

## What is a Novena?

A novena is a prayer offered for a particular intention, repeated nine days in a row. It is a prayer asking the intercession of a Saint, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or addressed directly to God, which responds to the calls of Christ Jesus: "Ask, and it will be given to you ... knock, and the it will be opened to you..." (Mat. 7,7 - Luke 11,9); "Whatever you ask with faith through prayer, you will receive" (Mat. 21,22); "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do" (John 14,13); "Whatever you ask of the Father, he will give you in my name" (John 16,23). Testimonies abound throughout the history of the Church which show that God allows Himself to be touched by this form of prayer.

### **Novena to the glorious Saint Anne, Grand Mother of Jesus Christ for Peace and Reconciliation**

**For 9 consecutive days say the following prayer beginning on July 18-26, 2021:**

Glorious Saint Anne, Mother of the Mother of God, grandmother of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you beseeching your intercession. We see in our land the wounds caused by the sins of prejudice, neglect, abuse, and prideful arrogance. May we have hearts of flesh which seek to feel and understand the pain caused by residential schools in our country and may that understanding unite us more closely to our Saviour who suffered for us. May we seek righteousness and justice in our treatment of others knowing that we are all equal before the eyes of God our Father. May we always see in those rejected by the world the face of our Lord who has told us that what we do unto the least of our brothers and sisters, we do unto Him. May we never be complacent in the face of evil, but seek to bring to the light of truth that which is hidden so that healing may abound. May we have humble hearts which reject the vanities and schemes of this world and long for the Kingdom of Heaven. **O Mother of the Mother of God, cast your maternal gaze upon those wounded by residential schools and their families that they may find healing and peace. May the divisions between indigenous and non-indigenous people in our country and church give way to reconciliation and love.** May we remember that we are one family in Jesus Christ, who gave us His mother upon the cross and in so doing gave us yourself as our grandmother. May we who are one family be united in the peace that your Grandson, the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, longs to pour forth into our hearts. **May the souls of those who died in residential schools be brought into the kingdom of light and peace.** Pray for us before the Throne of Jesus Christ our Lord and your Grandson that we who beg your intercession may one day rejoice with you in the Kingdom of God. Amen

**1st day:** Hail, O glorious Saint Anne, and with you I praise the singular honor that the Eternal Father has given you, in destining you from all eternity to be the Mother of the august Mother of God. Hail Mary ..... Glory be to the Father.....

**2nd day:** Hail, O comforter of a sorrowful world, and with you I praise the universal joy of the angels in heaven at your birth, saluting in you the one who was to give day to their longed-for Queen, the Mother of the Redeemer of the world. Hail Mary ..... Glory be to the Father.....

**3rd day:** I greet you, precious soul dear to God, and with you I praise the special care that God has taken to give you, to be companion and wife to a man of such great merit and as high holiness as Saint Joachim. Hail Mary ..... Glory be to the Father.....

**4th day:** I greet you, o privileged deposit of divine grace, with you I praise the brand new favor that has miraculously been granted to you to conceive a Girl who, escaping the curse of our common nature, has been singularly free from the stain of original sin. Hail Mary ..... Glory be to the Father

**5th day:** I greet you, beloved wife of Saint Joachim, and I praise with you that God deigned to send a multitude of angels to watch over the Immaculate child that you were carrying in your womb. Hail Mary ..... Glory to the Father.....

**6th day:** Hail, O sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, and with you I praise the abundant blessings which have come down from heaven on you, during the nine months that you have carried in your womb the most holy Mary, the woman blessed above the most pure creatures. Hail Mary ..... Glory to the Father.....

**7th day:** Hail, O Mother of the Heavenly Queen, and I praise with you of the unspeakable joy and all spiritual tenderness that was in your heart as you fed with your own milk the most holy child who is forever in Paradise. Hail Mary ..... Glory be to the Father.....

**8th day:** I greet you, ambassador of our peace, and with you I praise you on the excellence of your dignity as Mother to the Queen of angels, and that you saw obey the least of your orders she who is venerate by all the world as our Lady. Hail Mary ..... Glory be to the Father.....

**9 day:** Hail, sweet relief of the infirm, sweet comfort of dying, and with you I praise the sublime glory which you enjoy in heaven for having given birth to the Sinners Advocate, the support of the weak and the protector of all the unfortunate. Hail Mary ..... Glory to the Father.....