- St. Philomena, invincible champion of chastity,
- St. Philomena, mirror of the most heroic virtues.
- St. Philomena, firm and intrepid in the face of torments,
  - St. Philomena, scourged like your Divine Spouse,
  - St. Philomena, pierced by a shower of arrows,
- St. Philomena, consoled by the Mother of God, when in chains,
  - St. Philomena, cured miraculously in prison,
  - St. Philomena, comforted by angels in your torments,
- St. Philomena, who preferred torments and death to the splendours of a throne,
  - St. Philomena, who converted the witnesses of your martyrdom,
    - St. Philomena, who wore out the fury of your executioners,
      - St. Philomena, protectress of the innocent,
        - St. Philomena, patron of youth,
      - St. Philomena, refuge of the unfortunate,
      - St. Philomena, health of the sick and the weak.
      - St. Philomena, new light of the church militant,
    - St. Philomena, who confounds the impiety of the world,
  - St. Philomena, who stimulates the faith and courage of the faithful,
  - St. Philomena, whose name is glorified in Heaven and feared in Hell,
    - St. Philomena, made illustrious by the most striking miracles,
      - St. Philomena, all powerful with God,
      - St Philomena, who reigns in Glory,

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

- V.) Pray for us, Great St. Philomena,
- R.) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: We implore Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of Saint Philomena, Virgin and Martyr, who was ever most pleasing to Thy eyes by reason of her eminent purity and the practice of all the virtues, pardon us our sins and grant us all the graces we need (and name any special grace you may require). Amen.

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## NOVENA TO SAINT PHILOMENA

Recited from: August 2nd through August 10th (Latin Calendar)



Feast Day: August 11th (Latin Calendar)

#### Novena

The word Novena derives it 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.

#### **NOVENA TO SAINT PHILOMENA**

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant us the pardon of our sins by the intercession of Saint, virgin and martyr, who was always pleasing in Thy sight by her eminent chastity and by the profession of every virtue. Amen.

Illustrious virgin and martyr, Saint Philomena, behold me prostrate before the throne whereupon it has pleased the Most Holy Trinity to place thee. Full of confidence in thy protection, I entreat thee to intercede for me with God, from the heights of Heaven deign to cast a glance upon thy humble client! Spouse of Christ, sustain me in suffering, fortify me in temptation, protect me in the dangers surrounding me, obtain for me the graces necessary to me, and in particular

## (Here specify your petition).

Above all, assist me at the hour of my death. Saint Philomena, powerful with God, pray for us. Amen.

O God, Most Holy Trinity, we thank Thee for the graces Thou didst bestow upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, and upon Thy handmaid Philomena, through whose intercession we implore Thy Mercy. Amen.

## Saint Philomena, Powerful with God, Pray for us!

Saint Philomena has been successfully invoked by her supplicants in every sort of need, such that she has become another patron of "hopeless" and "impossible" cases, like St. Jude or St. Rita, but she is known to be especially powerful in cases involving conversion of sinners, return to the Sacraments, expectant mothers, destitute mothers, problems with children, unhappiness in the home, sterility, priests and their work, help for the sick, the missions, real estate, money problems, food for the poor and mental illness. But truly, as her devotees have discovered, no case, of whatever matter, is too trivial or too unimportant to concern her.

# Litany of Saint Philomena

(Composed by St. John Vianney)

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity one God, have mercy on us.
Response after each phrase - Pray for Us
Holy Mary, Queen of Virgins,
St. Philomena.

St. Philomena, filled with the most abundant graces from your very birth,
St. Philomena, faithful imitator of Mary,

St. Philomena, model of Virgins,

St. Philomena, temple of the most perfect humility,

St. Philomena, inflamed with zeal for the Glory of God, St. Philomena, victim of the love of Jesus,

St. Philomena, example of strength and perseverance,