

NICCSJ Novena to Blessed Cyprian Iwene Tansi 2021
(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 January 1964, aged 61. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 22nd March 1998, in Nigeria.

Tuesday January 12th to Wednesday January 20th, 2021

Modality: Sundays through zoom after 10.00 AM Mass, Monday to Saturday through conference call: Dial in #- **+18482203100; ID #-06122005#**

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. Journey mercies & protection on those who are travelling this season
 - c. God's protection on us and our families against Coronavirus, other kinds of illnesses, & violence
 - d. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
 - e. For peace and justice here in the US & our home country Nigeria
 - f. For success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
 - g. For those who are sick, especially Prince Val Nwogu
 - h. For other private intentions
4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday to Friday: Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Saturday & Sunday: Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary)
5. Daily Prayer for Priests (Below)
6. Prayer to St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph (Below)
7. Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe For an End to Coronavirus (Below)

General Opening Prayer: DAY ONE: Tuesday January 12th, 2021

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: Wednesday January 13th, 2021

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: Thursday January 14th, 2021

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: Friday January 15th, 2021

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: Saturday January 16th, 2021

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: Sunday January 17th, 2021

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: Monday January 18th, 2021

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: Tuesday January 19th, 2021

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: Wednesday January 20th, 2021

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.

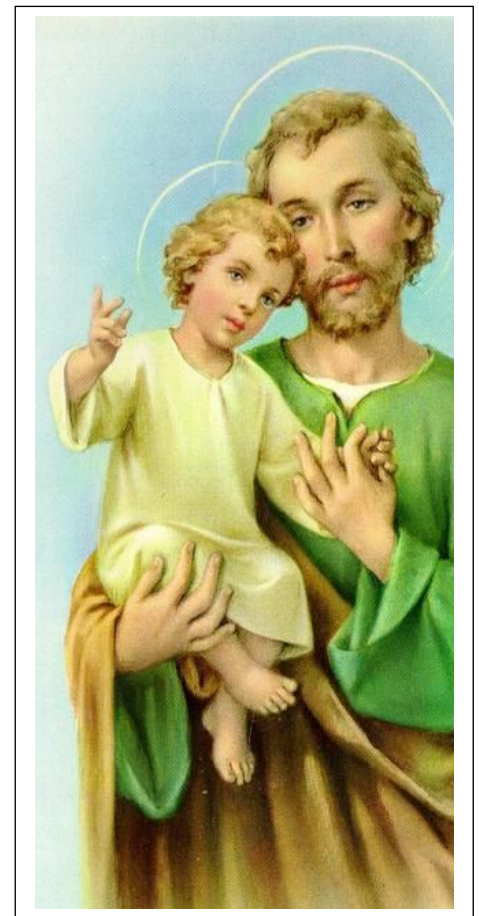


Prayer to Saint Joseph for this Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. To you, God entrusted His only Son, in you
Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man,
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide
us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

St. Joseph, Watchful defender of Christ- *Pray for us.*

St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family- *Pray for us.*



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

