



## Perpetual Novena to St. Monica

**ALL:** *We beseech you, St. Monica – hear our prayer*

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven.

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Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God.

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Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

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Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. ***We beseech you, St. Monica – hear our prayer***

Grant us that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for us, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear our pleas. ***We beseech you, St. Monica – hear our prayer***

And grant us the grace to accept His will in all things, and to faithfully persevere in prayer for the conversion of loved ones. ***We beseech you, St. Monica – hear our prayer***

*Let us pray:* O God, who console the sorrowful and who mercifully accepted the motherly tears of Saint Monica for the conversion of her son Augustine, grant us, through the intercession of them both, that we may bitterly regret our sins and find the grace of your pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**