

# **Novena In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary**



**Novena Begins: September 28**

**Feast Day: October 7**

**I. Opening Song (standing)**  
(The leader or the choir gives the cue)

**II. Prayer for Everyday (Kneeling)**

Leader: Lord our God

All: I come before you once more to offer to You my prayers. I have not made my pleas to You again and again and each moment I do, the more my faith increases that you are truly the God of life and of love.

However, there have been a number of times also that I fail to call on You. That I fail to love my neighbours. That I fail to keep my promises. That I fail to ask for pardon and to give pardon to others. That I fail to give thanks for all the blessings that come my way. And yet in all these moments, you are ever present O Lord to remind me that You are just around to take me back once more if I will but come to You.

By meditating on the mysteries of the holy Rosary especially in this novena in honour of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, may I be led to find your presence in my life as Mother Mary found it in her own life. In every mystery of my joy, in every mystery of my glory, may I be able to recognize your hand that I may know you are indeed the Emmanuel-the God who is with us now and forever. Amen

**III. Holy Rosary (may be said privately)**

**IV. Litany of Mary our Mother**

Lord, have mercy on us—*Christ, have mercy on us*

Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, hear us—*Christ, graciously hear us*

God the Father in heaven, *\*have mercy on us*

God the Son Redeemer of the world, \*

God the Holy Ghost, \*

Holy Trinity one God, \*

Holy Mary, \*\* Pray for us  
 Holy Mother of God, \*\*  
 Holy Virgin of virgins, \*\*  
 Mother of Christ, \*\*  
 Mother of The Church, \*\*  
 Mother of divine grace, \*\*  
 Mother of most pure, \*\*  
 Mother most chaste, \*\*  
 Mother inviolate, \*\*  
 Mother undefiled, \*\*  
 Mother most amiable, \*\*  
 Mother most admirable, \*\*  
 Mother of good counsel, \*\*  
 Mother of our Creator, \*\*  
 Mother of our Saviour, \*\*  
 Virgin most prudent, \*\*  
 Virgin most venerable, \*\*  
 Virgin most renowned, \*\*  
 Virgin most powerful, \*\*  
 Virgin most merciful, \*\*  
 Virgin most faithful, \*\*  
 Mirror of justice, \*\*  
 Seat of wisdom, \*\*  
 Cause of our joy, \*\*  
 Spiritual vessel, \*\*  
 Vessel of honour, \*\*  
 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, \*\*  
 Comforter of the afflicted, \*\*  
 Help of Christians, \*\*  
 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, who takes the away the sins of the world,  
*spare us O Lord,*  
 Lamb of God, who takes the away the sins of the world,  
*graciously hear us O Lord,*  
 Lamb of God, who takes the away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy on us.*

V/. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.- O God whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that through the meditation of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through Christ our Lord.

Extend O Lord to your servants your heavenly aid that we may seek you with all our hearts and obtain what we ask.

Hear, O Lord our prayers and grant to us our deceased associates the rest of heaven and to your Church, peace, through the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary and the merits of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

#### V. Prayer to St. Joseph

R/. Behold the faithful and wise servant whom the Master has placed over his household.

V/. The Lord has shown him his love and covered him with glory.

R/. He has clothed him with splendid garment.

V/. Let us Pray.

R/. Almighty God, at the beginning of our salvation when Mary conceived your Son and brought him forth into the world, you placed him under Joseph's watchful care. May his prayers help your Church to be equally faithful guardian of your mysteries and a sign of Christ to mankind. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

#### VI. Prayer for Each Day of the Novena (Kneeling)

### **First Day Sept. 28**

V/. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. Here went and said to her, "Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour. The Lord is with you ... You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son and you must name him Jesus ... Mary said, "You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said" (Lk 1:26-28, 31, 38) *(a moment of silence)*

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. At your tender age, you have manifested to us a shining example of how it is to obey the will of God. It was your obedience that gave way to the incarnation of the Lord. Help me O Mother Mary that I may imitate your example. May I abide by the Lord's will for me. May I also learn to devote myself to Him throw genuine service to others, a truthful knowledge of His Word and wholehearted reception of the sacraments. May I also love Him the way you loved Him that His Word may also be done unto me. *(a moment of silence)*

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. *(Pray 3 Hail Marys)*

### **Second Day Sept. 29**

V/. Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could into the hill country to a town in Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now it happened that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Look, the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled". (Lk 1:39-45) *(a moment of silence)*

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. Your visit to your cousin Elizabeth has been a cause of rejoicing for her. You were indeed a true messenger of the Good News because you can truly reveal to the people around you the power and love of God. May I also be able to bring the Good News to the people in my midst especially to the members of my family and to those people dear to me. May I always remember that love grows its roots at home. And if I desire to be an effective messenger of the Good News, it is in my home where I should begin. *(a moment of silence)*

