



NICCSJ 2021 Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
(God's Special Healing Novena)

On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto in Lourdes, France. By July 16, five months later, Mary had appeared 18 times and had declared herself to be the Immaculate Conception. During one apparition, the Blessed Virgin told Bernadette to drink from a fountain of water, which suddenly appeared. For over a century and a half, pilgrims to Lourdes have been miraculously healed by contact with this fountain's waters. This Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes can be prayed at any time, but it is especially appropriate in the days before February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes- the World Day of the Sick.

Wednesday February 3rd to Thursday February 11th, 2021

Modality: Sundays through zoom after 10.00 AM Mass, Monday to Saturday through conference call: Dial in #- +18482203100; ID #-06122005# at 8.00 PM

Steps:

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirt. Amen
2. Pray the General Opening Prayer- & then 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. God's protection on us and our families against Coronavirus, other kinds of illnesses, & violence
 - c. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
 - d. For peace and justice here in the US & our home country Nigeria
 - e. For the success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
 - f. For God's special healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Prince Val Nwogu
 - g. 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

Be blessed, O most pure Virgin, for having vouchsafed to manifest your shining with life, sweetness and beauty, in the Grotto of Lourdes, saying to the child, St. Bernadette: "I am the Immaculate Conception." A thousand times we congratulate you upon your Immaculate Conception. And now, O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know our wants, our troubles, our sufferings; deign to cast upon us a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. We come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain for us, O loving Mother, the granting of our request.

DAY ONE: Wednesday February 3rd, 2021

O Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, Virgin and Mother, Queen of Heaven, chosen from all eternity to be the Mother of the Eternal Word and in virtue of this title preserved from original sin, we pray before you as did little Bernadette at Lourdes and pray with childlike trust in you that as we contemplate your glorious appearance at Lourdes, you will look with mercy on our present petition and secure for us a favorable answer to the request for which we are making this novena... **Intentions**

DAY TWO: Thursday February 4th, 2021

Be blessed, O most pure Virgin, for having vouchsafed to manifest yourself shining with light, sweetness and beauty, in the Grotto of Lourdes, saying to the child Saint Bernadette: "I am the Immaculate Conception!" O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of your pure heart. Let them be consumed with love for Jesus and for you, in order that we may merit one day to enjoy your glorious eternity. O dispenser of His graces here below, take into your keeping and present to your Divine Son the petition for which we are making this novena. **Intentions....**

DAY THREE: Friday February 5th, 2021

"You are all fair, O Mary, and there is in you no stain of original sin." "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." O brilliant star of sanctity, as on that lovely day, upon a rough rock in Lourdes you spoke to the child Bernadette and a fountain broke from the plain earth and miracles happened and the great shrine of Lourdes began, so now hear our fervent prayer and grant us, we beseech you, the petition we so earnestly seek....**Intentions**

DAY FOUR: Saturday February 6th, 2021

O Immaculate Queen of Heaven, we your wayward, erring children, join our unworthy prayers of praise and thanksgiving to those of the angels and saints and to your own, that the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity may be glorified in heaven and on earth. Our Lady of Lourdes, as you looked down with love and mercy upon Bernadette as she prayed her rosary in the Grotto, look down now, we beseech you, with love and mercy upon us. From the abundance of graces granted you by your Divine Son, sweet Mother of God, give to each of us all that your motherly heart sees we need and at this moment look with special favor on the grace we seek in this novena...**Intentions**

DAY FIVE: Sunday February 7th, 2021

O Mary Immaculate, Mother of God and our mother, from the heights of your dignity look down mercifully upon us while we, full of confidence in your unbounded goodness and confident that your Divine Son will look favorably upon any request you make of Him in our behalf, we beseech you to come to our aid and secure for us the favor we seek in this novena...**Intentions**

DAY SIX: Monday February 8th, 2021

O glorious Mother of God, so powerful under your special title of Our Lady of Lourdes, to you we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare and for the special favor we so earnestly seek in this novena. **Intentions....**

DAY SEVEN: Tuesday February 9th, 2021

O Almighty God, Who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we humbly beseech You that as we contemplate the apparition of Our Lady in the Grotto of Lourdes, we may be blessed with health of mind and body. O most gracious Mother Mary, beloved Mother of Our Lord and Redeemer, look with favor upon us as you did that day on Bernadette and intercede with Him for us that the favor we now so earnestly seek may be granted to us....**Intentions**

DAY EIGHT: Wednesday February 10th, 2021

O Immaculate Mother of God, from heaven itself you came to appear to the little Bernadette in the rough Grotto of Lourdes. As Bernadette knelt at your feet and the miraculous spring burst forth from the earth, as multitudes have knelt ever since before your shrine, O Mother of God, we kneel before you today to ask that in your mercy you plead with your Divine Son to grant the special favor we seek in this novena
Intentions....

DAY NINE: Thursday February 11th, 2021

O glorious Mother of God, to you we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly for the grace of a happy death. O Mother of our Divine Lord, as we conclude this novena for the special favor we seek at this time, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard. O Mother of My Lord, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ and for the glory of His Name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. ...**Intentions**

Novena Prayers adapted from <https://americaneedsfatima.org/Our-Blessed-Mother/novena-to-our-lady-of-lourdes.html#Day%20One> & <https://www.learnreligions.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-novena-4046135>

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.

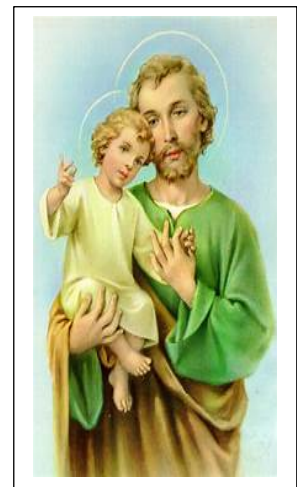


Prayer to Saint Joseph for this Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis

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