

(Optional Prayers)

PRAYER TO OBTAIN SOME SPECIAL FAVOR

Great St. Ann, engrave indelibly on my heart and in my mind the words which have reclaimed and sanctified so many sinners: “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” **Mark 8:36**. May this be the principal fruit of these exercises by which I will strive to honor you during this novena. At your feet I renew my resolution to invoke you daily, not only for the success of my temporal affairs and to be preserved from sickness and suffering, but above all, that I may be preserved from all sin, and that I may succeed in working out my eternal salvation. O most powerful St. Ann, do not let me lose my soul, I hope to one day be with you in heaven and your blessed daughter, to sing the praises of the most holy and adorable Trinity for ever and ever. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O IMMACULATE MARY, lily of purity, I salute you, because from the very first instant of your conception you were filled with grace. I thank and adore the most Holy Trinity for having imparted to you favors so sublime.

O Mary, full of grace, help me to share, even though just a little, in the fullness of grace so wonderfully bestowed on you in your Immaculate Conception. With firm confidence in your never failing intercession, we beseech you to obtain for us the intentions of this novena . . . **(Pause - mention intentions)** . . . and also that purity of mind, heart and body necessary to unite us with God. Good St. Ann - pray for us. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST.ANN

(prayed after lighting a candle in the shrine)

Saint Ann, you brought into the world the Virgin Mary, and Mary gave us Jesus, the only Son of the Most High God, the crucified Redeemer, the risen Lord.

St. Ann, blessed be you! We revere you, we appeal to you, we thank you.

Be the guardian of faith in our hearts, of grace in our souls, of stability in our homes, of love in our families, of reconciliation in the Church, of peace in the world.

Keep alive within us the virtue of hope, which like this candle that burns before you, prolongs our prayer.

St. Ann, watch over us.



NOVENA in HONOR OF ST. ANN

THE HYMN TO ST. ANN

- I. To kneel at your altar,
In faith we draw near,
Led onward by Mary,
Your daughter so dear.

CHORUS

O Good St. Ann, we call on your name,
Your praises loud, your children proclaim.

- II. St. Ann, we implore you,
To listen to our prayer,
In time of temptation,
Take us in your care.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come 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. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

Father, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of the Holy Spirit. In that Spirit give us right judgment and the joy of His comfort and guidance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHAPLET OF ST. ANN

First mystery: Meditate on St. Ann's role as wife of St. Joachim and Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1 OUR FATHER and 5 HAIL MARYS

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

St. Ann, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pray for us.

Second mystery: Meditate on Mary's cooperation with God's plan for the salvation of humankind

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Third mystery: Meditate on God becoming man, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. ANN

Good St. Ann, you were privileged to be the mother of Mary, God's mother and ours / and so you hold a favored place among the saints. / We turn to you with confidence / because of your closeness to Mary; / and also because you have always shown your power and willingness to help those devoted to you.

Through this novena, St. Ann / I ask you to help me each day / to come closer to Jesus through Mary. / Give me a horror for sin / which separates me from God / and teach me to love my neighbor as myself. / I place before you the special intentions of this novena. *(Pause)* Please recommend them to Mary / that she may bring them before her son, Jesus.

Intercede for me, St. Ann / that I may follow Jesus more closely in the vocation in life to which He has called me / so that when this life is over / I may, with Mary and you and all the saints, / enjoy the vision of God face to face.

Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, / health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, / you know my wants, my troubles, my suffering. / Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. / By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, / you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, where you dispensed your favors, / and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities both spiritual and corporal. / I come therefore with the most unbounded confidence / to implore your maternal intercession. / Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. *(Pause - mention intentions)* Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, / that I may one day share your glory. / Amen.

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The novena in honor of St. Ann is conducted every Tuesday after the 8:45 am mass and during the 7:00 pm mass. Also every Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9:30 am until 6:00 pm, when adoration is closed with Benediction.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 6:30 pm - 6:45 pm. Twice each year a solemn nine-day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of mass, homily and novena prayers.

July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann).

Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the 1st week in Lent.