

Mary Queen of Families

Novena

(The title, "Queen of Families" was inserted into the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 31, 1995 by the late Pope John Paul II).

In the 1981 document on *The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, Familiarius Consortio*, Pope John Paul II reminds parents that they are the first teachers of their children in the faith. How important it is for us to embrace this responsibility at this crucial moment in time when we must be attuned to the teaching of the Church. "Willed by God in the very act of creation,(3) marriage and the family are interiorly ordained to fulfillment in Christ(4) and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin(5) and restored to their "beginning,"(6) that is, to full understanding and the full realization of God's plan."

"At a moment of history in which the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it or in some way to deform it, and aware that the well-being of society and her own good are intimately tied to the good of the family,(7) the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family, ensuring their full vitality and human and Christian development, and thus contributing to the renewal of society and of the People of God." (F.C.)

The Novena to Mary, Queen of Families, may be prayed for nine days or over a nine-week period with each intention lifted up in prayer for 9 days. It is suggested that it be recited in preparation for the visit of the Queen of the Clergy statue to your home.

Day One

Today **we consecrate husbands, fathers, and grandfathers** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them a spirit of service, that they, like Jesus your Son, would wash the feet of their families. Give them a spirit of prayer that they would always pray for their wives, children, and grandchildren begging God to bless them. Let them be the expressions of Jesus' selfless love and role models of holiness. Give them strength of body and mind, and courage in proclaiming God's saving truth.

We ask you, O Tower of David, to intercede for our husbands, fathers, and grandfathers. Bless those fathers who have been faithful to their wives and loving to their children. Pray for those fathers who are absent from their families, whether through divorce, abandonment or some other reason. Inspire those who have abandoned their families to recall their responsibilities and provide support. Heal the wounds their actions have caused their wives and children,

and help them forgive each other. Pray also for those fathers who are elderly and ill, that they may find the support and strength they need. Pray for husbands who care for their spouses who are ill. Give strength, courage and health to grandfathers who assist in the care and education of their grandchildren.

And now, O Queen of the Patriarchs, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you!
You are the Lord; we acclaim you!
You are the eternal Father!
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord! God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord!

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for our husbands, fathers, and grandfathers. Grant that they be men of prayer and role models of holiness. Make them strong in their convictions, truly men of God.

Bless them with health of mind and body, and bless their work. May it enable them to support their families and adequately provide for their needs. Keep them free from stress and anxiety over the cares of this world. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.
Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria.
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria.
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria. *Chorus*

Chorus: Triumph, all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us, ye Seraphim.
Heaven and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve Regina.

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria.
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria. *Chorus*

When this our exile is complete, O Maria.
Show us your Son, our Jesus sweet, O Maria.
Chorus



Day Two

Today **we consecrate wives, mothers, and grandmothers** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them a spirit of openness to God's plan for their lives that they, like you, would proclaim the greatness of the Lord in all they do and say. Give them a spirit of prayer that they would always pray for their husbands, children, and

grandchildren asking God to bless them. Let them be expressions of Jesus' selfless love and role models of holiness. Give them the gifts of gentleness, compassion and a welcoming heart.

We ask you, O Mother of Good Counsel, to intercede for our wives, mothers, and grandmothers. Bless those mothers who have been faithful to their husbands and loving to their children. Pray for mothers who have lost their children through miscarriage or tragic death. Console them in their grief and keep them close to you. We pray too for mothers of aborted babies, that they may find reconciliation and forgiveness. May the Gospel of life transform all hearts so that every human life will be held sacred. Pray also for those mothers who are absent from their families through divorce, abandonment or some other reason. Heal the wounds their actions have caused their husbands and children and help them forgive each other. Pray that elderly and ill mothers may find the strength and support they need. Give strength, courage, and health to grandmothers who assist in the care and education of their grandchildren.

And now, O Ark of the Covenant, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for our wives and mothers. Grant that they be women of prayer, role models of holiness and nurturers of their families, truly women of God.

Bless them with health of mind and body. Bless their work, whether it is in the home or outside the home. May they find in their work a fulfillment that corresponds to their personal dignity. Keep them free from stress and anxiety over the cares of this world. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Salve Regina (*See page 1*)



Day Three

Today, **we consecrate our children** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Send your angels to protect and guard them in all their ways. Give them the grace to live virtuous lives and bless all their undertakings. Give them a spirit of prayer that they would always pray for their parents and for guidance in their future or present vocations. Let them be expressions of Jesus' selfless love and role models of holiness. Give them strength to overcome all the temptations of today's world.

We ask you, O Virgin most prudent, to intercede for our children. Pray for foster children, that they may find the

love and support they need. Protect all children, especially those who suffer abuse and exploitation. Bring back the missing and runaways. Help those young people who suffer from physical and emotional illness, or alcohol or drug abuse and exploitation. Bring back the missing and runaways. Help those young people who suffer from physical and emotional illness or alcohol or drug addiction. May wayward teens work through their problems and reach maturity in a wholesome way of life. May all those in need of adoption find loving and warm homes.

And now, O Seat of Wisdom, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for our children. Grant that they be people of prayer and role models of holiness. Give them the understanding to make truly wise decisions.

Bless them with health of mind and body, and bless all their undertakings. May they grow in knowledge and insight as they live their lives. Keep them free from harm and anxiety. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Salve Regina (*See page 1*)



Day Four

Today, **we consecrate our extended families** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them the grace to turn over their entire beings – their lives, their hearts, all that they are, all that they have – to the King of Kings, your Son, Jesus Christ. Give them a spirit of prayer that they would always pray for their families. Let them be expressions of Jesus' selfless love and role models of holiness. Give them all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in particular, the gift of faith.

