

Novena to Our Lady of Good Success Day 9

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 humble sister felt on hearing the command of Holy Mary to have a statue made of the same size and appearance as the apparition. She excused herself saying that it would be impossible, that no sculptor could reproduce such rare beauty or render with precision its proper proportions. The beautiful Lady, with most amiable forbearance, replied to her: " Do not fear for this reason. Take off the cord around your waist and measure my height."

Since, from a natural fear, the religious did not dare to touch Mary with her hands, the Heavenly Queen herself took the end of the cord and held it to her head, while the sister touched it to her feet to measure the exact height of the marvelous vision. Then Holy Mary said: " Here, as I told you, you have the height for the statue that you should order to be made, and the rest of the measurements should be in proportion to it. Place the statue in the place I have indicated with a crosier and the keys of the cloister in my right hand, for I desire to be Advocate and Protectress of this Convent." Having said this, the vision disappeared.

The heart of the sister who had just received so signal
a favor and so pleasing a mission was penetrated,
filled with gratitude and warm sentiments for
Mary Most Holy! Ah! Search, o my soul,
in your heart for those sentiments, and be dissolved
in gratitude for Mary of Good Success,
our Advocate and Protectress.

Let me venerate her Image
with the most tender gratitude and the vehement
desire of corresponding to such singular graces
by leading a life that is holy, obedient,
and observant of all the duties of my state of life.

Then the holy sister who had been favored with this vision sent for a capable sculptor to begin the work on this statue that Mary herself had ordered to be made.

And thus this statue, full of sweetness and majesty,
will last until the end of time.

Venerated in the upper choir of this Convent,
the religious there always have recourse to her
in their most grave conflicts.

So also has she been the refuge of all the people
who come to her in their necessities,
and through her intercession many portentous
favours and special graces have been obtained.

The measurements given by Mary symbolize the measure of her humility, obedience, and love of God and neighbor, which she gives to us so that we might strive to reproduce them.

Imitate her, and you will also carry an image of the Virgin Most Holy in your heart. Strive like that holy sister to make the moral image of your Virgin Mother in your customs and sentiments, in your bearing and way of acting, in your fidelity to the rule and your prayers, in your meekness and your candor, in your purity and your detachment from earthly things, thus aspiring only to heavenly goods.

Prayer

Oh God! Tender Father of Thy creatures
Who in every manner demonstrates
Thy paternal care and guidance for us, principally by
giving us Mary Most Holy as our Advocate,
Protectress and model ideal of virtue,
infuse our hearts with a constant desire
to imitate our Mother and Queen,
modeling our thoughts, desires, and actions
after those of Mary Most Holy so that we might be
like Her in all that our fragile nature permits.

Assisted by Thy Divine Grace , may we conquer our passions and receive the choicest graces that our Mother grants to her children who confidently come to her as Advocate in their pressing needs. May we find her ready to assist us in the last difficult moment of life, and afterward enjoy the pleasure of her company in Heaven 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...