eyes. I very much desire that you distinguish yourself in this faithfulness in accomplishing God's will. Put the will of God before all sacrifices and holocausts. While the heavenly Mother was talking to me, a deep understanding of this will of God was entering my soul

THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS ARE RECITED EACH DAY OF THE NOVENA:

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity. Lift up my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven. From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: **(mention your request.)** When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Praised be that moment, O Mary, when the angels took you up to heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when your Son called you to heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary when the whole heavenly court crowned you in heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when you were received with such great honour into heaven.

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Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when you were proclaimed the Daughter, Mother, and Spouse of God in heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when you were proclaimed Queen of the whole heavenly court. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when all the angels and saints rendered homage to you in heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when you were chosen to be our protectress in heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when you began to intercede for us in heaven. Blessed be that moment, O Mary, when you will mercifully receive us into heaven. Amen.

Let us pray: Mary, you were assumed body and soul into heaven by the power of God, and united with your divine son, Jesus. Obtain eternal happiness with him for us. Amen

FIRST DAY—AUGUST 6TH:

Mother of God, Your soul was plunged into a sea of bitterness; look upon Your child and teach her to suffer and to love while suffering. Fortify my soul that pain will not break it. Mother of grace, teach me to live by [the power of God. (Diary, 315) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the preceding page.**

SECOND DAY—AUGUST 7TH

O Mary, my Mother, I humbly beg of You, cover my soul with Your virginal cloak at this very important moment of my life, so that thus I may become dearer to Your Son and may worthily praise Your Son's mercy before the whole world and throughout all eternity. (Diary, 220) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the preceding page.**

THIRD DAY—AUGUST 8TH

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, take me under Your special protection and guard the purity of my soul, heart and body. You are the model and star of my life. (Diary, 874) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the preceding page.**

FOURTH DAY—AUGUST 9TH

O Mary, today a terrible sword has pierced Your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of Your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin pour courage into my heart and guard it. (Diary, 915) **Recite the Daily Prayer on the preceding page.**