We ask you, O Help of Christians, to intercede for our extended families. We pray for the elderly, that they may enrich their families with the wisdom of their years. Help those who are ill, that they may have support and care. We also pray for those who live alone. Keep loneliness far from them and enrich their lives with good friendships. May those family members who are at odds with each other find reconciliation and forgiveness.

And now, O Mother of Divine Grace, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for our extended families. Grant that they be men

and women of prayer, role models of holiness and truly faithful sons and daughters of the Church.

Bless them with health of mind and body, and bless all their undertakings. May they grow in their love of you each day of their lives. Keep them free from harm and anxiety. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Salve Regina (*See page 1*)



Day Five

Today, we **consecrate infertile couples** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them the grace to humbly bear their cross. May they, like Jesus, your Son, accept the will of the Father in their lives. Send your angels to comfort them in their sorrow and let them become givers of life to each other and to all those around them.

We ask you, O Comforter of the Afflicted, to intercede for infertile couples. May their desire to give life bear fruit in children of their own, if such be God's will. If that is not possible, inspire them to share their love with other children through adoption. In all cases, let their love be life-giving to each other. May it enrich them in such a way that they become one heart and one soul and together attain their human perfection. Pray that they be life-giving to all those who encounter them so that they can be spiritual fathers and mothers to many.

And now, O Queen of Angels, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for infertile couples. Grant that they be men and women of prayer, living witnesses of the abundant love of God and faithful sons and daughters of the Church.

Bless the doctors that treat them and the priests that counsel them. Bless the people that support them. May their cross bring life to them and to others, so that they may be spiritual fathers and mothers to many. Help them to be at peace with themselves, each other and you. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

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Day Six

Today, we **consecrate all troubled families** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them the faith that moves mountains. Strengthen their resolve to work out their difficulties.

We ask you, O Morning Star, to intercede for those in troubled families. Help those couples whose marriages are in danger of divorce. Bless them with counselors who believe in marriage as an eternal life-giving covenant. May they overcome their difficulties and live in the light of the Holy Trinity.

We also pray for those families struggling with financial problems or physical or emotional illness. Obtain for them the strength they need to cope with their hardships. We lift up to you those families damaged by alcohol or drug abuse. Help the addicted to overcome their habits, and heal all those, especially children, who have been wounded by the addiction of a family member. Bring peace to those families who suffer from strife and discord. May your gentle presence sustain all troubled families, so that love and goodness may reign over all.

And now, O Temple of the Trinity, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for troubled families. Grant that all family members may be persons of prayer and deep faith, full of the Holy Spirit.

Bless them with the help and support they need to live in peace and harmony. May the warmth of your love fill all hearts and heal the wounds of discord and strife. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

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Day Seven

Today, we **consecrate single parents** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them the strength they need to raise their children alone and the grace to be both father and mother to them.

We ask that they receive the spiritual, physical, and financial help they need. We pray that their children adjust to this way of life and that they be strong and healthy in their minds, bodies and hearts. We ask that you, O Mirror of Justice, remind us to pray for single parents. We promise you to be ready to support them, listen to them, and be a sign of Christ's love to them in their time of need.

And now, O Mother of the Church, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for single parents. Grant that they be men and

women of prayer, always seeking the face of Jesus as they nurture and raise their children.

Bless them with an abundance of holy companionship. Inspire them to avail themselves of the avenues our Holy Mother, the Church, offers them for healing and reconciliation. Give them the gifts they need to find peace and happiness in their lives. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

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Day Eight

Today, **we consecrate widows and widowers** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families. In particular, we pray for _____. Give them strength to bear their loss and the grace they need to face life with courage.

We ask you, O Queen assumed into heaven, to intercede for widows and widowers. We also pray for all those who have lost a family member to death, especially parents who have lost a child, and children who have lost parents. May they find the love and support they need. May all those who have lost a loved one, whether a brother or sister, grandparent or other close relative, be comforted in their sorrow and live in hope of the future resurrection.

And now, O Mother of Sorrows, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for widows and widowers. Grant that they be men and women of prayer, always seeking the face of Jesus as they live their lives.

Bless them with an abundance of holy companionship. Sustain them with your love and care and grant them your peace. We ask this through Jesus your Son.

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Day Nine

Today, **we consecrate our homes** to your Immaculate Heart, O Mary, Queen of Families.

Psalm 122

Response: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

Verse: I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the Lord.”

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

V: And now we have set foot within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

V: To it the tribes go up; in it are set up judgment seats,

Seats for the house of David.

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

V: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

V: May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

V: Because of my relatives and friends I will say,
“Peace be within you!”

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

O Mystical Rose, bless our homes, our Jerusalems. Send your angels to surround them and protect them from all harm.

Grant that our homes may be havens for all who live in them, harbors of safety from the stormy seas of life.

Grant that our homes may be sanctuaries, holy places filled with the light of Christ. Grant that his light shine out of our windows like beacons welcoming those who come to us. Grant that peace abide in our homes and in our hearts.

And now, O Gate of Heaven, please join us in a prayer of praise to God our Father:

Te Deum (*See page 1*)

Father, hear the prayer of your most highly favored daughter for our homes. Grant that they may always reflect your love and holiness. May they be houses of prayer and good works. Keep them safe from all harm. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Salve Regina (*See page 1*)

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