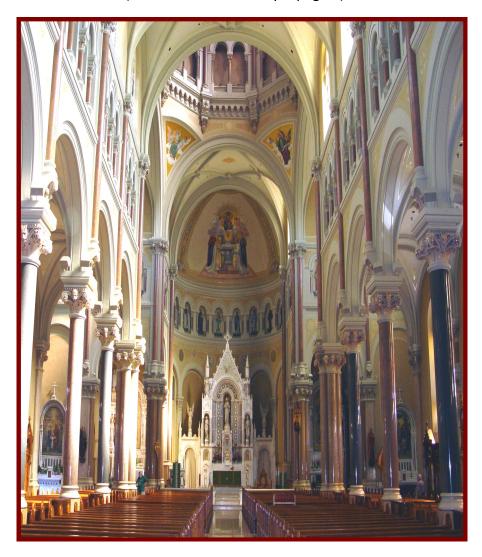
# Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and

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# NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Prayed from: June 18th through June 26th or at anytime



Feast Day: June 27th (Latin Calendar)

#### Novena

The word Novena derives it name from the Latin word "novem" meaning "nine." A novena can be either a private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces.



## **OPENING PRAYER**

O Mary, Mother of Perpetual help, I salute thee with the filial devotion. I renew the consecration of myself, and all I have, to thee. I thank thee for thy maternal protection and for the many blessings that I have received through thy wondrous mercy and most powerful intercession. In all my necessities I have recourse to thee with un-bounded confidence O Help of Christians, Mother of Mercy. I beseech thee now to hear my prayer and to obtain for me of thy divine Son the favor that I request in this novena.

## (Here mention your petition)

Obtain for me, also, dearest Mother, the grace so that I may imitate thee and become more like to thee in the practice of the virtues of humility, purity, submission to the will of God, and charity. Be my protectress in life, guard and guide me in dangers, direct me in difficulties, lead me in the way of perfection, and assist me in the hour of my death, that I may come to Jesus, and with thee enjoy Him, bless Him, and love Him eternally in Heaven. AMEN.

#### **FIRST DAY**

Blessed forever be our God Who had made thee, O Mary, so powerful, so compassionate and so ready to help. What would become of us, poor sinners, without thee? With what face, after having so often deserved disgrace and punishment, could we go before our sovereign Judge, and ask of Him, not only pardon, but favors, and share in eternal glory? Blessed be thou too, O clement Queen, for having so often interposed between divine justice and me, thy most unworthy client, for having turned away God's anger from me, and for having obtained for me so many graces.

#### NINTH DAY

O MARY, If -- as St. Peter says -- death is terrible even for the just, how much more so will it be for a sinner who has many times deserved hell, So when I think of that moment on which depends my lost for eternity, I begin exceedingly to fear and to tremble. O Mother of Perpetual Help, in thee alone is my hope, for thou are the advocate of sinners and patron of the dying I place myself from henceforth in thy blessed hands, to thee I entrust the care of my sinful soul: dispose of me, do with me as thou pleasest, but preserve me from an evil death. Reject, if thou wilt, all my other prayers, provided thou hearest this one for a good death; or may a peaceful and holy death be the crowning answer to all the prayers I address to thee henceforth to the end of my days. And When my last hour shall come, grant, O my good Mother, that I may worthily receive all the help that the Holy Church affords to the dying: And be thou pleased thyself to come then to my aid, to encourage, console and defend me from the assaults of Satan and that thy name, with that of JESUS, may be my last thought, and my last sigh, so that I may go to heaven to sing thy mercies. Come, O Lady of Perpetual Help, to help me at the hour of my death. AMEN.

Recite 3 Hail Mary's for the favor you seek to obtain.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

## **Litany of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

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## **LET US PRAY:**

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# **Prayer for Ourselves**

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# **Prayer in Temporal Wants**

(Same as recited on day 1-page 5)

Immaculate Conception, that I may be pure in body and soul. Thou ever defendest all those who confide in thy Perpetual Help, and who invoke thee in the hour of danger: grant then, that in no day I may omit to honor thee, and to pray to thee. May I bear thee in mind, especially when the enemy of my salvation assails me. This is the grace I ask of thee, and I desire always to ask of thee: obtain it for me and I shall be secure. By thy holy Virginity and thy Immaculate Conception obtain for me, O Mother of Perpetual Help, purity of body and soul. AMEN.

Recite 3 Hail Mary's for the favor you seek to obtain.

