NOVENAS

A priest once state that it is a simple fact that no prayer whether it is a novena or anything else — can change the mind of God, because he has no change in him at all. But, Christ tells us in the parables to pray and suggests we importune the Lord like the widow who harried the unjust judge. "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Lk. 11:9).

Novenas are nothing more or less than forms of insistent prayer. God does not need nine days of prayers or even one prayer to know what we really need, but mysteriously, Christ tells us to pray incessantly and assures us that God will give his Holy Spirit to those who ask him. He also tells us that he will provide what we really need, not merely what we simply want. Otherwise, we poor creatures would ruin the world. Can you imagine the complete disaster if we all got what we asked for?

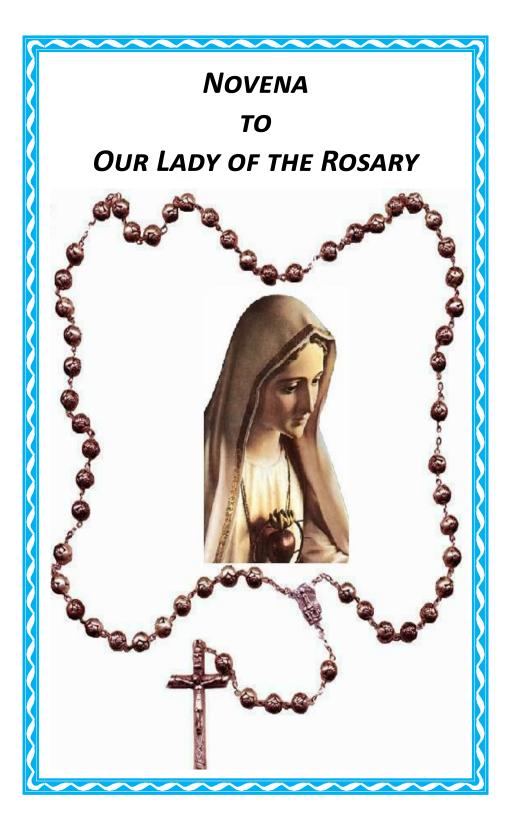
THREE REASONS TO PRAY A NOVENA

- 1. PRAYING A NOVENA CAN HELP YOU DEVELOP THE HABIT OF PRAYING DAILY.
- 2. PRAYING A NOVENA REINFORCES A SENSE THT GOD IS OUR FATHER AND THAT GOD LOVES US.
- 3. PRAYING A NOVENA TEACHES US THE BENEFIT OF PRAYING WITH OTHERS TO GOD.

YOUR KEY TO HEAVEN

THE HOLY ROSARY The Rosary is a devotion to the Incarnation of Our Lord and to His Blessed Mother. It is composed of twenty decades, each decade consisting of the Our Father, and each being recited in honor of some mystery in the life of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother. During each decade, we should call to mind the mystery which it is intended to honor, and pray that we may learn to practice the virtue specially taught us by that mystery.





NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

(THIS NOVENA IS TO BE SAID WITH A ROSARY ON EVERY DAY FOR NINE DAYS)

NOVENA

My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favor which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena:

(State your intention(s) here...)

I beg you to present my petition to your divine son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

I offer you this spiritual "Bouquet of Roses" because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving son, hear and grant my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. Amen. <u>THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES</u> (SATURDAY AND MONDAY 1—THE ANNUNCIATION— HUMILITY 2—THE VISITATION— LOVE OF NEIGHBOR 3—THE NATIVITY— DETACHMENT FROM THINGS OF THE WORLD 4—THE PRESENTATION— OBEDIENCE

5—THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE — PIETY

THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- (TUESDAY AND FRIDAY)
- 1—THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN CONFORMITY TO GOD'S WILL
- 2—THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR PURITY, MORTIFICATION
- **3**—The Crowning with Thorns Moral Courage
- 4—THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS PATIENCE
- 5—THE CRUCIFIXION SALVATION, SELF-DENIAL

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- (SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY)
- **1—THE RESURRECTION FAITH**
- 2—THE ASCENSION HOPE, DESIRE FOR HEAVEN
- 3—THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES WISDOM
- 4—THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN —DEVOTION TO MARY
- 5—THE CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ETERNAL HAPPINESS

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

(THURSDAY)

1-OUR LORD'S BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN - OPENNESS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 2—OUR LORD'S SELF MANIFESTATION AT THE WEDDING FEAST OF CANA — TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
- 3—OUR LORD PROCLAIMS THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND CALLS US TO CONVERSION — REPENTANCE, TRUST IN GOD
- 4—OUR LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION DESIRE FOR HOLINESS
- 5—OUR LORD'S INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST AS THE SACRAMENTAL EXPRESSION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY — EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT MASS