

The Novena of Grace

March 4th - 12th

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.
And my mouth shall announce Thy praise.

Incline unto my aid, O God.
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be; world without end. Amen.

O God! Who was pleased to restore to the bosom of Thy Church, the nations of the Indies, through the preaching and miracles of Saint Francis Xavier, mercifully grant us; that we may imitate his virtues, whose glorious merits we hold in veneration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Francis Xavier

O Most lovable and loving Saint Francis Xavier, in union with thee I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favors with which God blessed thee during life and of thy glory after death fills me with joy, and I unite with thee in offering Him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise. I implore thee to secure for me, through thy powerful intercession, the inestimable blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech thee to obtain the favor I ask in this Novena. *[Here mention your intentions]* But, if what I ask is not for the glory of God, and the good of my soul, do thou obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Our Father +++ Hail Mary +++ Glory be

Sermon or Spiritual Reading

Prayer of Saint Francis Xavier for the Conversion of Infidels

Eternal God, Creator of all things, remember that Thou alone didst create the souls of infidels, forming them to Thy own image and likeness. Remember, O Lord, Thy only Son, Jesus Christ, Who suffered for them, most bountifully shedding His most Precious Blood. Suffer not, O Lord, Thy Son, and our Lord to be any longer despised by infidels, but rather, being appeased by the entreaties and prayers of Thy elect, the Saints, and of the Church, the most blessed spouse of Thy Son, vouchsafe to be mindful of Thy mercy, and forgetting their idolatry and unbelief, cause them also to know Him whom Thou didst send, Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Lord, Who is our health, life and resurrection, through Whom we are made free and saved, to Whom be all glory forever. Amen.

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