

abiding in the adorable Sacrament, we pray for the release of the souls in purgatory this day.

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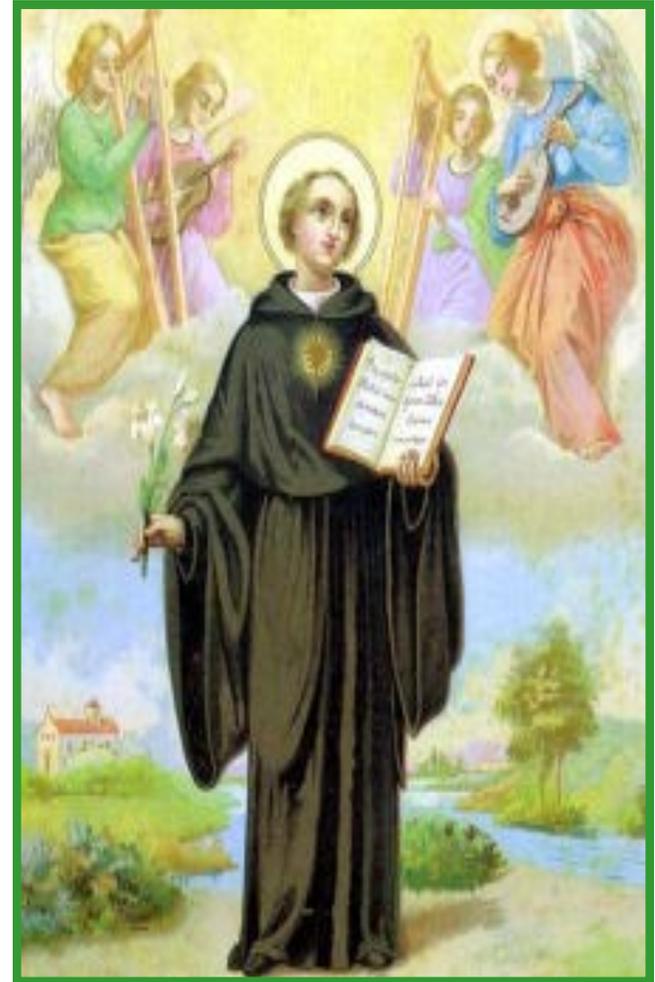
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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NOVENA TO SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Recited from:
September 3rd through September 9th (Seven Day Novena)



Feast Day: September 10th

Novena

The word Novena derives its name from the Latin word “novem” meaning “nine.” A novena can be either a private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces.

Prayer for the Deceased by Saint Nicholas

Lord, God of holiness and light.

You do not allow any shadow of darkness or evil in your sight, and so in your mercy you grant to those who have left this world burdened with sin, a time of purification, applying to them the spiritual treasures of your holy Church.

Hear my prayer
and through the merits of Christ,
the Blessed Virgin, the saints,
and all your faithful people
bring to an end this time of waiting
for our beloved dead, especially **N_____**.

In your providence
you have chosen Saint Nicholas
as a special intercessor
on behalf of the departed.

Hear also his fervent prayer for those whom I recommend to you through his intercession. Amen.

ways in dealing with human souls. A boundless ocean of merit and mercy surrounds Thy Calvary and Thy Cross, upon which Thou wert immolated by cruel hands. Behold, we turn our eyes to Thee upon the Cross, and upon the altar, and our hearts overflow with a happy confidence. In that confidence we appeal to Thee for mercy upon our own unworthy souls, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Hear our cry in the moment of death, hear our prayers for the souls in purgatory. Let neither death nor sin, O good Jesus, be an obstacle to their enjoyment of the full blessings of Thy Redemption. Let Thine own merits make amends for the their failings, and now, in death take them to Thy Heart in the land of eternal happiness.

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SEVENTH DAY

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.
St. Nicholas, Patron of the Holy Souls,
Pray for us

O blessed Mother of our Redeemer, remember that dark hour beneath the Cross when the dying lips of Jesus consecrated human souls to thy motherly love, and through the tender commiseration enkindled within thy heart at that moment, bear to the Eternal Throne the supplications which we offer for thy suffering children in purgatory. In humility we lift our mind to thy Divine Son. We see Him through the eyes of faith in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, or abiding in the hallowed shelter of the tabernacle, and we remember, dear Mother, that thine own pure heart was the first altar upon which he reposed here on earth.

