

### Day Five

*“After the love which we owe Jesus Christ, we must give the chief place in our heart to the love of His Mother Mary.”*

—St. Alphonsus

Say the daily novena prayer.

### Day Six

*“Is there anyone who does not know the power of Mary’s prayers with God? The law of clemency is on her tongue. Every prayer of hers is as a law established by our Lord, that mercy shall be exercised towards those for whom Mary intercedes.”*

—St. Alphonsus

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### Day Seven

*“It is true that God ought to be worshipped always with the greatest reverence; however, when He deigns to make you feel His presence and when He makes known His desire that you should speak to Him as to the friend who loves you better than any other friend, you should open your heart to Him with the greatest liberty and confidence.”*

—St. Alphonsus

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### Day Eight

*“When you are afflicted with sickness, persecution, temptation, or any other trouble, turn at once to God and ask His*

*help. It is enough for you to lay your affliction before Him. . . . He will not fail to comfort you or to give you strength to suffer the trial with patience.”*

—St. Alphonsus

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### Day Nine

*“My Jesus, I love You with my whole heart. I am sorry for having so many times offended Your infinite goodness. With the help of Your grace, I purpose never to offend You again. And now, unworthy though I am, I consecrate myself to You without reserve. I renounce and give entirely to You my will, my affection, my desires, and all that I possess.”*

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### What does

#### “**Doctor of the Church**” mean?

In 1871, St. Alphonsus was proclaimed a doctor of the Church. Because of the depth of his understanding of the truths of the Church as imparted by Christ, his writings and preaching had a *significant impact on the formulation of Christian teaching* at that time and for future generations.

## A Novena to Saint Alphonsus Liguori Doctor of the Church



### Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Born: September 27, 1696

Died: August 1, 1787

Canonized: May 26, 1839

Patron of: theologians

confessors

vocations

arthritis sufferers

## Daily novena prayer

Glorious St. Alphonsus, bishop and doctor of the Church, devoted servant of our Lord and loving child of Mary, I invoke you as a saint in heaven. I give myself to your protection that you may always be my protector and my guide in the way of holiness and salvation.

Aid me in observing the duties of my state of life. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life after your own example.

Great lover of the Blessed Sacrament and the Passion of Jesus Christ, teach me to love Holy Mass and Holy Communion as the source of grace and holiness. Give me a tender devotion to the Passion of my Redeemer.

Promoter of the truth of Christ, through your preaching and writing, give me a greater knowledge and appreciation of the divine truths.

Gentle father of the poor and sinners, help me to imitate your charity toward others in word and deed.

Consoler of the suffering, help me to bear my daily cross patiently in imitation of your own patience in your long and painful illness and to resign myself to the will of God.

Good Shepherd of the flock of Christ, obtain for me the grace of being a true child of Holy Mother Church.

St. Alphonsus, I humbly implore your powerful intercession for obtaining from the heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I recommend to you in particular this favor: (mention your request).

I have great confidence in your prayers. I earnestly trust that if it is God's holy will, my petition will be granted through your intercession for me at the throne of God.

St. Alphonsus, pray for me and for those I love. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, do not abandon us in our needs. May we experience the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

Heavenly Father, You continually build up Your Church by the lives of Your saints. Give us grace to follow St. Alphonsus in his loving concern for the salvation of people and so come to share his reward in heaven. Walking in the footsteps of this devoted servant of Yours, may we be consumed with zeal for souls and attain the reward he enjoys in Your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Day One

*"He who prays is certain to be saved, while he who prays not is certain to be damned. All the saints were saved and came to be saints by praying; all the accursed souls in hell were lost through neglect of prayer."*

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### Day Two

*"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends."*

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### Day Three

*"The sovereigns of the earth do not always grant audience readily; on the contrary, the King of Heaven, hidden under the eucharistic veils, is always ready to receive anyone."*

—St. Alphonsus

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### Day Four

*"Bear well in mind that you have neither friend nor brother nor father nor mother nor spouse nor lover who loves you more than God."*

—St. Alphonsus

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