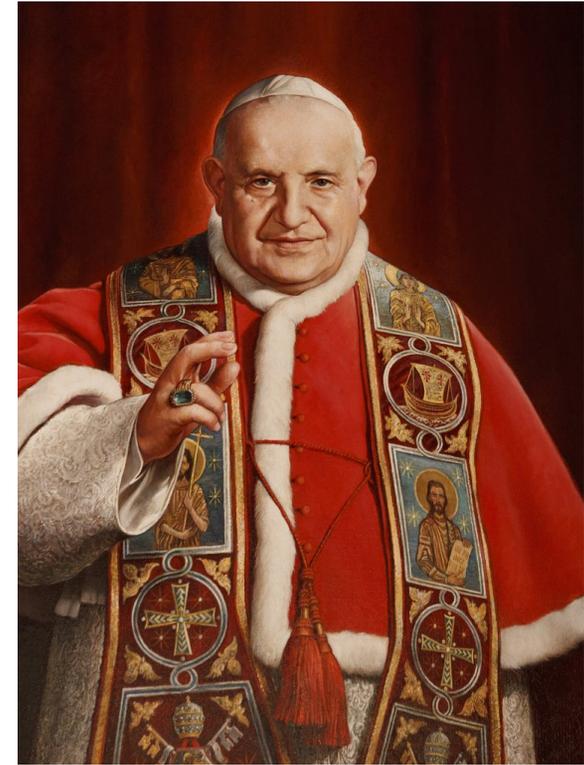


*The proposed novena takes its inspiration
from the life of “Good Pope John”.
It invites us to ask the help of God
so that we might acquire some of those qualities
that Saint John XXIII possessed in an exemplary fashion
and that remain necessary to a Christian life
worthy of being called such.*

The following is a suggested format
for each day of the Novena:

- Sign of the Cross.
- Read some verses from the Scriptures.
- Reflect on the texts you have read.
- Think about Saint John XXIII, who he was and what he experienced in his life of service on earth.
- Uniting yourself to Mary, the Apostles, Saint John XXIII and the Lord Jesus Christ, present your requests to God.
- Pray for yourself, for your family, for your parish, for the entire Church and for all who live on earth.
- Recite the Prayer to Saint John XXIII.
- Recite an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.
- Ask God to bless you and others.



Saint John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli

Feast Day 11 October

Born 25 November 1881

Sotto il Monte, Bergamo, Italy

Ordained Priest 10 August 1904

Ordained Bishop 19 March 1925

Created Cardinal 12 January 1953

Elected Pope 28 October 1958

Died 3 June 1963

Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

Beatified 3 September 2000

Canonized 27 April 2014

Suggested Novena Intentions

Day One October 2	Lord, increase goodness in us. Pray that all may have a heart and soul set only on doing good and on building a world where justice reigns.
Day Two October 3	Lord, may your will be done. Pray that all may give themselves over to doing God's will, acting always with love and mercy as Jesus did.
Day Three October 4	Lord, make us peacemakers. Pray that people of good will may work together for the establishment of peace everywhere in the world.
Day Four October 5	Lord, help us to live in simplicity. Pray that in meekness and humility we may reach out to assist others with friendly hands as John XXIII did.
Day Five October 6	Lord, fill us with the joy of the Gospel. Pray for a greater appreciation of the beauty of the world and the beauty of human life, the gifts and dignity of all.
Day Six October 7	Lord, increase our faith in you. Pray that the Church may remain faithful to her mission, proclaiming Christ always with courage and conviction.
Day Seven October 8	Lord, increase our trust in others. Pray to discern and appreciate the talents of others and to collaborate with them in the proclamation of the Gospel.
Day Eight October 9	Lord, make us bold witnesses. Pray to never be discouraged in the face of difficulties and hardships, but to unceasingly reach out to others.
Day Nine October 10	Lord, help us to put our lives into your hands. Pray that all members of the Church may live out their baptism by putting themselves at the service of others.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN XXIII

Dear Pope John,

**Your simplicity and meekness
carried the scent of God
and sparked in people's hearts
the desire for goodness.**

**You spoke often of the beauty of the family
gathered around the table to share bread and faith:
pray for us that once again
true families would live in our homes.**

**With outstretched hands you sowed hope,
and you taught us to listen for God's footsteps
as he prepares a new humanity:
help us have a healthy optimism
of defeating evil with good.**

**You loved the world with its light and darkness,
and you believed that peace is possible:
help us be instruments of peace
at home and in our communities.**

**With paternal gentleness
you gave all children a caress:
you moved the world and reminded us
that hands have been given to us not for striking,
but for embracing and drying tears.**

**Pray for us so that
we do not limit ourselves to cursing the darkness
but that we bring the light, bringing Jesus everywhere
and always praying to Mary.**

Amen.