# **Experience the Love and Comfort of Our Blessed Mother**

Since the earliest days of the Church, Catholics have shown devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. They knew that throughout her life she heard the word of God and kept it, regardless of the cost. Her intercession spared the wedding couple of Cana from embarrassment. And she stood by her Son, even at the foot of the Cross. Our Blessed Mother will do the same for us. She will bring us to Jesus, help us become better disciples, and she will teach us how to pray.

Prayer is the language of the heart, and prayer to Jesus through our Blessed Mother strengthens us, gives us hope, and unites us to heaven. Join us in praying our Miraculous Medal Novena (you can also purchase a Novena booklet in our gift shop). Mary has promised us graces if we come to the altar and ask for them. So come, ask, and know you're being heard.

## The Miraculous Medal Perpetual Novena

The Miraculous Medal Perpetual Novena is not an ancient one. It was started at The Miraculous Medal Shrine on Monday, December 8, 1930, by Father Joseph A. Skelly, CM, founder of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal. To this day, the Perpetual Novena has continued *uninterrupted* each Monday at The Miraculous Medal Shrine. Thousands of people around the world join us in praying this Novena, either at the Shrine, through the Internet, or in their parishes. They've experienced the love and comfort of our Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus—and you can, too

Join us as we pray this Miraculous Medal Perpetual Novena every Monday at our Shrine.

Visit the Shrine or watch the Novena and Mass live.

# **Opening Prayer**

*Priest*: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Priest*: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.

**People**: And You shall renew the face of the earth.

*Priest*: Let us pray. Oh God, who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest: O Mary, conceived without sin.

**People**: Pray for us who have recourse to you (repeat 3 times)

#### Priest

and People: O Lord, Jesus

Christ, who have vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles the Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculate from the first moment of her conception, grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth, may eternally enjoy Your presence in heaven, who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, live and reign, God forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, who for the accomplishment of Your greatest works, have chosen the weak things of the world, that no flesh may glory in Your sight; and who for a better and more widely diffused belief in the Immaculate Conception of Your Mother, have wished that the Miraculous Medal be manifested to Saint Catherine Labouré, grant we beseech You, that filled with like humility, we may glorify this mystery by word and work. Amen.

#### Memorare

Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; to you we come; before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but, in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.

# **Novena Prayer**

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here privately form your petitions.)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us, then, a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone, so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial, that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

### An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this Medal be for each one of us a sure sign of your affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties toward you. Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son. O most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death; so that, in union with you, we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

Repeat 3 times:

Priest: O Mary, conceived without sin.

**People**: Pray for us who have recourse to you.