

NICCSJ 2026 Novena to St. Jude (Feast Day- October 28th)

(To be led by the Grandparents)



St. Jude Thaddeus is one of the twelve apostles. Saint Jude is also known by the name Thaddeus, which means sweetness and gentleness of character. St Jude was martyred in Syria with the apostle Simon the Zealot with an ax. That is why St Jude is often depicted with an ax. He is one of the most invoked saints for intercession in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stressed the importance of a faithful person persevering in the environment of harsh circumstances. St. Jude, an apostle, and martyr has helped countless souls through his epistle in the New Testament and his intercessions on behalf of those who seek his aid in times of trial. Let us pray this novena with devotion, attention, and intentions, asking St. Jude to intercede on our behalf to God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tuesday, October 20th – Wednesday, October 28th, 2026

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

Steps:

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirt. Amen (Pray the prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...))
2. Mention the intentions:
 - Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
 - God's protection and wisdom on all the students and teachers as they start a new academic year.
 - For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults & young professionals
 - For vocations to priestly, religious, and diaconate life from our Igbo Community
 - For families praying for the blessings of the fruits of the womb
 - For peace, security, and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
 - For God's guidance, wisdom, & strength on our executives and appointed group leaders.
 - Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of the Bay Area
 - For God's protection & healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Chief Charles Ndekwe, Chief Adolph Obilor, Chief Goddy Duru & Kate Diru
 - For deceased members of our families, especially, Lady Roseline Onyemelukwe, Ugoeze Victoria Okwuchi, Ezinne Maria Ukamaka Ochin, & all the names in our virtual book of remembrance & for God's consolation & strength on all the bereaved families.
3. Pray the Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary (October Devotions)
4. Prayer- Daily Prayer for Priests
5. Pray the Prayer for the Family
6. Pray the Prayer for St. Michael the Archangel
7. Pray the Prayer for the Sick
8. Conclusion

DAY ONE: Tuesday, October 20th.

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things, almost despaired of. Pray for us, we are so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for us that He would bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to our assistance in this great need that we may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all our necessities, tribulations, and sufferings. And that we may praise God with you and all the saints forever. We promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted us by God and to always honor you as our special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you as we offer these *intentions*:

DAY TWO: Wed, October 21st.

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DAY FOUR: Friday, October 23rd.

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DAY FIVE: Saturday, October 24th

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DAY SIX: Sunday, October 25th,

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DAY SEVEN: Monday, October 26th

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DAY EIGHT: Tuesday, October 27th

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DAY NINE: Wednesday, October 28th

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Novena Prayers adapted from <https://www.powerfulcatholicprayers.com/novena-st-jude/#axzz77Ufa7sT>

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.

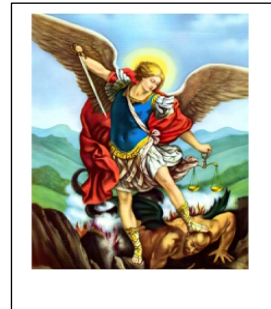
Prayer for the Family

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