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#### **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 9**

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These graces are my desires for those I may and ought still to hope for from thy Perpetual Help. Hence for the time to come, whenever I feel more painfully the weight of my unworthiness, when all seems lost, and I am tempted even to despair, then especially, full of confidence, will I invoke thy blessed name. I will make my misery a claim on thy mercy. I will believe that if God lets me feel my weakness, it is to force me to cast myself into the arms of His mercy and upon thee, my sweet and only hope. Design to remember this resolution in my time of need, and grant that I may be faithful to it, till my last breath. And the Most Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may never cease to have recourse to thee. AMEN.

Recite 3 Hail Mary's for the favor you seek to obtain.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

## **Litany of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

(For Private Devotion) \* O Mary ever help us.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
GOD the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
GOD the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
GOD the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one GOD, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of GOD, pray for us.
Holy Virgin, conceived without sin, pray for us.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.
We sinners call to thee, O Mary, ever help us.
That we may love GOD with our whole hearts. \*

That we may be comfortable in all things to thy Divine Son, \*
That we may have a tender and; heartfelt devotion to thee,
most holy Virgin. \*

That we may hate with all our strength sin; the only evil, \*
That we may frequently remember our last end, \*

That we may often and; worthily receive the Most Holy Sacrament, \*

That we may avoid with all our strength proximate occasions of sin, \*

That we may not neglect prayer a single day of our lives, \*

That we may have recourse to prayer in the hour of temptation, \*

That we may generously forgive our enemies, and; wish well to all men, \*

That we may not defer our conversion from day to day, \*

That we may zealously labor to overcome our bad habits. \*

That we may live and; die in the grace of GOD, \*

In all concerns of soul and; body, In sickness and; pain, \*

In struggles against the inclinations of corrupt nature. \*

In assaults of evil spirits, \*

In temptations against the holy virtue of purity, \*

In all danger of sinning, \*

When we have reached the end of our earthly course. \*

When lying on our death-bed, and; the thought of our approaching dissolution shall fill us with fear and; horror. \*

When in the hour of final separation from all, evil spirits shall try to drive us to despair. \*

When the priest of the Lord shall give us the last absolution and; blessing, \*

When our relatives and; friends surround our bed, weeping and; praying for us,  $\mbox{*}$ 

When our eyes grow dim and; our hearts cease to beat, \*

When we breathe forth our spirit into the hands of our Creator, \*

When our poor soul appears before our Divine Judge, \*

When the terrible judgment is about to be passed, \*

When suffering in the flames of purgatory, and; longing for the vision of GOD. \*

Lamb of GOD, Who takes away the sins of the world: Spare us, O Lord. Lamb of GOD, Who takes away the sins of the world: Graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of GOD, Who takes away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of GOD.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. \*

## **LET US PRAY:**

O GOD, Who hast willed that the Mother of Thy only-begotten Son should be the perpetual help of Christians on earth, grant us the grace to call on her with confidence in all our necessities of soul and body, so that, saved through her protection and assistance, we may be brought to the everlasting vision of Thy Glory in heaven: through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. AMEN.

indulgence towards others, that I may love them in JESUS, and JESUS in them; that by my prayers, my good advice, and good example, I may strive to draw them for their salvation to JESUS and to thee. AMEN.

Recite 3 Hail Mary's for the favor you seek to obtain.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

# **Litany of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

(Same as recited on day 1-pages 3-4)

#### **LET US PRAY:**

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## **Prayer for Ourselves**

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## **Prayer in Temporal Wants**

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## **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 8**

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#### **EIGHTH DAY**

O MARY, Lily of the Valley and Mirror of Purity, blessed be GOD, Whose infinite goodness has given us in thee so powerful a means of deliverance from the slavery of that deadly vice which, more than any other, causes the eternal ruins of souls. How many hast thou, O Virgin most pure, preserved in innocence through life! How many, after having long been slaves of their shameful passions, have through thee recovered their freedom! I beseech thee then, preserve me continually and all who belong to me from the attacks of this vice. Obtain for me, O Mary, by thy holy Virginity and by thy

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## **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 7**

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## **SEVENTH DAY**

MOST HOLY MOTHER of our Savior, thou alone hast loved Him worthily for thou hast not love Him in word only, but in deed and in truth; thou hast given the great proof that this love demands, for thou has loved us with a love which next to His own, never had an equal and which brought thee to sacrifice for our happiness all that made thine own, even thy JESUS Himself I can never be dear to thee unless I also love my neighbor with a sincere and generous love. Help me to do so, O Mother of Perpetual Help. Obtain for me a heart like to that of JESUS and thy own, so that I may be meek and humble, patient, compassionate, more ready to forgive than to take offense, and to give than to receive; that thus I may keep my eyes ever open to my own faults, and may close them to those of my neighbor; that I may put up with everything rather than cause pain to another; that severe to myself, I may be full of

