

# Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



from the 29<sup>th</sup> of November —  
to the 7<sup>th</sup> of December

*Prayer for the end each day of Novena:*

## **Prayer of St. Maximilian to the Immaculate**

Grant to me that I may praise you, most Blessed Virgin.

Grant that I may praise you with all my strength.

Grant that I may live and work and suffer for you and for you alone, that I may be consumed and die for you.

Grant that I may contribute to your greater and more extensive glorification.

Grant that I may pay you such homage as no one has yet paid you.

Grant that others may surpass me in their zeal for your glorification and that I may then, as though in a noble competition, propagate devotion to you ever more deeply and swiftly and magnificently, as desired by Him Who exalted you so ineffably above all other creatures.

God was more glorified by you alone than by all His saints together.

For you, God created the world. For you also, God has called me into existence. Whence is this happiness for me?

O, grant to me that I may praise you, O Most Holy Virgin.

*Prayer for each day of novena on following pages →*

### **The first day — on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November**

*Contemplation:* Our Mother Mary is full of grace, which means that in every moment of her existence God's grace permeates her superabundantly. Well, also in her conception she is full of grace and no stain of original sin ever reached her most holy soul. And while all Adam's children woefully shout "I was brought forth in iniquity (...)", Mary shines unblemished from the first moment of her coming into existence and triumphs among the thorns as a lily — Immaculata.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*



### **The second day — on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — because thanks to the only privilege in the history of creation with which she was honoured — out of consideration for the predicted merits of the agony and death of His Son Jesus Christ — already from the moment of her conception she was free from the sad legacy which all men inherited from their parents.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*



### **The third day — on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — because it was right that Jesus, who could choose a mother for Himself, chose the being that was worthy of His divine descent and holiness. If even for a moment Mary had been deprived of God's grace, which means that she would have been Satan's prey for that moment — she would not have been worthy of the honourable role of the God-Human's Mother, because even one offending moment in Satan's slavery would be an affront to the Son.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*





### **The fourth day — on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — because it was appropriate that the first-born Son of the Heavenly Father, whose holiness is preached by the Seraphim's choirs, had an earthly mother who always shone with the light of holiness.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*



### **The fifth day — on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — as befits that the Saviour showed perfection in His triumph over sin through saving at least one soul which was free from both original and actual sin; and this chosen soul was His Mother, who, after all, was to be the Co-redemptrix of all humankind.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*



### **The sixth day — on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — because she is the first-born daughter of the Eternal Father, chosen by Him to be the Mother of His Son and surrounded by special considerations.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*

### **The seventh day — on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — because Jesus, both her and God's Son, loves her as His Mother and wants her to be revered, loved and honoured by all.

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*

### **The eighth day — on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* Full of grace — because in a special way she became a temple of the Holy Spirit and His betrothed, whom He filled with such unique graces, more than all other creatures, and which he adorned with privileges like beautiful jewels. Therefore God wanted to have Mary, who was so tightly united with the whole Holy Trinity, free from the original flaw. He wanted an Immaculata. And so she is!

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*



### **The ninth day — on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December**

*Contemplation:* To you, O Immaculata the Queen of hearts, we want to belong entirely to you and we want to bring to your feet our stray brothers who do not know you yet. Our loving responsibility is to work at carrying it out. Today we go to you in order to let you know about this holy intention and resolution. You, O Immaculate Mary, bless us and help us graciously!

*Grant to me that I may praise you,  
most Blessed Virgin...*



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