

## **NICCSJ Novena to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **Solemnity- August, 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Back to School Novena: To be led by our children**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated every year on August 15th. This solemnity commemorates that the Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculately conceived, ever virgin, and the mother of God was assumed body and soul into heaven after her earthly life. The Blessed Virgin Mary, by her special relationship with the Blessed Trinity, as a daughter of God the Father, a spouse of God the Holy Spirit, and a mother to God the Son, was granted this special privilege of uniting wholly with the Blessed Trinity in heaven after her earthly life, and she became the Queen of heaven. The teachings and beliefs on the Assumption of Mary into heaven are grounded in the Sacred Tradition of the Church. Let us unite our hearts, minds, and souls in praying this novena and reap the fruits of the maternal intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary through this novena. Amen.

**Thursday August 6th to Friday, August 14th, 2026**

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

### **Steps:**

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. Amen (Pray the prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...))
2. Mention the intentions:
  - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
  - b. God's protection and wisdom on all the students and teachers as they start a new academic year.
  - c. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults & young professionals
  - d. For vocations to priestly, religious, and diaconate life from our Igbo Community
  - e. For families praying for the blessings of the fruits of the womb
  - f. For peace, security, and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
  - g. For God's guidance, wisdom, & strength on our executives and appointed group leaders.
  - h. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of the Bay Area
  - i. 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
  - j. 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.
  - k. For other private intentions.
3. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Monday to Friday) or Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday & Sunday)
4. Pray the 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.

### **General Opening Prayer for Each Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, You have destroyed the power of death and given the hope of eternal life for body and soul. You granted your Mother a special place in your glory, and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, grant us renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. *Amen.*

### **DAY ONE: Thursday August 6th**

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you. We are confident that you watch over our daily lives and we ask that you intercede for us now. We are comforted by our faith in the coming Resurrection and we look to you for prayers and comfort. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. *Intentions...*

### **DAY TWO: Friday August 7th**

Mary, Assumed into Heaven, we venerate you as the Queen of Heaven and earth. As you tasted the bitterness of pain and sorrow with your Son on earth, you now enjoy eternal bliss with Him in Heaven. Loving Queen, intercede for us in our needs. We praise Jesus for giving us such a loving mother. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. *Intentions...*

### **DAY THREE: Saturday August 8th**

O Mother, Assumed into Heaven, because you shared in all the mysteries of our Redemption here below, Jesus has crowned you with glory. With your most glorious and powerful intercession, help us O loving Mother and present to Jesus our request. O Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us. *Intentions...*

### **DAY FOUR: Sunday August 9th**

O Dearest Mother Mary, Assumed into Heaven, God placed you at His right hand that you may intercede for his little ones as the Mother of God. In the midst of all the saints you stand as their Queen and ours — dearer to the Heart of God than any creation. You pray for your children and grant us every grace won by our loving Savior on the Cross. Please intercede for us in our needs and ask Jesus to grant our request if it be for the good of our souls. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. *Intentions...*

### **DAY FIVE: Monday August 10th**

O merciful and loving Mother, may your glorious beauty fill our hearts with a distaste for earthly things and an ardent longing for the joys of Heaven. May your merciful eyes glance down upon our struggles and our weakness in this vale of tears. Hear then loving Mother, our request and plead to Jesus for us. Crown us with the pure robe of innocence and grace here, and with immortality and glory in Heaven. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. *Intentions...*

### **DAY SIX: Tuesday August 11th**

Mary, our dear Mother and mighty Queen, take and receive our poor hearts with all their freedom and desires, all the love and all the virtues and graces with which they may be adorned. All we are and all we might be, all we have and hold in the order of nature as well as of grace, we have received from God through your loving intercession. Help us dear Mother to surrender to God all that we have, including our petitions. Our Lady and Queen, into your gentle hands, we entrust all, that it may be returned to its noble origin. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. *Intentions....*

**DAY SEVEN: Wednesday August 12th**

Mary, Queen of every heart, accept all that we are and bind us to Jesus with the bonds of love so that we may be yours forever and may be able to say in all truth: ***"I belong to Jesus through Mary"***. Our Mother, Assumed into Heaven and Queen of the Universe, ever-Virgin Mother of God, obtain for us what we ask, if it be for the glory of God and the good of our souls. Our Mother, assumed into Heaven, we love you. Give us a greater love for Jesus and for you. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. ***Intentions...***

**DAY EIGHT: Thursday August 13th**

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, we rejoice that you are the Queen of Heaven and Earth. You have given your holy fiat to God and became the Mother of our Savior. Obtain peace and salvation for us through your prayers, for you have given birth to Christ our Lord, the Savior of all mankind. Intercede for us and bring our petitions before the Throne of God. Through your prayers, may our souls be filled with an intense desire to be like you, a humble vessel of the Holy Spirit and a servant of the Almighty God. Pray for us O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. ***Intentions...***

**DAY NINE: Friday August 14th**

O Blessed Mother Assumed into Heaven, after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, we rejoice that you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in Heaven by the Holy Trinity. Lift our hearts with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach us how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make us realize that death is the triumphant gate through which we shall pass to your Son and that someday our bodies shall rejoin our souls in the unending bliss of heaven. From this earth, which we tread as pilgrims, we look to you for help. In honor of your Assumption into Heaven, we ask for this favor: At the hour of our death, lead us safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of God for all eternity together with you. Pray for us O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. ***Intentions...***

***Novena Prayers adapted from <https://americanneedsfatima.org/Our-Blessed-Mother/novena-to-our-lady-of-the-assumption.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.



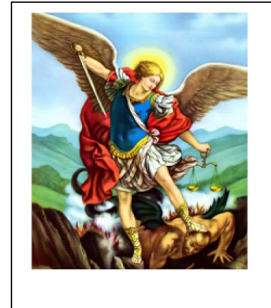
### **Prayer for the Family**



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**

