

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral

St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands

From the 29th of November until the 7th of December

ORDER OF THE NOVENA PRAYER

1. **Hymn** to the Immaculate Conception
2. **Sign of the Cross:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
3. **THE ANGELUS**
 - V/ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
 - R/ And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary... etc.
 - V/ Behold the hand maid of the Lord
 - R/ Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...etc.
 - V/ And the word was made flesh
 - R/ And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary... etc.
 - V/ Pray us O, Holy mother of God
 - R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ
 - V/ Let us pray
 - R/ Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son, by the message of an Angel, so by His passion and cross we may be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen
 - V/ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... (3x)
 - R/ As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen (3x)
 - V/ May the divine assistance remain always with us
 - R/ And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.
4. **Opening Prayer for the Day:**
 - O** Most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the Mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men.
 - I** humbly venerate you as the chosen Mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ. The prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honor of being His beloved mother.
 - B**y the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.
 - I** pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will.
 - Q**ueen of Heaven, I beg you to by my savior to grant us this request.
5. **Announcement of the theme of the day** (*check the theme below*)
6. **Scripture Reading:** (Also check below)

7. **Silent Meditation and personal prayer (3 to 5 minutes)**
8. **Recitation of the Rosary of the Day (See below)**
9. **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (See below)**
10. **Spontaneous Prayers and songs of praise**
11. **Concluding Prayer of the Novena**

My Holy Mother, I know that you were obedient to the Will of God. In making this petition, I know that God's will is more perfect than mine. So, grant that I may receive God's grace with humility as you did.

As my final request, I ask that you pray for me to increase in faith in our risen Lord: I ask that you pray for me to increase in hope in our risen Lord: I ask that you pray for me to increase in love for the risen Jesus!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy Womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

12. **Concluding Hymn to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (see below)**

THEMES OF THE NINE DAYS OF THE NOVENA AND THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Day: Theme: We pray that like Mary of the Immaculate Conception, many more persons in our Parish Community may be called and set aside for the evangelization of SS Peter and Paul Cathedral and the Diocese of St. Thomas as a whole:
Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-38.

Second Day: Theme: We pray that with the *Synod on Synodality*, we may all work to make our Church in SS Peter and Paul and in the Diocese of St. Thomas a true Synodal Church:
Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 39-45.

Third Day – Theme: We pray for those who have the gift of singing, to enroll in the various Choirs in the Parish, to sing for the glorification of God and the Sanctification of Man:
Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-56.

Fourth day – Theme: Pray for Families in our Parish that they may struggle to follow the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25.

Fifth day – Theme: We pray that all the Parishioners of SS Peter and Paul will realize the need and the duty to support financially and materially the evangelization process in the Parish:
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-24.

Sixth day – Theme: Pray for all our children who are following up the CCD classes and the Adults for the Adult doctrine classes to be committed to knowing and living their faith.
Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-2.

Seventh day – Theme: Pray for the Christians of SS Peter and Paul Cathedral to use this Advent Season to be constant, Consistent and Ceaseless in Prayer:
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22.36-38.

Eighth day – Theme: We pray for Deacons, Priests and employees of SS Peter and Paul Cathedral and in the Diocese of St. Thomas to work in collaboration and unity to promote the Good News of Christ in the Caribbean Community.
Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-13.

Ninth day – Theme: We pray for our Country America, to revise their laws to suit the upbringing of the young in Society, who are the Church and society of today and tomorrow.
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52

THE ROSARY PRAYER

(The Mysteries distributed according to the Days of the week and the Gifts to be obtained by praying it).

The Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation (Humility)
2. The Visitation (Charity)
3. The Birth of Jesus (Poverty)
4. The presentation in the temple (Respect for Authority)
5. The finding of Jesus in the temple (Love of Jesus)

The Mysteries of Light (Luminous Mysteries) (Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of Jesus (Blessedness)
2. The Marriage feast at Cana (Obedience)
3. The Proclamation of the reign of God (Preaching)
4. The Transfiguration (Change of life)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist (Transformation in Jesus)

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)

1. The Prayer and agony in the Garden (Contrition)
2. The scourging at the Pillar (Purity)
3. The Crowning with thorns (courage)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (Patience)
5. The Crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ (Self-denial)

The Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays)

1. The resurrection (Faith)
2. The Ascension (hope)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostle (love)
4. The Assumption of Our Lady to heaven body and soul (Eternal happiness)
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in heaven and the Glory of all the Saints. (Devotion to Mary)

Prayers said after each decade of the rosary:

Leader: O my Jesus...