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. *(Pray 3 Hail Marys)*

### **Third Day Sept. 30**

V/. And when the day came for them to be purified in keeping with the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what is written in the law of the Lord: Every first born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is prescribed in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons (Lk 1:22-25). *(a moment of silence)*

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. You manifest your faithfulness to God by obeying his laws. Nonetheless, this faithfulness comes not simply from the prompting of the law but greatly from the inspiration of your sincere love for God. It is this love that teaches you that there is no such thing as a small gift for God as long as it is given with a big heart. Teach me O, Mother Mary to be faithful to God. Teach me to manifest this faithfulness by offering to Him even the little things I do. Even through such little things, may the grace of God come to me to help me offer myself to him completely. *(a moment of silence)*

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. (*Pray 3 Hail Marys*)

#### **Fourth Day Oct. 1**

V/. As the child's father and mother were wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed - and a sword will pierce your soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare (Lk 2:33-35). (*a moment of silence*)

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. You were chosen to be the Mother of God. And being the Mother of God, you were chosen not only to share in the glory but also in the sacrifice which your Son was bound to undertake. Yet all these, you bore with a heart knowing that the taste of glory is rewarded only to those who have paid the price of great sacrifice.

O Mother Mary, may I always remember that there is nothing in this world that can surpass the glory of life that is promised by the Lord. Pray that I may be worthy of it by sharing in his suffering and to be persevering through it all. (*a moment of silence*)

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. (*Pray 3 Hail Marys*)

#### **Fifth Day Oct. 2**

V/. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleofas and Mary Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his Mother, "Woman, this is your son". Then to the disciple he said, "This is your mother". And from that hour the disciple took her into his home (Jn 19: 25-27) (*a moment of silence*)

V/. At the last hour of your son, you were also present O,

Mother Mary so that even at that last moment you might offer him love and that you might offer yourself too to the Father in union with the son's offering of himself. You followed him until the foot of the cross. Your faith endured until the foot of the cross.

Indeed, the cross is the mark of a true Christian. Yet it is also the cross that makes it so hard to follow the Lord. The cross against the lure of power. The cross against the lure of riches. The cross against the lure of worldliness. The cross against the lure of selfishness. Help me bear this cross O Mother Mary. And like you, may I also unite myself in union with the sacrifice of the Lord, for my salvation and the salvation of others too. (*silence*)

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. (*Pray 3 Hail Marys*)

#### **Sixth Day Oct. 3**

V/. In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you", and after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord and he said to them again, "Peace be with you" (Jn 20: 19-20) (*a moment of silence*)

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. The resurrection of the Lord was a Good News not only for you but also for the apostles and all those people who have kept their faith in him. In the sight of the whole world, the Lord has revealed himself in glory - the glory that brings a peace.

Pray O Mother Mary that I may have a share in this glory. What good could passing pleasure bring me if my life is bare of meaning? What good could come from praises, from riches, from greatness if I find no direction in life? What would it profit me to have everything O Mother Mary if I remain a slave of sin? This is

not what I seek. What I seek is a new life. A new life where I would find the peace which the resurrected Lord brings. Pray for me O Mother Mary. Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (*a moment of silence*)

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. (*Pray 3 Hail Marys*)

#### **Seventh Day Oct. 4**

V/. So from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, they went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city, they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:12-14) (*a moment of silence*)

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. You were with the apostles since the early days of the Church. This is so because you were aware that union with the Church is an important part of the following of Christ; because you believed that no one lives nor dies for oneself alone.

O Mother Mary, I am a part of the Church but how do I give witness to it? Do I see in myself the enthusiasm and joy whenever I engage myself in prayer? Do I see in myself the concern for other people and the effort to be one with them in their sorrow and joy like a true and compassionate Christian?

Help me be aware O Mother Mary of my responsibilities and grant me the inspiration to perform all these for the good of the Church whose Mother and intercessor you are. (*moment of silence*)

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. (*Pray 3 Hail Marys*)

#### **Eighth Day Oct. 5**

V/. How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Blessed are the gentle: they shall have the earth as inheritance. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness: they shall have their fill. Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven (Mt 5: 3-4, 6, 8, 12) (*a moment of silence*)

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. Your being the mother of God has been a great blessing for you though it is also what brought you to a great trial. Yet you did not mind whatever difficulties you might suffer, whatever "sword may pierce your soul" because you believed that at the end of all these waits the reward that God has kept in store for all those who enjoyed His favor.

And who else should be first to be called blessed but you O Mother Mary who was the first to obey the will of God who was the first to follow the Lord and who was the first to experience the burdens that come with it.

