

DAY 8 - Prayers

EIGHTH DAY (Friday, 7th Week of Easter)

Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen warm the chill. Guide the steps that go astray!

The Gift of Wisdom

Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written "all good things came to us with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Saviour: "Take up thy cross and follow me, for our yoke is sweet and our burden light.

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to our soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach us to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help us to attain them and possess them for ever. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Meditation for the Eighth Day of the Novena to Mary, Undoer of Knots

Virgin Mother of God, overflowing with mercy, have mercy on your child and undo this knot [***Our family here and abroad, our elderly, our livelihood, our health , the children & their studies, their choices, perspectives, chastity, purity, holiness, & my nieces nephews, their friends and all of the youth & the dying, for world peace, for all the***

souls in purgatory and conversion of sinners . . .] in our life. We need your visit to our life, like you visited Elizabeth. Bring us Jesus, bring us the Holy Spirit. Teach us to practice the virtues of courage, joyfulness, humility, and faith, and, like Elizabeth, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Make us joyfully rest on your bosom, Mary. we consecrate you as our mother, queen, and friend. we give you our heart and everything we have — our home and family, our material and spiritual goods. we are yours forever. Put your heart in us so that we can do everything Jesus tells me. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. * See Closing Prayers above.

Eighth Day - Today bring to ME the souls who are in the prison of purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of MY mercy. Let the torrents of MY Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to MY justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of MY Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to MY justice. Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy, so we bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of the purifying fire, that in that place, too, the power of Your mercy may be praised.

From the terrible heat of the cleansing fire Rises a plaint to Your mercy,
And they receive comfort, refreshment, and relief In the stream of mingled
Blood and Water



Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. we beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded, manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way than through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

DAY EIGHT

O holy St. Anthony, you have shown yourself so powerful in your intercession, so tender and so compassionate towards those who honor you and invoke you in suffering and distress. we beseech you most humbly and earnestly to take us under your protection in our present necessities and to obtain for us the favor we desire (***Our family here and abroad, our elderly, our livelihood, our health , the children & their studies, their choices, perspectives, chastity, purity, holiness, & my nieces nephews, their friends and all of the youth & the dying, for world peace, for all the souls in purgatory and conversion of sinners***

. . .). Recommend our request to the merciful Queen of Heaven, that she may plead our cause with you before the throne of her Divine Son.

One Our Father, one Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony. Saint Anthony, pray for us!

O God, may the votive commemoration of blessed Anthony, your confessor, be a source of joy to your Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance, and deserve to enjoy eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O holy Saint Augustine, who has famously declared that “Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.”, aid me in my own search for our Lord that through your intercession I may be granted the wisdom to determine the purpose God has planned for me. Pray that I be blessed with the courage to follow God’s will even at times when I do not understand. Ask our Lord to lead me to a life worthy of His love, that I may one day share the riches of His kingdom. Petition our Lord and Savior to ease the burden of my problems and grant my special intention, and I will honor you all of my days.

Saint Augustine, God has tasked you with aiding people in distress even when the assistance they need requires you to perform miracles in His name. Refuse not my request for your kind intercession and obtain for me the special favor that I seek through this novena.

(State the nature of your problem or the special favor you seek)

Glorious Saint Augustine I boldly ask for your intercession confident in your boundless wisdom and compassion. May this devotion lead me to a life dedicated to the fulfilling the will of God that I may one day be deemed worthy of sharing His Kingdom with you and all the saints for all eternity.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Augustine, Pray For Us! Amen.

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Oh our God! we also are one of these ungrateful beings, having received so much grace, and yet despised Thy love and deserved to be cast by Thee into hell. But Thy infinite goodness has spared us until now. Therefore, we now love Thee above all things, and we are heartily sorry for having offended Thee. we will rather die than ever offend Thee. Grant us the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on us and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Say one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary**, and the [Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory](#) .

[DAY 8 \(July 5\)](#)

[In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen](#)

[Dear Little Martyr!](#)

[To the last you followed your beloved Jesus!](#)

[He, while hanging upon His Cross of Suffering, uttered through parched lips,
"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!"](#)

[And you upon your bed of pain, burning with fever,
forgave your murderer with the words, "I too, pardon him..."](#)

[I too, wish him to join me in Paradise!"](#)

[Grant me the grace, O Heroic Saint, to be charitable to others!](#)

[Much of my time is spent on vengeful thoughts,](#)

seeking how I may pay back to others the harm they have done to me.
Teach me to forgive, so that I may not only gain Heaven,
but also lead others there who might otherwise be doomed to Hell.
If I am to follow Christ, help me to imitate His Charity, even as you have done.
Amen.

Recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my Love!
Sweet Heart of Mary, be my Salvation!
Recite the Prayer to Saint Mary Goretti above,
Say 1 Our Father... 1 Hail Mary... 1 Glory Be...

Saint Mary Goretti, Pray for us!

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