

## Novena to Our Lady of Good Success Day 4

### 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 the indescribable joy of the good Minorite brothers upon contemplating these prodigies.

The Statue of our beloved Mother shone before them like a resplendent star, and they reverently prostrated themselves before her to praise and thank her for a gift so unique and an event so extraordinary.

Their thoughts and sentiments were raised to heavenly considerations and they believe themselves favoured by something supernatural.

For everything they saw and felt within those walls  
of rock in such an inaccessible place  
so far from any other houses  
seemed made by more than human hands.  
They repeated their prayers of thanksgiving with fervour.

Then, asking light and grace from Heaven  
to know what they should do, they decided to try to  
discover the origin of that sanctuary and Statue by  
seeking the pious persons or community who were  
caring so prodigiously for this cult.

Even though it seemed impossible to them that such magnificence was the work of men in a place so retired and inaccessible, prudence and piety cautioned them to first make a cautious investigation about the matter.

They inquired at the hamlets nearest the cave, which were more than three leagues in distance, but found no one who could give them the least information about the Statue.

Not even the persons they questioned who were 80 and 100 years old had ever heard about the statue or any such devotion in those outlying woods or any other place near the region.

Consider, then, the astonishment and holy joy of the Brothers, now the owners of the extraordinary finding, as they humbled themselves again before the Holy Statue, offering her their warmest thanks with embraces and warm emotion, choosing her as their special patron and mediatrix under the very significant title of Mother of Good Success.



The heart is moved by sentiments of pious gratitude and admiration for such a prodigious favour as this that was granted to the Holy Brothers.

Let us unite with them  
in their tender embraces of Mary,  
loving her and lavishing her with generous resolutions,  
because we also have mercifully found her on the  
dangerous pathway of life amid the horror of the  
storm of our passions.

## Prayer

O God of infinite love! Thou hath given us in our Mother a precious shelter and consolation, placing her in the pathway of our hazardous lives so that she might be a shield to defend us in persecutions and dangers as Our Mother of Good Success. Thankful for Thy goodness, may we correspond with the practice of virtue and a tender and constant devotion to Mary Most Holy, so that through her intercession we might find 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...