

## Novena to Our Lady of Good Success Day 8

### 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 that the Holy Virgin, on appearing to the sister, did not desire to favor her alone with a single transitory grace, for God does not bestow His special gifts except with the providential plan of increasing the piety, stimulating the moral progress, and improving the religious discipline of all the members of a community, a country, or the whole Church.

For this reason Mary Most Holy of Good Success told the Conceptionist sister,

"It is the Will of God that I command you to have a statue made that would represent this apparition in all its details,

so that it might be placed in the choir  
where all the religious pray directly above  
the Abbess' chair, so that they might consider this  
memorable Statue as their principal Abbess."

Thus would this Statue stimulate perpetual gratitude,  
special attentiveness in prayer, perfect obedience,  
a firm faith, a confident hope, and an ardent love  
for Mary Most Holy who thus offered herself  
to preside over and govern this Convent.

Ah, if we had a living faith!

With what veneration and respect would we place  
ourselves before that Statue!

How keenly we would recall her apparition  
so full of goodness and her promises and favors!  
How confident would we be in our supplications,  
how attentive in our prayers,  
how fervent in our devotions,  
how spontaneous in our obedience,  
how regular in our observance of the Commandments  
and the duties of our state of life!

Enliven, O my soul, your faith  
and if you are lacking in it,  
ask God and Mary of Good Success  
to grant it to you.

Thus, by taking advantage of the special gift  
and singular privilege of having Mary of Good Success  
as our intercessor,  
we may not be responsible for a disdain  
or lack of appreciation for the gift  
that Providence has given us to increase our piety  
and encourage us in the practice of the virtues of faith,  
confidence, charity, obedience,  
and the fulfillment of all our duties  
and obligations.



## Prayer

O God, loving guardian of pious persons,  
families, and Communities,

Who in Thy Providence doth guard and protect them  
because of their attention to prayer and fulfillment  
of their duties of life, hear now our prayers.

Be attentive to our cries, enflame the light  
of our faith in Thy powerful protection,  
so that we fear not our enemies.

For if Thou doth assist us, nothing can harm us.

Grant us unlimited confidence  
in Mary Most Holy of Good Success  
and the grace of obedience to  
and observance of our Rule  
(or to the fulfillment of the duties  
of our particular state of life),  
so that we might be worthy  
of a Mother so holy  
and a Protectress so powerful.

May we always be Thy grateful and docile subjects  
so that one day we may sing with glory Thy praises in  
Heaven, Thou Who hath favored Mary as Daughter,  
Mother and Spouse of the Most Holy Trinity,  
the one God who lives forever and ever.  
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.

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 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...