O, that we could bring into His presence, a faith and love like thine. Help us, dear Mother, supplement our weak efforts, give thy powerful aid to our supplications for the release of the suffering souls in purgatory. Though the merits of the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament, through thine own great pity for the souls of all thy children, through thine own love, and the love of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine for Jesus

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FIFTH DAY

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.
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O ever bountiful and merciful Lord, Thou hast glorified the memory of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine by countless and extraordinary miracles, giving to his prayers a wondrous efficacy, and to his hand an astonishing healing power. Through Thee he solaced and healed the afflicted, through Thee, he restored the dead to a disconsolate mother's embrace. By Thy pitying mercy he led the despairing and the penitent. Through the holiness, virtues, and the miracles of Thy saint, may the poor souls be admitted to Paradise, and by Thy mercy to embrace Thy compassionate love. Grant them the solace of Thy clemency, and eternal happiness and rest, with Thy glorious saints in paradise.

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SIXTH DAY

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Remember, O Lord, the cry of the poor victim who found no pity in the cruel human hearts but found pity in heaven, because he invoked Thy All-Holy Name, and venerated the name of the Saint of Tolentine. Death or sin on the un-shriven soul became no obstacle to Thy pitying mercy. O Good Jesus, how wonderful are Thy

THE ARCH CONFRATERNITY OF TOLENTINO

The famous Augustinian, Saint Nicholas of Tolentine fostered a profound devotion of prayer for the faithful departed: so much so that he has merited, by the Church, the title "Patron Saint of the Souls in Purgatory". He strongly encouraged the practice of having Masses Offered for the souls in Purgatory. Further, it is to him that the Augustinian Tradition attributes the great devotion of the "Septinarium": **the seven days of prayer for the dead.**

FIRST DAY

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.
St. Nicholas, Patron of the Holy Souls,
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O good Jesus, mystically present upon our altars, renewing the oblation of Calvary for the sake of our salvation, we kneel in silence before thee, as Mary, Thy Blessed Mother, and John the Apostle, knelt in the silence at that awful moment when the Angel of Death spread his wings around the cross. We come to plead with Thee while our thoughts follow Thee down from Calvary to the prisons where the Holy Souls waited through the years of Thy coming.

We plead, dear Jesus, for the for the release of the poor souls now detained in the prisons of purgatory. We plead through the memory of that moment when Thy agonizing Heart ceased to beat on the cross. We plead through the merits of the angels that serve Thee, through the merits of the Saints who surround Thee, through the merits of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, the efficacy of whose great charity towards the poor souls is our encouragement to approach Thy Divine Bounty.

In Thy compassion and mercy for those whom Thou hast redeemed, deign, once again, through the intercession of Saint Nicholas, to open the gates of purgatory that the heavens may see the passing of multitudes to eternal happiness.

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Remember, O gentle and compassionate Lord, the mercy that stirred Thy heart when the cry of misery and sorrow came to Thine ears in Israel, how Thine eyes searched the rocks for the poor lepers who called out to Thee, how Thou didst reach out Thy hand to the daughter of Jairus, and the widow's son of Naim, how tears came to Thine eyes at the tomb of Lazarus. Look down upon the land of sufferings, where souls that love Thee await for the touch of Thy healing mercy. Through the merits of Thine own great sufferings which appeased the Eternal Justice, reach out Thy Hand once more in its infinite power to save and relieve the Holy Souls in their sufferings. O Lord, hear our prayers, unworthy though they may be. We unite with the prayers of Thy holy servant, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, in the grotto of San Angelo, with the prayers which he offered to Thee through the silent hours of the night, with the prayer with which he blessed Thine infinite goodness and mercy for Thy miraculous aid in his ministry. Hear our prayers for those who cannot plead for themselves, and grant to the poor souls in purgatory happiness and rest.

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THIRD DAY

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Remember, O Divine and merciful Lord, Thy compassion to the soul of the Gentile Jodiani, for whom Saint Nicholas besought Thy mercy. Thou didst give the dying sinner the grace of repentance. Though didst suspend the rigor of Thy justice, and, accepting the merits and suffrages of the Saint, Thou didst remit the punishment deserved by his sins. Vouchsafe, O Lord, the same gentle pity to the poor penitent souls in purgatory, who, in human frailty, offended Thy majesty and holiness. Listen once more to the prayer of Thy Saint, to which we, in our lowliness, unite our supplications, and grant the poor souls relief from their sufferings, so that, with the Blessed in Heaven, they may join their voices in exultant praise of Thy mercy.

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O ever blessed and adorable God, we remember how Thou didst permit Thy servant Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, to see a multitude of the poor sufferers expiating their sins in purgatory, how the vision overwhelmed him with grief, and how his heart pour out its gratitude to Thee, when Thou didst accept the penances and prayers which He offered Thee in union with the infinite merits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. On the seventh day of his continual appeal to Thy mercy, Thou didst open wide the gates of purgatory and paradise, permitting his eyes to behold the great multitudes that were passing to their eternal rest with Thee. Vouchsafe now, O Lord, to show forth the wonders of Thy mercy. Grant, through the devotion of the Septenarium of the Saint, that the faithful departed may pass, this day, from the pains of darkness and suffering to the light of the Beatific Vision of heaven.