You are the image O Mother Mary of the fulfilment of the promises of the Lord. May I always keep in my heart these promises to give me strength during hard times and to give me light towards the goal I seek. (*a moment of silence*)

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. (*Pray 3 Hail Marys*)

#### **Ninth Day Oct. 6**

V/. My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my saviour, for he has looked upon his servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed. God who is Mitty has done great things for me, holy is his name. (Lk 1:46-49) (*a moment of silence*)

V/. O Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. Like yours, my soul also praises the Lord and my spirit likewise rejoices because of the great things that the Lord has done for you. Because of them, you have become our intercessor and companion in our prayers and praises to the Lord.

Within the nine days of this novena, I have come to reflect on the great things that may also happen to me if I will but grow in the likeness of your dedication and love for the Lord.

I am aware that things should not end in this novena. Greater challenges await me as I continue to pursue the journey of life. But now, I have greater courage to face them all, because I believe that the Lord always takes care of his lowly servants like me. And because I believe, that I have a blessed Mother in you to whom I can always turn to, and a Blessed Mother who shall always pray for me. *(a moment of silence)*

V/. In silence, let us now offer to God the personal petitions we wish to obtain through the intercession of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. *(Pray 3 Hail Marys)*

### **Thanksgiving (Final Prayer for Everyday)**

V/. Queen of the Holy Rosary.

R/. We gather as one people in celebration of battles fought and won; a vow made and fulfilled; a time remembered and held dear; a miracle experienced and kept alive; love received and returned; your patronage sought and thanked for; God praised, God adored.

V/. O Beloved Mother

R/. As our lips move in whispered prayers, our hands over beads, our knees bend, our eyes look up to you, we plead for your mercy, your grace, your love.

V/. O Mother of Peace,

R/. Give birth to God in our hearts. Give birth to Peace in our world. Give birth to the Word who heals all strife, conquers sin with love, overcomes death, brings us life! As once you inter-

ceded for the victory of faith in this world, pray for us, now, in our struggle for truth and justice, for peace and love in Christ.

V/. O Queen of all nations,

R/. In your loving hands, you hold Jesus, our God, our King, our Saviour. You hold Him for us to adore and serve, to love and find salvation in. O Mother and Queen, our hearts may be small but our love is enormous. And we ask you to come and take your place in us, in the company of your beloved Son; to bless us with your abiding presence; to fill us and keep us in your love and protection; to lead us in the eternal Fiat and Magnificat to God, in whose name we gather. AMEN.

### **Biography: La Naval de Manila La Naval Battles**

In 1646, naval forces of the Dutch Republic made several, repeated attempts to conquer the Philippines in a bid to control trade in Asia. The combined Spanish and Filipino forces who fought were said to have requested the intercession of the Virgin through the statue prior to the battle. They were urged to place themselves under the protection of Our Lady of the Rosary and to pray the rosary repeatedly. They went on to rebuff the continued attacks by the superior Dutch fleet, engaging in five major battles at sea and losing only fifteen members of the Spanish Navy.

With five battles to face against the Dutch, the Filipino and Spanish forces led by Commander Lorenzo de Orellana y Ugalde won despite being shorthanded: they had only 2 merchant galleons: The "Encarnacion" and the "Santo Rosario" against 18 Dutch warships.

After the Dutch retreat, in fulfillment of their vow, the survivors walked barefoot to the shrine in gratitude to the Virgin. Later, on 9 April 1662, the cathedral chapter of the Archdiocese of Manila declared the naval victory a miraculous event owed to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, declaring:

"Granted by the Sovereign Lord through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin and devotion to her Rosary, that the miracles



be celebrated, preached and held in festivities and to be recounted amongst the miracles wrought by the Lady of the Rosary for the greater devotion of the faithful to Our Most Blessed Virgin Mary and Her Holy Rosary."

Since then, the tradition of walking barefoot to her shrine later evolved to the iconic Grand Procession of the Santo Rosario that gathers to millions of devotees every year. "*Pintakasi*"

### Battle of Lepanto

In the history of naval warfare, Lepanto marks the last major engagement in the Western world to be fought almost entirely between rowing vessels, namely the galleys and galleasses which were the direct descendants of ancient trireme warships. The battle was in essence an "infantry battle on floating platforms". [12] It was the largest naval battle in Western history since classical antiquity, involving more than 400 warships. Over the following decades, the increasing importance of the galleon and the line of battle tactic would displace the galley as the major warship of its era, marking the beginning of the "Age of Sail".

The Holy League credited the victory to the Virgin Mary, whose intercession with God they had implored for victory through the use of the Rosary. Andrea Doria had kept a copy of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe given to him by King Philip II of Spain in his ship's state room.[51] Pope Pius V instituted a new Catholic feast day of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the battle, which is now celebrated by the Catholic Church as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. [52] Dominican friar Juan Lopez in his 1584 book on the rosary states that the feast of the rosary was offered "in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada".[53] Wikipedia

