



## **NICCSJ 2023 Novena to Our Lady of Fatima (To be led by CWO)**

Our Lady of Fatima is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. They were Lucia Santos, Jacinta Marto, and Francisco Marto. Our Lady appeared to the children seven times and performed a miracle making the sun dance in the sky, which thousands of people witnessed. She told the children to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war. Therefore, Our Lady of Fatima is also called Our Lady of the Rosary. She also requested us to pray the following prayer at the end of each mystery or decade of the Rosary: “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.” The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is May 13th. Let us pray this Novena with devotion, attention, and intention, trusting on the maternal intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. Amen.

### **Friday, May 5th to Saturday May 13th, 2023**

**Modality:** (Part of May Devotions- through Community Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9206647431> (ID- 920 6647431 Passcode- 424258))

- ❖ **Day 1: Opening:** (Friday, 5/5/23) - To be led by Sacred Heart-Obi Di Aso Group
- ❖ **Day 2** (Saturday, 5/6/23) – To be led by St Monica Group
- ❖ **Day 3** (Sunday, 5/7/23) – To be led by Mother of Perpetual Help Group
- ❖ **Day 4** (Monday, 5/8/23) - To be led by St Theresa of Child Jesus Group
- ❖ **Day 5** (Tuesday, 5/9/23) – To be led by St Rita Group
- ❖ **Day 6** (Wednesday, 5/10/23) – To be led by Sacred Heart (Obi Di Aso) Group
- ❖ **Day 7** (Thursday, 5/11/23) – To be led by St Monica Group
- ❖ **Day 8** (Friday, 5/12/23) – To be led by St Theresa of Child Jesus Group
- ❖ **Day 9** (Saturday, 5/13/23) – To be led by Mother of Perpetual Help Group

### **Steps:**

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. Amen
2. Pray the Opening Prayer & Prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2 as below)
3. Mention the intentions:
  - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
  - b. For the intentions of all the mothers, especially for the blessings of the fruit of the womb to mothers, praying for the fruits of the womb.
  - c. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults.
  - d. For peace, security, and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
  - e. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
  - f. For the success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
  - g. For God’s protection & healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Dr. Adaure Onyewuenyi
  - h. For deceased members of our families, especially Chinelo Helen Oguegbu and Meme Benedicta Nyuiadzi, and all the names in our virtual book of remembrance & for God’s consolation & strength on all the bereaved families.
  - i. For other private intentions
4. Pray the Rosary (May Devotions).
5. Pray the Daily Prayer for Priests
6. Pray the Prayer for the Family

7. Prayer for San Jose Diocese Eucharistic Revival
8. Pray the Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus

### **General Opening Prayer**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, you came to Fatima to reveal the graces that come from praying the Holy Rosary to three little shepherd children. Inspire us with a sincere love of this devotion so that, like the shepherd children, it is not a burdensome task but a life-giving prayer. May our prayers and meditations on the mysteries of our redemption bring us closer to your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

### **DAY ONE: Friday, May 5th, 2023**

Like the children of Fatima, we want to bring God's word to others. Give us the strength, O Lord, to overcome our doubts so that we may be messengers of the Gospel. We know that Jesus lives in our hearts, and we receive Him in the Eucharist. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies, and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers. *Intentions...*

### **DAY TWO: Saturday May 6th, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, we pray that we may be like you and follow your example. We pray for all those who face oppression, that they will find peace. We pray and give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies, and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.

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### **DAY THREE: Sunday May 7th, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, Today, we pray for an end to the suffering and injustice that plague so many parts of the world. Through the power of the Lord, you performed a miracle at Fatima and made the sun dance for thousands of people to see. Please intercede for those who are suffering. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies, and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers. *Intentions....*

### **DAY FOUR: Monday May 8th, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, let us pray today for humility to seek forgiveness for our sins and make amends for our misdeeds. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.

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### **DAY FIVE: Tuesday May 9th, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, may we offer everything we do today to our Lord. As we make this offering, we think of people who are affected by our actions each day. We ask God to help us be motivated by love and compassion. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies, and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers. *Intentions....*

### **DAY SIX: Wednesday May 10th, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, sometimes we live in fear, and we are too afraid to let go of our anxieties. We want to be God's instruments to achieve His will and to bring Him glory. Today we ask through your intercession, that Jesus help us to trust in Him like the children at Fatima. Lord

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**DAY SEVEN: Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, show us how to pray always. Teach us how to speak to God as a friend. Help us to make time for silence in our hectic days so that we may listen to what God has to tell us. Throughout the business of our days, help us remember God and have our hearts centered on Him. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies, and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.

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**DAY EIGHT: Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, today we pray for your Son to come to our aid and end the suffering and wars throughout the world. Help us to be like the children at Fatima; loving, trusting, and faithful. May we pray to bring peace to our own world in our own small way by choosing to love and trust in the Lord. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies, and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.

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**DAY NINE: Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Our Lady of Fatima, thank you for appearing to the children at Fatima and delivering messages that are still relevant to us today. We pray again and again for peace in the world and for an end to war. May we continue to pray and sacrifice as you requested. Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers. **Intentions....**

***Novena Prayers adapted from <https://materfatima.org/wp-content/uploads/Novena-to-Our-Lady-of-Fatima-Mater-Fátima-English-.pdf>***

**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.



### **San Jose Diocese Eucharistic Revival Prayer**

Heavenly Father, In your loving mercy, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, anointed by the Spirit, to redeem the world through his Paschal Mystery. The disciples on the road to Emmaus pleaded with the Lord, “Stay with us.” Promising to remain with his church, and to nourish us as the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, Jesus left us the Sacrament of Salvation in the Eucharist. Stir up in our hearts a lively faith in Jesus’ real, loving, and saving presence, and may the Eucharist become the pattern of our lives. As a pilgrim church may we be nourished and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, and so “do unto others” in love as you have loved us. Through the intercession of St. Joseph and St. Clare, may we remain in your love through the Sacrament of your Love. Amen.

### **Prayer to our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus (USCCB, 2020)**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.



For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**O Mary health of the Sick- Pray for us**  
**O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us**  
**O Mary Queen of our Families- Pray for us**