

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Feast Day, December 8)



NOVENA PRAYER
(To be said every day)

In thy conception, O Virgin Mary, thou wast immaculate; *pray for us to the Father, whose son Jesus, conceived in thy womb by the Holy Ghost, thou didst bring forth.*

O God, who through the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary didst prepare a worthy dwelling-place for Thy divine Son; grant that, as in view of Thy Son Thou didst preserve her from all taint, so Thou wouldst vouchsafe unto us that cleansed from all sin by her intercession we too may arrive at Thine eternal glory. Through the same Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

(Prayer for each day, below)

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FIRST DAY:

Behold, Virgin Immaculate, at thy sacred feet I bow, while my heart overflows with joy in union with thine own, because from eternity thou wast the Mother-elect of the eternal Word, and was preserved stainless from the taint of Adam's sin. Forever praised, forever blessed be the Most Holy Trinity, who in thy conception poured out upon thy soul the riches of that matchless privilege. I humbly pray thee, most gracious Mother, obtain for me the grace to overcome the bitter results of original sin.

Make me victorious over them, that I may never cease to love my God.

Hail Mary, etc.

O Mary, conceived without sin, *pray for us who have recourse to thee!*

SECOND DAY:

Mary, unsullied lily of heavenly purity, I rejoice with thee, because at thy conception's earliest dawn thou wast full of grace and endowed with the perfect use of reason. I

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thank and adore the ever-blessed Trinity, who gave thee such high gifts. I am overwhelmed with shame in thy presence, to see myself so poor in grace. O thou who wast willed with heavenly grace, impart some portion of it to my soul, and make me share the treasures of thy Immaculate Conception.

Hail Mary, etc.

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THIRD DAY:

Mary, thou mystical rose of purity, my heart rejoices with thine at the glorious triumph which thou didst gain over the infernal serpent by thy Immaculate Conception, and because thou wast conceived without stain of original sin. I thank and praise with my whole heart the ever-blessed Trinity, who granted thee this glorious privilege; and I pray thee to obtain for me strength to overcome all the wiles of the infernal foe, and never to stain my soul with sin. Be thou mine aid; make me, by thy protection, victorious over the common foe of our eternal welfare.

Hail Mary, etc.

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FOURTH DAY:

Mirror of holy purity, Mary, Virgin Immaculate, great is my joy while I consider that, from thy Immaculate Conception, the most sublime and perfect virtues were infused into thy soul, and with them all the gifts of the Holy Ghost. I thank and praise the Most Holy Trinity, who bestowed on thee these high privileges. I pray the, gentle

Mother, obtain for me grace to practice virtue, and to make me worthy to become partaker of the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, etc.

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FIFTH DAY:

Mary, bright moon of purity, I rejoice with thee, because the mystery of thy Immaculate Conception was the beginning of salvation for the race of man and the joy of the whole world. I thank and bless the ever-blessed Trinity, who thus did magnify and glorify thee; and I beg of thee to obtain for me the grace so to profit by thy dear Son's death and passion, that His precious blood may not have been shed in vain for me upon the cross, but that, after a holy life, I may reach heaven in safety.

Hail Mary, etc.

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SIXTH DAY:

Mary Immaculate, most brilliant star of purity, I rejoice with thee because thy Immaculate Conception has bestowed upon the angels in paradise the greatest joy. I thank and bless the ever-blessed Trinity, who enriched thee with this high privilege. O let me, too, one day enter into this heavenly joy, in the company of the angels, that I may praise and bless thee, world without end.

Hail Mary, etc.

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SEVENTH DAY:

Mary Immaculate, rising morn of purity, I rejoice with thee, gazing into wonder upon thy soul confirmed in grace from the very first moment of thy conception, and rendered inaccessible to sin. I thank and magnify the ever-blessed Trinity, who chose thee from all our race for this special privilege. Holy Virgin, obtain for me utter and constant hatred of all sin above every other evil, and let me rather die than ever again fall into sin.

Hail Mary, etc.

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EIGHTH DAY:

O spotless sun! O Virgin Mary! I congratulate thee. I rejoice with thee because in thy conception God gave thee grace greater and more boundless than He ever shed on all His angels and all the saints, together with all their merits. I am thankful and I marvel at the surpassing beneficence of the ever-blessed Trinity, who conferred on thee this privilege. Make me correspond with the grace of God and never abuse it. Change this heart of mine; make me now begin to amend my life.

Hail Mary, etc.

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NINTH DAY:

O living light of holiness, model of purity, Mary Immaculate, virgin and mother! As soon as thou wast conceived thou didst profoundly adore thy God, giving Him thanks that in thee the ancient curse was revoked, and blessing came again upon the sinful sons of Adam. O make this blessing kindle in my heart love of God: and do thou fan this flame of love within me, that I may love Him constantly and one day in heaven eternally to enjoy Him, there to thank Him more and more fervently for all the wondrous privileges conferred on thee, and to rejoice with thee for thy high crown of glory.

Hail Mary, etc.

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