#### **DAY 1 - Prayers**

## FIRST DAY (Friday, 6th Week of Easter)

Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! From Your clear celestial height, Your pure beaming radiance give!

## **The Holy Spirit**

Only one thing is important -- eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared--sin? Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity. we know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

## **Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given us forgiveness all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

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

Meditation for the First Day of the Novena to Mary, Undoer of Knots
Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your
children. Extend your merciful hands to me. we entrust to You today 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 . . . . . ] and all the negative consequences that it
provokes in our life. we give you this knot that torments us and makes us
unhappy and so impedes us from uniting ourselves to You and Your Son Jesus,

our Savior. I run to You, Mary, Undoer of Knots, because we trust you and we know that you never despise a sinning child who comes to ask you for help. we believe that you can undo this knot because Jesus grants you everything. we believe that you want to undo this knot because you are our Mother. we believe that You will do this because you love us with eternal love. Thank you, Dear Mother.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. \* See Closing Prayers above.

# Day 1 Souls of sinners and all mankind

Today, bring to ME all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of MY mercy. In this way you will console ME in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges ME.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins, but upon the trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Oh omnipotence of Divine Mercy, Salvation of sinful people, You are a sea of mercy and compassion; You aid those who entreat You with humility.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy forever and ever. Amen.

#### **DAY ONE**

O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures made you worthy while on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those

in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, we implore you to obtain for us the favor we seek in this novena (*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 . . . ). The answer to our prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the saint of miracles. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper our petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of our heart will always be yours.

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. Beloved Saint Augustine the miracles you have performed for the greater glory of God have caused people to seek your intercession for their most pressing concerns. Hear my cries as I invoke your name to petition God for an increased faith and

to aid me in my present distress. (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.

#### Day 1 – Souls in Purgatory

Jesus, our Savior we have so often deserved to be cast into hell how great would be our suffering if we were now cast away and obliged to think that we ourselves had caused our damnation. we thank Thee for the patience with which Thou hast endured me. our God, we love Thee above all things and we are heartily sorry for having offended Thee because Thou art infinite goodness. we will rather die than offend Thee again. Grant us the grace of perseverance. Have pity on us and at the same time on those blessed souls suffering in Purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Say one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary**, and the <u>Prayer to Our Suffering</u> <u>Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory</u>.

#### **DAY ONE (Starts June 28)**

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

Most lovable little Saint, who valued your purity above any earthly gain, and who sealed this choice with a martyr's death, obtain for me also a strong love of this virtue, so consoling to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pleasures of the world create many temptations for me. I turn to your powerful intercession in Heaven, so that with this help I may remain ever loyal to God, no matter what the price.

In danger inspire me to repeat with you,
"No, it is a sin!" Amen.

Recite the <u>Litany of the Blessed Virgin</u>.

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