

NICCSJ Novena to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Solemnity- August, 15th
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.

Saturday August 7th to Sunday August 15th, 2021

Modality: Daily at 8.00PM:

- Sundays & Saturdays through Community Zoom-
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9206647431>, 1D- 9206647431, Passcode- 424258
- Monday to Friday through Community Prayer Line: Dial in #- +18482203100;
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Steps:

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. Amen
2. Pray the General Opening Prayer & prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...)
3. Mention the intentions:
 - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
 - b. For God's protection and guidance on all the students and teachers as they begin the new academic year
 - c. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults
 - d. For the Diocese of San Jose, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary this year
 - e. For God's protection on us and our families against Coronavirus, other kinds of illnesses, & violence
 - f. For peace, security and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
 - g. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
 - h. For the success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
 - i. For God's special healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Prince Val Nwogu, Dr. Adaure Onyewuenyi, & Fr. Urban Osuji
 - j. For other private intentions
4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Monday to Friday) or Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday & Sunday)
5. Pray the Daily Prayer for Priests (Below)
6. Pray the Prayer to St. Joseph for this Year of St. Joseph (Below)
7. Pray the Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus (Below)

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: SATURDAY August 7th, 2021

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: SUNDAY August 8th, 2021

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: MONDAY August 9th, 2021

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: TUESDAY August 10th, 2021

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: WEDNESDAY August 11th, 2021

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: THURSDAY August 12th, 2021

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: FRIDAY August 13th, 2021

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: SATURDAY August 14th, 2021

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: SUNDAY August 15th, 2021

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://americaneedsfatima.org/Our-Blessed-Mother/novena-to-our-lady-of-the-assumption.html>

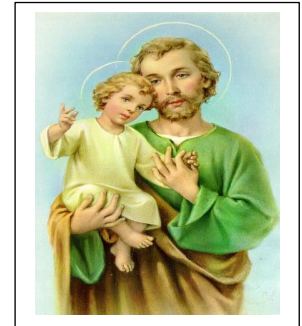
The Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)

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 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