

NINE-DAY NOVENA PRAYER FOR

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PART ONE: The Rosary Prayer for the Dead

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the soul of Your departed servant, Emma, the remission of her sins; that by prayers, she may obtain that pardon which she has always desired.

Be merciful, we implore You O Lord, to the soul of your servant, Emma, for whom we offer to You this sacrifice of praise, humbly beseeching Your majesty that, by those holy offerings, she may be found worthy to win everlasting rest.

Absolve, O Lord, the soul of Your servant, Emma, from every stain of sin, so that by Your aid she may escape the judgment of wrath, and come to the enjoyment of beatitude in eternal light. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

Leader: Lord, open our lips and inflame our hearts and cleanse them of useless and evil thoughts. Enlighten our minds that we may seriously meditate on Your suffer and death, and the pains endured by Your mother. Hear and receive us before Your great majesty, for you who live and reign forever and ever.

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father Prayer

Leader: Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

The Hail Mary Prayer (*pray 3 times*)

Leader: Hail Mary full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Ist Decade: The First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

Meditation: Kneeling down, he began to pray, “Father if it be your will, take this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done”... In his anguish he prayed even more intensely, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

(On the beads of the rosary for the Our Father, say the following).

Leader: O Most Merciful Jesus, look down with eyes of pity on the faithful souls for whom You suffered and died on the Cross.

All: Amen

(On the beads of the Hail Mary, say the following)

Leader:

My Jesus, through your bloody sweat in the garden.
My Jesus, through the blow you received on your sacred face.
My Jesus, through the cruel scourging you endured.
My Jesus, through the crown of thorns that pierced your head.
My Jesus, through the carrying of the cross on the path of bitterness.
My Jesus, through your face covered with blood which you allowed to be imprinted on the veil of Veronica.
My Jesus, through the bloody garments which were cruelly removed from Your wounded body.
My Jesus, through Your holy body nailed on the cross.
My Jesus, through Your hands and feet pierced with cruel nails.
My Jesus, through Your sacred side pierced with a lance and from which flowed blood and water.

Response (All)

Have mercy on the soul of Emma



Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell and lead all souls to heaven especially Emma and those who are in most need of your mercy.

2nd Decade: The Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pilar

Meditation: Pilate released Barabbas to them. Jesus, however, he first had scourged; then he handed him over to be crucified.

3rd Decade: The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns

Meditation: Weaving a crown of thorns they fixed it on his head, and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt before him saying: "Hail, King of the Jews." They spat on him, and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.

4th Decade: The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross

Meditation: When the soldiers had finished mocking him, ... they led him away to crucify him. On the way they laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and upon him they laid the cross to bear it after Jesus.

5th Decade: The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion

Meditation: When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him ... Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" ... There was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour ... and Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Concluding Rosary Prayer

All: Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Leader: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Leader: Let us pray

All: O God whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: May the Divine Assistance remain always with us

All: Amen

Leader: And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

All: Amen

PART TWO: The Novena for the Dead

Leader: Most merciful Father, we commend our departed, Emma, into your hands. We are filled with the sure hope that our departed will rise with all who have died in Christ. We thank you for all the good things you have given during our departed's earthly life.

O Father, in your mercy, accept our prayers that the gates of paradise may be opened for your servant, Emma. In turn, may we too be comforted by the words of faith until we greet Christ in glory and are united with you and our departed through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

FIRST DAY

Leader: Lord our God, receive our supplications, prayers, mortifications and sighs in suffrage for the holy souls and for the soul of Emma for whom we make this novena; and we pray that by the motherly love bestowed on you by your most holy Mother, when she followed you on the way of sorrow up to Mount Calvary, and grant what we ask of you in this novena for your greater honor and glory.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

LITANY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Leader:

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, hear us

God, the Father of heaven
God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Holy Mary
Holy Mother of God
Holy virgin of virgins
St. Michael and all archangels and angels
St. John the Baptist
St. Joseph
St. Peter and St. Paul
All Apostles and evangelists
St. Stephen and all martyrs
St. Gregory and St. Ambrose
St. Augustine and St. Benedict
St. Jerome
All holy bishops, confessors and doctors of the Church
All holy monks and hermits
St. Magdalene and St. Barbara

From all evil
From your wrath
From the rigor of your justice
From the power of the devil
From the gnawing worn of conscience
From long enduring sorrow
From eternal flames
From horrible darkness
From dreadful weeping and wailing
Through the most cruel death
Through the most holy wounds
Through your holy resurrection
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit
In the Day of Judgment

You who have the keys of heaven
You who would be pleased to deliver the souls of our
 relatives and friends from the pain of hell
You who would be pleased to grant them all
 the pardon and remission of all their sins
You who would be pleased to fulfill all their desires
You who would be pleased to receive them into
 the company of the blessed

Response (All):

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, gracious hear us

Have mercy on the soul of Emma



O Lord, Deliver Emma



We Beseech Thee, Hear us, O Lord



Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
 Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
 Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Grant unto Emma eternal rest
 Grant unto Emma eternal rest
 Grant unto Emma everlasting rest

SECOND DAY

Leader: Merciful God, we beseech you, by the pain which your Holy Mother saw you suffer and agonize on the cross, that the holy souls in purgatory be freed from those pains; especially the soul of Emma, for whom we are praying and offering in this novena. Bring those who are submerged in their sins to true knowledge of their guilt and grant what we ask of you in this novena, for your greater honor and glory.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

THIRD DAY

Leader: Almighty Father, to whom nobody asks without the hope of receiving, by the intercession of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mar, enable the suffering souls in purgatory to be able to leave that place, especially the soul of Emma. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

FOURTH DAY

Leader: Gracious God, through whose mercy the saints rest in glory, we beg you to set free those blessed souls in purgatory, especially the soul of Emma, for whom we are praying in this novena. May you radiate your compassion and love to them so they may enter into your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

FIFTH DAY

Leader: Sovereign Lord, in whom it is proper to be merciful, through the intercession of St. Michael, the archangel, and by the sorrow of your Blessed Mother who suffered when the soldier pierced your side with a lance, have mercy on the soul of Emma for whom we are offering this novena and bring her to your eternal rest in heaven, for the greater glory and honor of your name.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

SIXTH DAY

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, incline your ears to our petitions. Have mercy on the souls in purgatory, especially the soul of Emma, for whom we make this novena. We humbly ask you to set them free and bring them to the happiness in heaven, for the greater glory and honor of your name.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

SEVENTH DAY

Leader: Lord of mercy, hear our prayer. May our sister Emma, whom you called your daughter on earth, enter into the Kingdom of peace and light, where your saints live in glory. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

EIGHTH DAY

Leader: Creator and Redeemer of all mankind, through the infinite merits of passion, death and resurrection, we beg you to shower the immense treasures of your clemency on those blessed souls, especially for the eternal repose of the soul of Emma. Bring those who are in sin to a true knowledge and repentance and grant what we ask for in this novena, through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

NINTH DAY

Leader: Lord God. You are the glory of the believers and the life of the just. Your Son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Our sister Emma, was faithful and believed in resurrection. Give to her the joys and the blessings of the life to come. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that our dear departed, Emma, will share in the Christ's resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto Emma O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her

Leader: May she rest in peace

All: Amen

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen