

Novena to Our Lady of Good Success Day 3

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 the travelers, impelled by grace
and attracted by curiosity
to examine such surprising wonders,
set out for the site offering them refuge.

Taking off their shoes, they climbed the hill
with great difficulty, helping each other
over large boulders and sharp cliffs.

When they reached the cave,
which they were able to see in the flashes of lightning,
how great was their surprise of joy and admiration!

For they saw that this cave had been
delicately carved by nature as a spacious temple.
It protected a beautiful Statue of the Holy Virgin
holding the Christ Child in her left arm,
and carrying a scepter in her right hand.
A precious crown rested on her forehead.
Her dress, like that of the Infant,
was simple but elegant,
and both were made in the same material and style.

The site was adorned with various types of flowers
that carpeted the floor and climbed on the walls,
filling the air with an exquisite fragrance
for the Queen of Heaven.

Set in the rock was a lamp so expertly crafted
that it gave off the illumination of many lights.

Such beauty and delight
to honor such an admirable Lady!

Such surprise and admiration
for the overwhelmed travelers!

The ecstatic pair
contemplated this little part of Heaven
and calmed their overwrought hearts
in the presence of their Mother,
who, after the terrible storm,
had come to them so unexpectedly,
radiant with beauty and tender of feature,
to provide them with refuge and consolation
in that desperate and difficult juncture.

So also my soul is calmed before the image of Mary.
When the burdens of life and its imminent dangers
bring us close to despair, let us go, then,
to her with tranquility and confidence,
thanking God Who in His Omnipotence
permitted that portentous statue
to be miraculously found in that hidden place
for the honor of the Immaculate Virgin
and so that all might venerate Her
under that precious avocation of Good Success.

Prayer

O God of Mercy, Who never abandons in desolation one who faithfully and fervently serves Thee amid the misfortunes and dangers of life, and Who leads us to find our Mother and advocate as a refuge in our adversities, grant us a tender and fervent heart to search for Mary and find her, always loving and protective, so that we might serve her and merit, through Thy intercession, to lead a good and Christian life and afterwards be with her forever 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 favour 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 honour.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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 favor 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...