## Novena to Our Lady of Good Success Day 1

#### Act of Repentance

I believe in Thee, O my God. Strengthen, O Lord, my faith. I hope in Thee, O my God. Affirm, O Lord, my hope. I love Thee, O my God. Increase, O Lord, my love. I repent of having offended Thee. O my God, help me to have contrition, so that I may, with the help of Thy grace and the powerful patronage of Holy Mary of Good Success, never sin again. O Lord, have pity and mercy on me. Amen.

# **Opening Prayer**

O most Excellent and Immaculate Queen of Heaven, Holy Mary of Good Success, Most favored Daughter of the Eternal Father, Most beloved Mother of the Divine Son, Most cherished Spouse of the Holy Ghost, Sublime throne of the Divine Majesty, August Temple of the Holy Trinity, In whom the Three Divine Persons Have placed the treasures of Their Power, Wisdom, and Love!

Remember, Virgin Mary of Good Success,
Whom God has made so great
So that thou canst give succor to miserable sinners;
Remember that thou has often promised to show thyself A merciful Mother to those who have recourse to thee.

I come to thee then, Mother most merciful, and I beg thee, for thy love of the Most High, That thou shouldst obtain for me from God the Father a lively Faith that never loses sight of the eternal truths; From the Son, a firm Hope that always aspires to reach that glory that He won for me with His Blood;

And from the Holy Ghost, a charity so inflamed that I will always live loving the Supreme Goodness and thee, Most Holy Virgin, until, through thy intervention, I should love and enjoy thee eternally in glory.

Amen.

We salute thee Mary, as the Favored Daughter of God the Father. Hail Mary...

We salute thee Mary, as the Chosen Mother of the Divine Son. Hail Mary...

We salute thee Mary, as the Singular Spouse of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary...

Glory be to the Father...

Consider how great and incomparable are the wonders of God Omnipotent, manifesting the treasures of His Mercy in favor of those He redeemed. Therefore, if we admire the excesses of His Goodness in the many benefits with which He has enriched us, how much more should we marvel at and be filled with gratitude for the greatest blessing of His Right Hand, that most excellent and privileged creature, Mary most holy, whom He gave us for our consolation, especially for those who serve and love Him with all their hearts, and inspired the diverse titles and invocations that honor her.

Through these devotions, we receive great favors by means of her succor and protection. This has been the experience of true devotees of the Mother of God, and especially of those who have recourse to her by means of the marvelous Statue of Good Success, which is placed in the Church of the Royal Hospital in the City of Madrid, miraculous from the beginning in the special and unexpected way that this Treasure was found in the wilderness. As God said to the Prophet Isaiah, He would seek out those who had not come seeking for Him, and would set aside those who had not believed in His goodness and largesse.

Thus also did the Most High made clear His Will that His Holy Mother be honored and venerated under the avocation of Good Success.

#### Prayer

O Lord of infinite goodness,

by the miraculous making of this image of Mary Most Holy, Thou hath given us a powerful intercessor to whom we might have recourse with total confidence in her amiable protection in our necessity.

Grant us the assistance that we are asking with fervor and confidence so that we might know, honor and serve the Blessed Virgin, and so that, by her intercession, we may achieve on this earth our sanctification and afterwards, be happy with her in Heaven.

Amen.

## Act of Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin

O Virgin blessed among all women! We lack the words to give thee thanks for the innumerable blessings that we have received from thy hand.

The day of thy birth can be called the day of thanksgiving, happiness, and consolation.

Thou art the honour of mankind, the joy of Paradise, the beloved gift of God, and the well being of our country. What merit do we have,

Blessed Virgin of Good Success, to deserve to have thee as our Mother?

May God be forever blessed Who has desired it so!

Blessed also art thou, Virgin Mary, because, despite our ingratitude, thou showest us thy propitious favour.

Thus art thou, most clement Mother, our consolation on earth, our refuge, our help and our protection in both our public and private needs. Safeguard us from war, pestilence, hunger, storms, earthquakes and all the calamities, which we merit by our guilt.

Pray for the Holy Church and for her visible head.
Hear the supplications of those who invoke thee.
Be thou our Advocate, our Mother, for as thus do we place our confidence in thee. To thee do we have recourse, and through thy intercession we hope to achieve from thy Son pardon for our sins and perseverance in grace until death.

Amen.

Here, each one raising up his heart to God, should ask, through the intercession of Blessed Mary of Good Success, that grace or favor which he desires to receive.

#### Praises to the Holy Virgin

O Virgin Mary, our Mother preeminent above all on earth.

Come to our assistance and show us mercy, because thou art our Mother.

Above all others, thou were attentive to the Word of the Father, who does great things in thy honor.

Thou art the most worthy temple of the Most Holy Trinity.

Come to our assistance and show us mercy, because thou art our Mother.

In thee is that same purity the Angels enjoy.

Come to our assistance and show us mercy, because thou art our Mother.

The Christian world proclaims that thou doth reign on the right side of the King of Kings.

O Mother of Grace! O our hope! Port for the shipwrecked and star of the sea.

Come to our assistance and show us mercy, because thou art our Mother.

Gate of Heaven, health of the sick, light in the darkness.

Come to our assistance and show us mercy, because thou art our Mother.

Through thee, we will find ourselves before God in the court of the Saints, where He lives and reigns.

Guide our steps and help us, O sweet Mary, in our last hours.

Come to our assistance and show us mercy, because thou art our Mother.

Receive this praise from our tender lips, which cannot express thy singular grandeur.

### Antiphon:

Holy Mary save the miserable, help the weak, intercede for the afflicted, plead for the people, intercede for the clergy, petition for the faithful.

Permit all those who celebrate thy holy memory to experience thy favour and assistance.

Pray for us, O Virgin of Good Success!

So that we may be made worthy to receive the promises of Christ.

## Final Prayer

We ask thee, Our Lord and God, that Thou grant us health of soul and body through the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary. Through her merits and those of her sovereign Child Jesus, we hope to be freed from the present evils and to attain eternal happiness.

Amen...