All: ... Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, bring all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of your Mercy.

Leader: O Mary conceived without Original Sin ...

All: ... Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Prayer after the five decades of the Rosary are said:

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show on to us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Lord, have mercy on us - **All: Have mercy on us**
Christ, have mercy on us - **All: Have mercy on us**
Lord, have mercy on us - **All: Have mercy on us**
Christ, hear us - **All: Christ, hear us**
Christ, graciously hear us - **All: Christ, graciously hear us.**

God the Father of Heaven - **All: Have Mercy on us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the World - **All: Have Mercy on us**
God The Holy Spirit - **All: Have Mercy on us**
Holy Trinity, One God - **All: Have Mercy on us**
Holy Mary, - **Pray For Us**
Holy Mother of God, - “ ”
Holy Virgin of Virgins, - “ ”
Mother of Christ, - “ ”
Mother of Mercy, - “ ”
Mother of Divine Grace, - “ ”
Mother of Hope, - “ ”
Mother Most Pure, - “ ”
Mother Most Chaste, - “ ”
Mother Inviolate, - “ ”
Mother undefiled, - “ ”
Mother Most Lovable, - “ ”
Mother Most Admirable, - “ ”
Mother of Good Counsel, - “ ”
Mother of our Creator, - “ ”
Mother of our Savior, - “ ”
Mother Most Venerable, - “ ”
Virgin Most Renowned, - “ ”
Virgin Most Merciful, - “ ”
Virgin Most Faithful, - “ ”
Mirror of Justice, - “ ”
Seat of Wisdom, - “ ”
Cause of our Joy, - “ ”
Spiritual Vessel, - “ ”
Vessel of Honor, - “ ”
Singular Vessel of Devotion, - “ ”
Mystical Rose, - “ ”
Tower of David, - “ ”
Tower of Ivory, - “ ”
House of Gold, - “ ”
Ark of the Covenant, - “ ”
Gate of Heaven, - “ ”
Morning Star, - “ ”
Health of the Sick, - “ ”
Refuge of Sinners, - “ ”
Solace of Migrants, - “ ”
Comfort of the Afflicted, - “ ”

Help of the Sick,	-	“	”
Queen of Angels,	-	“	”
Queen of Patriarchs,	-	“	”
Queen of Prophets,	-	“	”
Queen of Apostles,	-	“	”
Queen of Martyrs,	-	“	”
Queen of Confessors,	-	“	”
Queen of Virgins,	-	“	”
Queen of All Saints,	-	“	”
Queen Conceived Without Original Sin,	-	“	”
Queen Assumed into Heaven,	-	“	”
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,	-	“	”
Queen of Families	-	“	”
Queen of Peace,	-	“	”

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,	-	All: Spare us, O lord
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,	-	All: Graciously hear us, O lord.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,	-	All: Have mercy on us

Leader: Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray:

Lord God, give to your people the joy of continual health of mind and body. With the prayers of the Virgin Mary to help us, guide us through the sorrows of this life to eternal happiness in the life to come. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reign with you and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

HYMNS TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Daily, Daily – Sing to Mary

You are the Honor

Mother Dearest (Public Domain)

1. Mother dearest, Mother fairest, help of all who come on Thee
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest, help us, help, we pray to Thee.

**Chorus: Mary help us, help we pray! Mary help us, help we pray!
Help us in all care and sorrow! Mary help us, help we pray!**

2. Lady help in pain and sorrow, soothe those racked on beds of pain
May the golden light of morrow, bring them health and joy again.
3. Lady help, the absent loved ones, how we miss their presence here:
May the hand of Thy protection, guide and guard them far and near.

Mother Dear, O pray for Me

Immaculate Mary