


**You Are Invited to Participate in a 9 Day Novena**  
**Honoring Mary, Our Mother**  
**for the intention of Life & Peace**

**The Novena begins at 5:30pm each evening.**

**Dates and locations**



Thursday,	May 1	St. Louis
Friday,	May 2	Holy Family
Saturday,	May 3	Holy Family
Sunday,	May 4	St. Francis
Monday,	May 5	St. Francis
Tuesday,	May 6	St. Ann
Wednesday,	May 7	St. Ann
Thursday,	May 8	St. Louis
Friday,	May 9	St. Louis

Praying the Rosary  
Reading an Apparition Narration  
Eucharistic Benediction  
Lighting a Votive Candle  
Social

**To Jesus**  
**Through Mary**

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**What is a Novena?**

A novena is a nine-day prayer that Catholics typically say to a specific saint for a special intention. Some novenas are said in one day, or over nine months, but typically you repeat them over nine consecutive days.

**Why is a Novena Prayed for Nine Days?**

The practice of praying a novena for nine days goes far back in both Jewish and Christian traditions. In the Bible, the number nine is associated with suffering, purification, and new beginnings. One of the first novenas was when Mary and the disciples waited and prayed for the Holy Spirit for nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost. When you pray a novena, you're entering into a long and powerful tradition of praying for nine days!

**The History of Novenas**

The full story behind the origin of novenas is unknown, but they were most likely popularized during the Middle Ages as a way to express devotion to saints. Novenas became a more formal prayer in the 17th century with the publication of prayer books that contained specific novenas for various intentions.

**May God grant eternal rest to our Pope Francis**

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