

NOVENA TO ST. VALENTINE



All

Glory Be ... Our Father...
Hail Mary... Glory Be ...

Laymen: *Let us pray*



O Saint Valentine, holy priest and glorious martyr, teach us to love God unselfishly,
and to find great joy in giving.

Enable us to love in truth, to bring out the best in one another,
and see God in each other.

Look with pity upon our wants. Hear our requests. Attend to our prayers,
especially the favors we now request... (*state your special intentions in silence.*)

Relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor. Deliver us from
all the evils that threaten us, and obtain for us the Divine Blessing, that we
may be found worthy to join you in praising The Almighty God, for all
eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(All: The Apostles' Creed)

DAY 1 , Thursday: The Luminous Mysteries

- * The Baptism in the Jordan.
- * The manifestation at the wedding of Cana.
- * The proclamation of The Kingdom of God.
- * The Transfiguration.
- * The Institution of the Eucharist.

DAY 2, Friday: The Sorrowful Mysteries

- * The Agony in the Garden.
- * The Scourging at the Pillar.
- * The Crowning with Thorns.
- * The Carrying of the Cross.
- * The Crucifixion and Death.

DAY 3, Saturday: The Joyful Mysteries

- * The Annunciation of Our Lord.
- * The Visitation.
- * The Nativity of Jesus.
- * The Presentation in the Temple.
- * The Finding in the Temple.

DAY 4, Sunday: The Glorious Mysteries

- * The Resurrection of Our Lord.
- * The Ascension into Heaven.
- * The Descent of the Holy Spirit.
- * The Assumption of Mary.
- * The Coronation of Mary.

DAY 5, Monday: The Joyful Mysteries

- * The Annunciation of Our Lord.
- * The Visitation.
- * The Nativity of Jesus.
- * The Presentation in the Temple.
- * The Finding in the Temple.

DAY 6, Tuesday: The Sorrowful Mysteries

- * The Agony in the Garden.
- * The Scourging at the Pillar.
- * The Crowning with Thorns.
- * The Carrying of the Cross.
- * The Crucifixion and Death.

DAY 7, Wednesday: The Glorious Mysteries

- * The Resurrection of Our Lord.
- * The Ascension into Heaven.
- * The Descent of the Holy Spirit.
- * The Assumption of Mary.
- * The Coronation of Mary.

DAY 8, Thursday: The Luminous Mysteries

- * The Baptism in the Jordan.
- * The manifestation at the wedding of Cana.
- * The proclamation of The Kingdom of God.
- * The Transfiguration.
- * The Institution of the Eucharist.

DAY 9, Friday: The Sorrowful Mysteries

- * The Agony in the Garden.
- * The Scourging at the Pillar.
- * The Crowning with Thorns.
- * The Carrying of the Cross.
- * The Crucifixion and Death.



Litany of the love of God

Kyrie Eleison. (*Kyrie Eleison.*)

Christe Eleison. (*Christe Eleison.*)

Kyrie Eleison. (*Kyrie Eleison.*)

God the Father in Heaven. (*Have mercy on us.*)

God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

God, The Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity, One God.

Thou Who art Infinite Love. (*I love Thee, O my God.*)

Thou Who didst first love me.

Thou Who commandest me to love Thee.

With all my heart.

With all my soul.

With all my mind.

With all my strength.

Above all possessions and honors.

Above all pleasures and enjoyments.

More than myself and all that belongs to me.

More than all my relatives and friends.

More than all men and angels.

Above all created things in heaven or on earth.

Only for Thyself.

Because Thou art the sovereign Good.

Because Thou art infinitely worthy of being loved.

Because Thou art infinitely perfect.

Even hadst Thou not promised me heaven.

Even hadst Thou not menaced me with hell.

Even shouldst Thou try me by want and misfortune.

In wealth and in poverty.

In prosperity and in adversity.

In health and in sickness.

In life and in death.

In time and in eternity.

In union with that love wherewith all the Saints and all the Angels love Thee in heaven.

In union with that love wherewith the Blessed Virgin Mary loveth Thee.

In union with that infinite love wherewith Thou lovest Thyself eternally.



Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. (*Spare us, O Lord.*)

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. (*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*)

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. (*Have mercy on us, O Lord.*)

Let us pray:

My God, Who dost possess in incomprehensible abundance all that is perfect and worthy of love, annihilate in me all guilty, sensual, and undue love for creatures. Kindle in my heart the pure flame of Thy love, so that I may love nothing but Thee or in Thee, until, being entirely consumed by Holy Love of Thee, I may go to love Thee eternally with the elect in Heaven, the country of pure Love.

Amen.

St. Valentine, priest and martyr.

Today, although many don't realize it, St. Valentine's Day is based on the life of St. Valentine, a Roman martyr who was beheaded in 270 A.D. Emperor Claudius II declared that unmarried men were potential soldiers, so he outlawed marriage. However, St. Valentine abhorred his outrageous action and continued to marry young couples. Claudius attempted to convert St. Valentine to paganism, but St. Valentine resisted and attempted to bring Claudius to the Church and Jesus Christ. For this, the Emperor had St. Valentine beheaded.

In prison he helped the imprisoned soon-to-be martyrs. The jailer saw that Valentine was a man of learning, so he brought his daughter, Julia, to Valentine for lessons. She was a young girl, who had been blind since her birth. During the lessons, St. Valentine would teach her about God, and read to her about the history of Rome. Julia would pray how Valentine taught her, every morning and every night, that she might see. Truly believing that God does what is best for us, and as she knelt and praying one day, there was a brilliant light in the prison cell, so radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"



On the eve of his death, Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world.



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