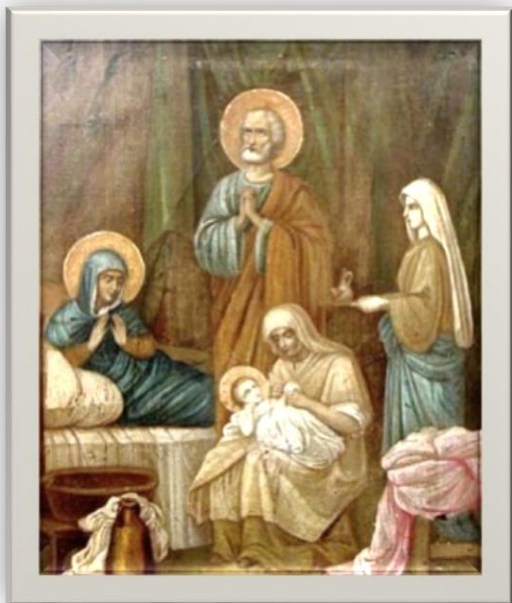


Novena for the Nativity of Our Lady

FEAST: SEPTEMBER 8



Prayer to start the Novena each day

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. *Amen*

August 31: Day One – “Spiritual Joy”

Heavenly Child, lovable Mary, the Eternal Father delights in your birth, for He beholds in your coming into this world, one of His creatures who is so perfect that she will become the worthy Mother of His Divine Son. May your birth give joy to my soul also, by obtaining for me from the heavenly Father, the pardon of my sins, and an abiding sorrow for them.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention...In thanksgiving to God for the gift of Mary's birth, which brings light and joy to the world. We pray for deliverance from spiritual struggles and despair.

Hail Mary....

Prayer

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V. Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

R. That she may intercede for us with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray

Grant to us your servants, we beseech you, O Lord, the gift of Your heavenly grace, that as our salvation was begun in the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin, so from this solemn festival of her Nativity may we obtain an increase of peace. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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September 1: Day 2 – “Spiritual Rebirth”

O Chosen One among the daughters of Adam, admirable Mary, the Son of God delights in your birth, for He beholds the one chosen to be His Mother, and oh! such a beloved Mother. May your birth give joy to my soul also, by obtaining from your divine Son the grace to be born again spiritually to a holy life, perfectly conformed to yours, so that I may merit to obtain eternal glory.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....For the grace of spiritual rebirth, that we may conform our lives to Christ and grow in holiness.

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September 2: Day 3 – “Family and Charity”

O Chosen One among the daughters of Adam, lovable Mary, the Eternal Word takes delight in your birth, for He sees the source of His Immaculate Blood.

May your birth give joy to my soul also, by obtaining for me from the Word made Flesh, the grace to find in this Divine Blood the eternal happiness of my soul.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....For our parents, grandparents, and family, that Mary will bless all families with stronger relationships, deeper charity, and enduring love.

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September 3: Day 4 – “Protection from Temptation”

O Chosen One among the daughters of Adam, admirable Mary, the Redeemer, promised to mankind from the beginning of the world, takes delight in your birth, for He sees the one who is destined to become the Co-redemptress of souls by uniting her tears to the Blood shed on the Cross to save mankind.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....To seek victory over spiritual obstacles, that Mary will be our shield against temptations and a guide in times of moral danger.

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September 4: Day 5 – “Virtue and Humility”

Resplendent Lily of Paradise, lovable Mary, the Holy Spirit takes delight in your birth for He sees in you the soul never stained by sin, which would forever be His worthy Temple.

May your birth give joy to my soul also, by obtaining for me from the Holy Spirit His divine love and final perseverance.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....That we may grow in the virtues of humility, purity, and obedience to God’s will, allowing Mary to intercede for our personal needs.

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September 5: Day 6 – “Comfort in Affliction”

Most Beautiful Branch of the tree of David, most admirable Mary, whose birth was such a consolation to St. Joachim and St. Anne, who were delighted to be the parents of so holy a child, may your birth be the consolation of my soul, by obtaining for me from God, victory over the world and detachment from all the things of this earth.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....For the sick, the sad, and the struggling, that Mary will bring consolation, healing, hope, and peace to those experiencing hardships.

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September 6: Day 7 – “The Youth and Children”

Resplendent Morning Star, lovable Mary, your birth was the cause of great joy to the angels, for they beheld in you the Mother of the Redeemer of the world, who by His Death would repair the loss sustained by the fall of rebellious angels in paradise. May your birth give joy to my soul also, by obtaining for me from God, victory over the infernal enemy, deliverance from all his snares, and the grace to be associated in glory with the angels in heaven.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....For all the children in our parish, our community, and the world; that Mary will guide parents in raising their children to be devoted, strong, and holy.

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September 7: Day 8 – “The Church and Clergy”

Brilliant Aurora of Heaven, lovable Mary, your birth brought great consolation to the souls of the saints detained in limbo, for it announced the approach of the Sun of Justice, Jesus Christ, who would enlighten their darkness and then conduct them to paradise.

May your birth give joy to my soul also, and obtain for me from God, patience in all adversities, a perfect and constant conformity to His most holy will.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....For the Pope, bishops, priests, deacons, and the whole Church; to have the grace to imitate Mary's submission to God's Divine Will.

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September 8: Day 9 – “Peace and Salvation”

Mediatrice between God and mankind, admirable Mary, by your birth you perfected the joy of all the children of Adam, who, through you, have received the Author of Grace, for He has made you the treasurer of all the graces which are imparted to us. May your birth be a special cause of joy to my soul by obtaining for me from God, eternal salvation and all the graces necessary to obtain it.

Dearest Mother, please pray for me and for this my intention....In thanksgiving to Mary for being the herald of salvation; for a deep increase of peace in my soul, our community, and the world.

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Amen

SALVE, REGINA

Hail, Holy Queen

Chant, Mode V

Sal - ve, Re - gí - na, ma - ter mi - se - ri - cór - di - ae:

Vi - ta, dul - cé - do et spes no - stra, sal - ve.

Ad te cla - má - mus, éx - su - les, fí - li - i He - vae.

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il - los tu - os mi - se - ri - cór - des ó - cu - los ad nos con - vér - te.

Et Je - sum, be - ne - dí - ctum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i,

no - bis post hoc ex - sí - li - um os - tén - de.

O cle - mens, O pi - a,

O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - rí - a.

Text: Latin attr. to Hermannus Contractus, 1013–1054.

English Translation of “Salve, Regina”

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,

Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,

Poor banished children of Eve;

To thee do we send up our sighs,

Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, O most gracious advocate,

Thine eyes of mercy toward us;

And after this our exile,

Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,

O sweet Virgin Mary.