

NICCSJ Novena to Blessed Cyprain Iwene Tansi 2026
(The Beginning of Year Novena)

Iwene Tansi was born in 1903 at Igboezunu, Anambra State, Nigeria. He was ordained a priest for the Onitsha diocese in 1937 at the age of 34. From the moment of his ordination, Michael Tansi joined an energetic apostolic zeal to a life of profound prayer and demanding personal asceticism. His care for the people committed to him in the diocese of Onitsha made him ardent in propagating devotion to the Sacred Heart, to Our Lady, and the Rosary. His belief in the value for the whole Church of the hidden life of prayer in a contemplative order, led Fr Tansi to join Mount Saint Bernard Abbey in 1950. Fr Cyprian died in the Leicester Royal Infirmary on the 20th of January 1964, aged 61. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 22nd March 1998, in Nigeria. Trusting confidently in the intercessions of the Blessed Cyprain Iwene Tansi, let us pray this Novena with our intentions, devotion, and attention. Amen

Monday, January 12th to Tuesday, January 20th, 2026

8.00PM Daily- through Community Zoom- <https://us02web.zoom.us/my/niccsj>, 1D-9206647431, Passcode- 424258.

Steps:

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirt. Amen
2. Pray the prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...)
3. Mention the intentions:
 - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
 - b. Journey mercies & God's protection on those travelling this season.
 - c. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults & young professionals
 - d. For families praying for the blessings of the fruits of the womb
 - e. For peace, security, and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
 - f. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of the Bay Area
 - g. For God's protection & healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Chief Adolph Obilor & Chief Goddy Duru.
 - h. For deceased members of our families, especially all the names in our virtual book of remembrance & for God's consolation & strength on all the bereaved families.
 - i. For other private intentions
3. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet & other prayers (Monday-Friday), & Rosary & other prayers (Saturdays & Sundays).
4. Pray the Daily Prayer for Priests
5. Pray the Prayer for the Family
6. Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
7. Pray the Prayer for the Sick
8. Conclusion

General Opening Prayer: DAY ONE: Monday January 12th, 2026

O God who granted many graces to your Servant, Priest and Monk, Cyprian Michael Tansi, choosing him as your faithful instrument for evangelization and sanctification of your people, grant also that I may spend my life, loving you and my neighbor and serving the Church. Consent to glorify your Servant, Cyprian Michael, and through his intercession, to grant us the favor we now ask...**Intentions**

General Opening Prayer: DAY TWO: Tuesday, January 13th, 2026

O God, in the priest Blessed Michael Tansi, you join the apostolic zeal of a Pastor to the way of life of a monk. Grant us by his intercession that persevering in prayer, we seek untiringly the coming of Your kingdom. Through the prayers of your servant, we present these **Intentions....**

General Opening Prayer: DAY THREE: Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

O God who granted many graces to your Servant, Priest and Monk, Cyprian Michael Tansi, choosing him as your faithful instrument for evangelization and sanctification of your people, grant also that I may spend my life, loving you and my neighbor and serving the Church. Consent to glorify your Servant, Cyprian Michael, and through his intercession, to grant us the favor we now ask...**Intentions**

General Opening Prayer: DAY FOUR: Thursday, January 15th, 2026

O God, in the priest Blessed Michael Tansi, you join the apostolic zeal of a Pastor to the way of life of a monk. Grant us by his intercession that persevering in prayer, we seek untiringly the coming of Your kingdom. Through the prayers of your servant, we present these **Intentions....**

General Opening Prayer: DAY FIVE: Friday, January 16th, 2026

O God who granted many graces to your Servant, Priest and Monk, Cyprian Michael Tansi, choosing him as your faithful instrument for evangelization and sanctification of your people, grant also that I may spend my life, loving you and my neighbor and serving the Church. Consent to glorify your Servant, Cyprian Michael, and through his intercession, to grant us the favor we now ask...**Intentions**

General Opening Prayer: DAY SIX: Saturday, January 17th, 2026

O God, in the priest Blessed Michael Tansi, you join the apostolic zeal of a Pastor to the way of life of a monk. Grant us by his intercession that persevering in prayer, we seek untiringly the coming of Your kingdom. Through the prayers of your servant, we present these **Intentions....**

General Opening Prayer: DAY SEVEN: Sunday, January 18th, 2026

O God who granted many graces to your Servant, Priest and Monk, Cyprian Michael Tansi, choosing him as your faithful instrument for evangelization and sanctification of your people, grant also that I may spend my life, loving you and my neighbor and serving the Church. Consent to glorify your Servant, Cyprian Michael, and through his intercession, to grant us the favor we now ask...**Intentions**

General Opening Prayer: DAY EIGHT: Monday, January 19th, 2026

O God, in the priest Blessed Michael Tansi, you join the apostolic zeal of a Pastor to the way of life of a monk. Grant us by his intercession that persevering in prayer, we seek untiringly the coming of Your kingdom. Through the prayers of your servant, we present these **Intentions....**

General Opening Prayer: DAY NINE: Tuesday, January 20th, 2026

O God who granted many graces to your Servant, Priest and Monk, Cyprian Michael Tansi, choosing him as your faithful instrument for evangelization and sanctification of your people, grant also that I may spend my life, loving you and my neighbor and serving the Church. Consent to glorify your Servant, Cyprian Michael, and through his intercession, to grant us the favor we now ask...**Intentions**

Novena Prayers adapted from <https://www.blessediwenetansi.org/novena-prayer.html>

**The Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus
(St. Therese of Lisieux)**



O Jesus, we pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;
For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.
For your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests;
For your old and young priests; for your dying priests;
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
But above all, we recommend to you the priests dearest to us:
the priests who baptized us; the priests who absolved us from our sins; the priests
at whose Masses we participated and who gave us Your Body and Blood in Holy
Communion; the priests who taught and instructed us; all the priests to whom we
are indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart and
bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

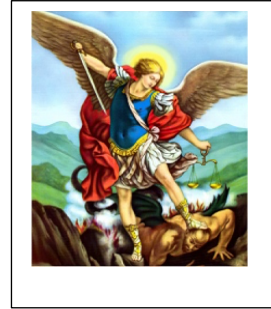
Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, most good and gracious God sustain our family in your love. Make it a place where holiness can abound. Help us to learn to be like Jesus in all our actions. Aid our family to imitate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Help us to learn from the good example of others and to give good examples to others. Assist us in learning to bear our pain and suffering as Jesus did. Aid us in overcoming difficulties and carry our crosses. Help our family life to lead only to Jesus, the source of true happiness. Please give wholesome habits to our family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen



Prayer For the Sick

O God of the heavenly virtues, who from the bodies of men and women drives forth all sickness and all infirmities by the power of thy word: draw graciously upon all our brothers and sisters who are sick that with weakness put to flight and health and strength continually renewed, they will continue to bless your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Mary health of the Sick- Pray for us
O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us
O Mary Comforter of the afflicted- Pray for us



Conclusion

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