## **Prayer for Ourselves**

O Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence I come before thy Sacred Picture in order to invoke thine aid. Thou hast seen the Wounds which JESUS hast been pleased to receive for our sake; thou hast seen the Blood of thy Son flowing for our salvation; thou knowest how much thy Son desires to apply to us the fruits of His Redemption. Behold, I cast myself at thy feet, and; pray thee to obtain for my soul the grace I stand so much in need of. O Mary most loving of all mothers, obtain for me from the heart of JESUS, the grace

#### ( Here mention your petition)

O Mother of Perpetual Help, thou desirest our salvation far more than we ourselves; thy Son has given thee to us for our Mother, thou hast thyself chosen to be called Mother of Perpetual Help. Show then that thou art really my Mother, show that thou art justly called Mother of Perpetual Help. I trust not in my merits, but in thy powerful intercession; I trust in thy goodness, I trust in thy motherly love. Mother of Perpetual Help, for the love thou bearest of JESUS thy Son and; my Redeemer, for the love of thy great servant Alphonsus, for the love of my soul, obtain for me the grace I ask from thee.

## **Prayer in Temporal Wants**

O Mother of Perpetual Help, numerous clients continually surround thy holy picture, all imploring thy mercy. All bless thee as the assured Help of the miserable; all feel the benefit of thy maternal protection. With confidence, then, do I present myself before thee in my misery. See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; see how numerous are our wants. Trials and sorrows often press us; reverses of fortune and privations, often grievous, bring misery into our homes; everywhere we meet the cross. Have pity, compassionate Mother, on us and on our families; and especially in this my necessity

## ( Here mention your petition)

, from which I now suffer. Help me, O my Mother, in my distress; deliver me from my ills; or if it be the will of GOD that I should endure them, make me suffer with love and patience. This grace I expect of thee with confidence, because thou art our Perpetual Help.

## **Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY who, to inspire me with the fullest confidence, hast been willing to take the sweet name of Mother of Perpetual Help, I. N. N. . . acknowledge that my sins render me unworthy to be admitted among the number of thy privileged children. Nevertheless, desirous of enjoying thy merciful favor, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly prostrate before thee, I consecrate to thee my understanding, that I may always think of consecrate to thee my heart in order that, after God, I may love thee above all things.

O my Sovereign Lady, deign to receive me among the number of thy favored children, take me under thy protection, help me in all my spiritual and temporal wants, but especially at the hour of my death.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, I know that thou lovest me more than I can love myself, I entrust all my interests to thy care: dispose of me, and all that belongs to me, according to thy good pleasure.

O Mother, bless me, and by thy powerful intercession support my weakness, so that having been faithful in serving thee during this life, I may praise thee during this life, I may praise thee, love thee and thank thee eternally in the next. AMEN.

## **Different Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

O Holy Virgin Mary, who in order to inspire us with boundless confidence, hast been pleased to take the sweet name of Mother of Perpetual Help, I implore thee to come to my aid always and everywhere; in my temptations; after my falls; in my difficulties; in all the miseries of life, and above all, at the hour of my death. Give me, loving Mother, the desire, any more, the habit always to have resource to thee for I feel assured that if I invoke thee with fidelity thou wilt be faithful and come to my assistance.

Obtain for me, then, this grace of graces, the grace to pray to thee without ceasing, and with childlike confidence, that by virtue of this faithful prayer I may ensure thy Perpetual Help and my final perseverance. Bless me, O loving and ever helpful Mother, and pray for me now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.

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## **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 6**

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#### SIXTH DAY

O MOST TENDER and Compassionate of mothers turn thin eyes of mercy upon me, and lend a gracious ear to any humble prayer. Since thou art more ready to give than to receive, thou wilt find in me a fitting subject for thy bounty. It is true, I have deserved rather than thou shouldst spurn me on account of the ingratitude I have hitherto shown to GOD for His benefits: thou art ever ready to listen to those who pray to thee, and thou regardest our misery and our confidence rather than our merits. No one is miserable than I am, and yet never have I doubted thy goodness. Incline then towards me that heart of thine so full of grace. O Mother of GOD and of men, grant me a share in those rich graces which GOD has given to thee for the whole world's benefit. I have constant need of thy help, which thou on thy part hast a still greater desire to supply. I would that all the beatings of my heart were so many acts of love for thee, of confidence in thee, and of prayer to thee, for myself and for all who are dear to me, Mayest thou have the glory one day of seeing me saved through thy intercession. O Mother of Perpetual Help, in thee I Hoped: I shall not be confounded. AMEN. page 11

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#### **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 5**

