



NICCSJ 2021 Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel **(Feast Day, July 16th)**

Mount Carmel is the biblical site where the prophet Elijah battled with the 450 priests of Baal, which led to their defeat and ruin. It was also where Elijah sent his servant seven times to the mountaintop to look for rain after years of drought which ended as he proclaimed (1 Kings 18:19-44). The title of Our Lady of Carmel can be traced back to the hermits (Carmelites) who used to live in the renowned and blessed Mount Carmel. These pious and austere Carmelites prayed in expectation of the advent of a Virgin-Mother. Thousands of years later, our Lady, Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest, in the exact same location on July 16th 1251. In this appearance of Mary, she is known as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She appeared holding Jesus as a child in one arm and on her other arm, a Scapular. She promised that all those who wear Scapular and follow Christ faithfully will be brought by Our Mother Mary into heaven at their deaths. Praying the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been an age-long practice through which Christians have entrusted their intentions to God through the powerful intercessions of our Mother Mary. Let us continue to share in the maternal love our Mother Mary by praying this Novena with devotion and attention. Amen

Thursday July 8th to Friday July 16th, 2021

Modality: Daily at 8.00PM:

- Sundays & Saturdays through Community Zoom-
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/niccsj>, ID- 9206647431, Passcode- 424258
- Monday to Friday through Community Prayer Line: 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 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 Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults
 - c. For the Diocese of San Jose, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary this year
 - d. For God's protection on us and our families against Coronavirus, other kinds of illnesses, & violence
 - e. For peace, security and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
 - f. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
 - g. For the success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
 - h. For God's special healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Prince Val Nwogu
 - i. 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 this Year of St. Joseph (Below)
7. Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus (Below)

General Opening Prayer for Each Day

Blessed and Immaculate Virgin, splendid beauty of Carmel, you look with love on all who wear your blessed habit; look kindly on us and spread the mantle of your loving protection over all humanity. By the power of your intercession strengthen our weakness, and by your wisdom light up the darkness of our minds. Increase in us those virtues in which you excelled—faith, hope and love; adorn our soul with such graces and virtues that it may ever be pleasing to your divine Son. Assist us in all the activities of life, and, by your presence console us at the time of our death. In that hour present us to the Blessed Trinity as your child redeemed by the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DAY ONE: Thursday July 8th, 2021

O Beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a pure virgin, assist us in our necessity! O Star of the Sea, help and protect us! Show us that you are our Mother. *Intentions*

DAY TWO: Friday July 9th, 2021

Most Holy Mary, Our Mother, in your great love for us you gave us the Holy Scapular of Mount Carmel, having heard the prayers of your chosen son Saint Simon Stock. Help us now to wear it faithfully and with devotion. May it be a sign to us of our desire to grow in holiness. *Intentions*

DAY THREE: Saturday July 10th, 2021

O Queen of Heaven, you gave us the Scapular as an outward sign by which we might be known as your faithful children. May we always wear it with honor by avoiding sin and imitating your virtues. Help us to be faithful to this desire of ours. *Intentions*

DAY FOUR: Sunday July 11th, 2021

When you gave us, Gracious Lady, the Scapular as our Habit, you called us to be not only servants, but also your own children. We ask you to gain for us from your Son the grace to live as your children in joy, peace and love. *Intentions*

DAY FIVE: Monday July 12th, 2021

O Mother of Fair Love, through your goodness, as your children, we are called to live in the spirit of Carmel. Help us to live in charity with one another, prayerful as Elijah of old, and mindful of our call to minister to God's people. *Intentions*

DAY SIX: Tuesday July 13th, 2021

With loving provident care, O Mother Most Amiable, you covered us with your Scapular as a shield of defense against the Evil One. Through your assistance, may we bravely struggle against the powers of evil, always open to your Son Jesus Christ. *Intentions*

DAY SEVEN: Wednesday July 14th, 2021

O Mary, Help of Christians, you assured us that wearing your Scapular worthily would keep us safe from harm. Protect us in both body and soul with your continual aid. May all that we do be pleasing to your Son and to you. *Intentions*

DAY EIGHT: Thursday July 15th, 2021

You give us hope, O Mother of Mercy, that through your Scapular promise we might quickly pass through the fires of purgatory to the Kingdom of your Son. Be our comfort and our hope. Grant that our hope may not be in vain but that, ever faithful to your Son and to you, we may speedily enjoy after death the blessed company of Jesus and the saints. *Intentions*

DAY NINE: Friday July 16th, 2021

O Most Holy Mother of Mount Carmel, when asked by a saint to grant privileges to the family of Carmel, you gave assurance of your Motherly love and help to those faithful to you and to your Son. Behold us, your children. We glory in wearing your holy habit, which makes us members of your family of Carmel, through which we shall have your powerful protection in life, at death and even after death. Look down with love, O Gate of Heaven, on all those now in their last agony! Look down graciously, O Virgin, Flower of Carmel, on all those in need of help! Look down mercifully, O Mother of our Savior, on all those who do not know that they are numbered among your children. Look down tenderly, O Queen of All Saints, on the poor souls! *Intentions:*

Novena Prayers adapted from <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/our-lady-of-mt-carmel-novena/#day-9-prayer>

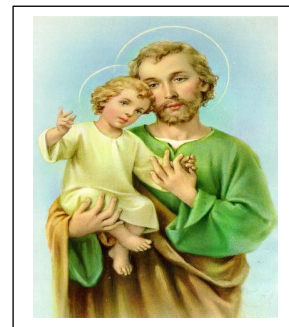
The Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)

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