SEVENTH DAY — PATIENCE

St. Gerard unconquered hero, most patient in suffering, you who gloried in infirmity, and under slander and most cruel ignominy did rejoice to suffer with Christ, obtain for me patience and resignation in my sorrows, that I may bravely bear the cross that is to gain for me the crown of everlasting glory. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

<u>Recite the Prayers on the first page — NINE TIMES</u>

EIGHTH DAY — GRACE

St. Gerard, true lover of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, you who knelt long hours before the tabernacle, and there tasted the joys of paradise, obtain for me an undying love for the Most Holy Sacrament, that thus receiving frequently the Body and Blood of Jesus, I may daily grow in His Holy Love and merit the priceless grace of loving Him even to the end. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

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NINTH DAY — JOY

St. Gerard, most favored child of heaven, to whom Mary gave the Infant Jesus in the days of your childhood, to whom she sweetly came before and did close your eyes in death, obtain for me I beseech you, so to seek and love my Blessed Mother during life, that she may be my joy and consolation in this valley of tears, until with you, before the throne of God, I may praise her goodness for all eternity. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

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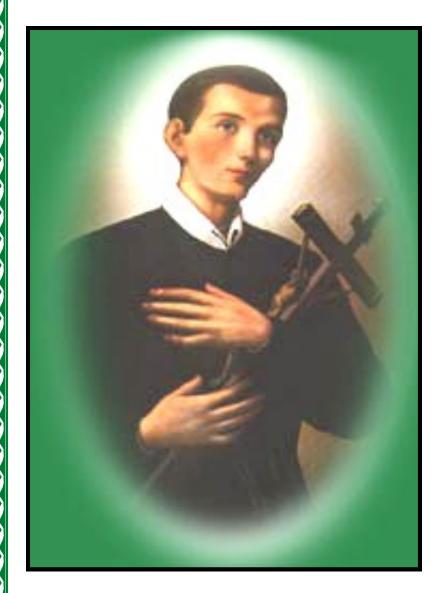
NOTE: St. Gerard Majella died of tuberculosis at the age of 29. His dying words were to tell his brothers that the Blessed Virgin was there in the room; as he rose to greet her, he died. Pope Pius X canonized Gerard in 1904.

St. Gerard is often invoked as the patron saint of mothers and of safe delivery of children at birth.



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PRAYERS TO BE RECITED <u>EACH DAY</u> FOLLOWING THE DAYS NOVENA PRAYER:

RECITE THE HAIL MARY NINE TIMES THEN
RECITE THE FOLLOWING PRAYER ONCE EACH DAY:

PRAY FOR Us, O St. Gerard, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: O almighty and Everlasting God, who did draw
St. Gerard to Yourself even from his childhood, making him
conformable to the Image of Your Crucified Son, grant we beseech
You, that imitating his example, we may be made like unto the same
Divine Image, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

DAYS NOVENA PRAYERS

Strive <u>each day</u> to practice the virtue indicated (in red) in the days Petition.

FIRST DAY— FAITH

St. Gerard, ever full of faith, obtain for me that, believing firmly all that the Church of God proposes to my belief, I may strive to secure through a holy life the joys of eternal happiness. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

Recite the above Prayers — NINE TIMES.

SECOND DAY — CONFIDENCE

St. Gerard, most generous saint, who from your youth did care so little for the goods of earth, grant that I may place all my confidence in Jesus Christ alone, my true Treasure, who alone can make me happy in time and eternity. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

Recite the above Prayers — NINE TIMES

THIRD DAY — LOVE

St. Gerard, bright seraph of love, who, despising all earthly love, did consecrate your life to the service of God and your neighbor, promoting God's glory in your lowly state, and ever ready to assist the distressed and console the sorrowful, obtain for me, I beseech you, that, loving God the only Good and my neighbor for His sake, I may be hereafter united to Him forever in glory. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

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FOURTH DAY — PURITY

St. Gerard, spotless lily of purity, by your angelic virtue and your wonderful innocence of life you did receive from the Infant Jesus and His Immaculate Mother, sweet pledges of tenderest love, grant, I beseech you, that I may ever strive courageously in my lifelong fight, and thus win the crown that awaits the brave and the true. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

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FIFTH DAY — OBEDIENCE

St. Gerard, model of holy obedience, who through your life did heroically submit your judgment to those who represent Jesus Christ to you, thus sanctifying your lowliest actions, obtain for me from God cheerful submission to His Holy Will and the virtue of perfect obedience, that I may be made conformable to Jesus, my Model, who was obedient even to death. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

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SIXTH DAY — HUMILITY

St. Gerard, most perfect imitator of Jesus Our Redeemer, you whose greatest glory was to be humble and lowly, obtain that I too, knowing how little I am in God's sight, may be found worthy to enter the kingdom that is promised to the humble and lowly of heart. I pray that you also will pray for the special intention I bring to you of (mention your request here).

<u>Recite the Prayes on the preceeding page — NINE TIMES</u>