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## **FIFTH DAY**

O MARY, of all creatures the most noble, the most sublime, the most pure, the most beautiful, the most holy, thou art loved preeminently by all the elect and by GOD Himself Who has more love for thee alone than for all men, and angels together. But I would wish to see all mankind love thee, and love thee exceedingly. Obtain for me this love which I so much desire for others and which is a sure sign of predestination. But above all obtain for me the grace to love JESUS CHRIST, thy Divine Son, whom above all I am so much bound to love, as infinitely amiable in Himself, as having so much loved for me, and Whom thou so ardently desirest to see loved by all. This is the grace I seek for most, and above every other good. Thou canst obtain it for me, O Mother of Perpetual Help, and cease not to pray until thou seest a great love for JESUS enkindled in my soul, or rather cease not to pray until thou seest me united with thyself in loving Him with a pure and endless love in Paradise. AMEN.

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## **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 2**

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#### **SECOND DAY**

Blessed forever be our God Who had made thee, O Mary, so powerful, so compassionate and so ready to help. What would become of us, poor sinners, without thee? With what face, after having so often deserved disgrace and punishment, could we go before our sovereign Judge, and ask of Him, not only pardon, but favors, and share in eternal glory? Blessed be thou too, O clement Queen, for having so often interposed between divine justice and me, thy most unworthy client, for having turned away God's anger from me, and for having obtained for me so many graces.

HOW SWEET it is to think that by thy peerless beauty, O Holy Virgin, though hast ravished the heart, not of any earthy monarch, but of the King of kings, and the Creator of the universe! Thus wert thou deemed worthy to be the Mother of the Incarnate Word, the dispensatrix of His grace, and the cause of our joy. And now, enthroned at the right hand of thy Son, thou drawest to thee the hearts of all the Saints, and Angels in heaven and of the just on earth. I rejoice to see thee of all creatures the most beloved, since of all others thou art the most worthy of love. But, I beseech thee, O glorious Queen, forget me not, poor exile that I am, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Remember that thou art raised on high to be able the better to see those who suffer here below, and that thou art made so powerful to help us the more readily. Thou knowest, O Mary! how I am constantly assailed by enemies from without, and by temptations from within. Be thou my Perpetual Help: watch over me continually, or I shall be lost. And when through frailty I fail actually to call upon thee in danger, receive the intention I now make of doing so. May this be ever the habitual cry of my heart . . . Mother of Perpetual Help, forget me not. AMEN.

Recite 3 Hail Mary's for the favor you seek to obtain.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

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#### **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 3**

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## **THIRD DAY**

O MOTHER of my GOD and Savior JESUS CHRIST, thou art indeed my true Mother, and I am indeed thy child. What happiness for me thus to think of thee, and to be able to call thee my Mother. O Queen of Angels, the title of Child of Mary is more glorious in my eyes, and more sweet to me than all the great titles so boasted of in the world. To be called thy child is dearer to me by far than the honor and dignity of any name on earth. But alas! how utterly unworthy I am of a holy a Mother, who might well be ashamed of such a child as I am. Thou art pure as light, pious, humble, full of charity and sweetness; thy heart is as a furnace of divine love: and I am stained with countless sins, attached to earth, proud, harsh to my brethren, and cold towards my GOD. O my Mother, I detest my iniquities . . . obtain pardon for me: I groan under my miseries, and I spread them before thy pitying eyes, that thou mayest cure them. Make them somewhat like to thee, save me from my evil inclinations, particularly from . . . Mother of GOD, grow not weary at my crying, turn not away thy face from me because I am so defiled; but put an end to my importunity by helping me speedily... for, till thou hast heard me, I will not cease to cry to thee. O my Mother, my Mother Mary, come to my help. Be thou my Mother, and make me thy worthy child. AMEN.

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## **OPENING PRAYER-DAY 4**

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## **FOURTH DAY**

TO THEE, then, O Hope of the wretched, I, a miserable sinner, address myself. I hope that by the merits of JESUS CHRIST and through thy intercession I shall be saved. Such is my confidence, O Mary, that were eternal salvation in my own hands I would place it in thine; for I trust more in thy mercy and protection than in all my own endeavors. My Mother and my Hope, abandon me not as I deserve. Be Moved to pity. Help me and save me; let all see that thy goodness surpasses the number and the malice of my sins. It is testified, throughout the Church, that no one under thy protection can ever perish. Should then all others forget me, do not thou, O Mother of Perpetual Help. Say to GOD, that I am thy servant, that thou defendest me and I shall be saved. I wish to live and die saying that next to GOD thou art my chief Hope. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, next to JESUS my only hope, grant that I may always hope in thee. AMEN.

Recite 3 Hail Marys for the favor you seek to obtain.