

# The 54-Day Rosary Novena



The 54-day Rosary Novena originated in Naples, Italy in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, when a young girl named Fortuna Agrelli became gravely ill and was nearing death. Her family began back-to-back Rosary novenas for her recovery. Two weeks later, Our Lady of Pompeii appeared to Fortuna, holding the Infant Jesus in her lap and a rosary in her hand. On either side of her was St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena. Fortuna pleaded with Our Lady to intercede for her to be healed. Our Lady gave her this special devotion and taught her the prayers to be incorporated into the Mysteries of the Rosary for 54 days. The novena consists of six consecutive nine-day novenas, the first three (27 days) in petition and the last three (27 days) in thanksgiving, to be completed whether or not a prayer is answered.

## Joyful Mysteries

**Opening prayer to be recited before you begin the Rosary each day:**

### **Novena in Petition (first 27 days)**

*Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow white buds to remind thee of thy joys, each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery, each 10 bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee, thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition; from thy bounty thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!*

### **Novenas in Thanksgiving (last 27 days)**

*Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I gratefully kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow white buds to remind thee of thy joys, each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery; each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, Dispenser of God's graces. and Mother of all who invoke thee! thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my thanksgiving; from thy bounty thou hast given me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of thee, and thou hast truly shown thyself my Mother.*

Begin the Rosary.

### **Concluding petitions to be said after each Mystery**

#### **The Annunciation**

I bind these snow-white buds with a petition for the virtue of humility and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.

**The Visitation**

I bind these snow-white buds with a petition for the virtue of charity and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.

**The Nativity**

I bind these snow-white buds with a petition for the virtue of detachment from the world and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.

**The Presentation**

I bind these snow-white buds with a petition for the virtue of purity and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.

**Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple**

I bind these snow-white buds with a petition for the virtue of obedience to the will of God and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.

**Closing prayers:**

Recite the *Hail Holy Queen*.

**Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, really present in the holy Sacrament of the Altar, since I cannot now receive Thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech Thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of Thy most holy Mother, and abide with me forever; Thou in me and I in Thee, in time and in eternity, in Mary.*

**Novenas in petition (first 27 days)**

*Sweet Mother Mary, I offer thee this spiritual communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon thy brow. O my Mother! Look with favor upon my gift, and in thy love obtain for me my request.*

**Novenas in thanksgiving (last 27 days)**

*Sweet Mother Mary, I offer thee this Spiritual Communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon thy brow in thanksgiving for my request which thou in thy love hast obtained for me.*

**Concluding Prayer:**

*O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the reward of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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# Sorrowful Mysteries

## Opening prayer before you begin the Rosary

### Novena in Petition (first 27 days)

*Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, blood red roses to remind thee of the passion of thy divine Son, with Whom thou didst so fully partake of its bitterness, each rose recalling to thee a holy mystery, each 10 bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition; from thy bounty thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!*

### Novenas in Thanksgiving (last 27 days)

*Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I gratefully kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses blood red roses to remind thee of the passion of thy divine Son, with Whom thou didst so fully partake of its bitterness each rose recalling to thee a holy mystery; each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my thanksgiving; from thy bounty thou hast given me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of thee, and thou hast truly shown thyself my Mother.*

Begin the Rosary.

## Concluding petitions to be said after each Mystery

### The Agony in the Garden

*I bind these blood red roses with a petition for the virtue of resignation to the will of God and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

### The Scourging at the Pillar

*I bind these blood red roses with a petition for the virtue of mortification and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

### The Crowning with Thorns

*I bind these blood red roses with a petition for the virtue of humility and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

### The Carrying of the Cross

*I bind these blood red roses with a petition for the virtue of patience in adversity and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

### The Crucifixion

*I bind these blood red roses with a petition for the virtue of love of our enemies and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

## **Closing prayers:**

Recite the *Hail Holy Queen*

## **Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, really present in the holy Sacrament of the Altar, since I cannot now receive Thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech Thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of Thy most holy Mother, and abide with me forever; Thou in me and I in Thee, in time and in eternity, in Mary.*

## **Novenas in petition (first 27 days)**

*Sweet Mother Mary, I offer thee this spiritual communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon thy brow. O my Mother! Look with favor upon my gift, and in thy love obtain for me my request.*

## **Novenas in thanksgiving (last 27 days)**

*Sweet Mother Mary, I offer thee this Spiritual Communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon thy brow in thanksgiving for which thou in thy love hast obtained for me.*

## **Concluding Prayer:**

*O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the reward of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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# **Glorious Mysteries**

## **Opening prayers:**

## **Novena in Petition (first 27 days)**

*Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, full-blown white roses, tinged with the red of the passion, to remind thee of thy glories, fruits of the sufferings of thy Son and thee, each rose recalling to thee a holy mystery, each 10 bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition; from thy bounty thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!*

## **Novenas in Thanksgiving (last 27 days)**

*Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I gratefully kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses full blown white roses, tinged with the red of the passion, to remind thee of thy glories, fruits of the sufferings of thy Son and thee each rose recalling to thee a holy mystery; each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee! thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my thanksgiving; from thy bounty thou hast given me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of thee, and thou hast truly shown thyself my Mother.*

Begin the Rosary.

### **Concluding petitions to be said after each Mystery**

#### **The Resurrection**

*I bind these full-blown roses with a petition for the virtue of faith and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

#### **The Ascension**

*I bind these full-blown roses with a petition for the virtue of hope and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

#### **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**

*I bind these full-blown roses with a petition for the virtue of charity and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

#### **The Assumption of Mary**

*I bind these full-blown roses with a petition for the virtue of union with Christ and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

#### **The Coronation of the Blessed Mother**

*I bind these full-blown roses with a petition for the virtue of union with thee and humbly lay this bouquet at thy feet.*

### **Closing prayers:**

Recite the *Hail Holy Queen*

### **Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, really present in the holy Sacrament of the Altar, since I cannot now receive Thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech Thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of Thy most holy Mother, and abide with me forever; Thou in me and I in Thee, in time and in eternity, in Mary.*

### **Novenas in petition (first 27 days)**

*Sweet Mother Mary, I offer thee this spiritual communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon thy brow. O my Mother! Look with favor upon my gift, and in thy love obtain for me my request. Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.*

### **Novenas in thanksgiving (last 27 days)**

*Sweet Mother Mary, I offer thee this Spiritual Communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon thy brow in thanksgiving for my request which thou in thy love hast obtained for me.*

### **Concluding Prayer:**

*O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the reward of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*