



## **Novena to St. John**

(Please recite this novena for 9 days)

I. My most loving Saint, St. John the Apostle, behold me kneeling at thy feet, beseeching thee with all the affection of my heart to grant me thy special protection, particularly when in danger of offending God. O my dear and holy advocate, remember me before the throne of the most holy Trinity, and obtain for me from the infinite goodness of God, the virtues of humility, purity, obedience, and the grace to fulfill exactly the duties of my state.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory

II. O my dear Saint, St. John the Apostle, I renew to the Lord, through thee, the holy resolutions which I have frequently made of intending to love and serve Him faithfully. I am resolved to detach myself from every earthly thing, and I desire ardently to unite myself to Him, as my first beginning, last end, and sovereign good. My dear Saint, I beseech thee to offer to the most holy Trinity the sacrifice of my whole being, particularly of my judgment and will, in order to conform fully to God most holy, because I desire nothing else besides His grace and His holy love.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory

III. My sweet and holy Protector, St. John the Apostle, behold me again full of love for thee and full of confidence, beseeching thee to cast thyself on thy knees before the throne of the most holy Trinity, and entreat most ardently that God, through His infinite goodness, may grant me the grace to fly sin, and the gift of final perseverance. Thou knowest, O my dear St. John the Apostle, how great are the temptations to which man is subject, and how continual are the perils I run of being lost; do thou assist me with thy efficacious prayers.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory

### **Litany of Charity**

Lord, have mercy on me.

Christ, have mercy on me.  
Lord, have mercy on me.  
Christ, hear me.  
Christ, graciously hear me.

Heavenly Father, true God,  
have mercy on me.

Son, Redeemer of the world, true God, have mercy on me.

Holy Ghost, true God; have mercy on me.

Holy Trinity, one only God, have mercy on me.

Thou who art infinite love,

Thou who hast anticipated me by Thy love,

Thou, who commandest me to love Thee,

Thou, who for love of me, hast given Thy only Son  
With all my heart, I love Thee, O my God,

With all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength,

Above all goods and honors, above all joys and pleasure,

More than myself and all that is mine, more than kindred and friends, more than all men  
and angels,

Above all created things in heaven and on earth, solely for Thyself; because Thou art  
the sovereign good; because Thou art infinitely worthy to be loved because Thou art in-  
finitely perfect,

Even hadst Thou not promised me heaven,

Even hadst Thou not threatened me with hell,

Even shouldst Thou try me by miseries and adversity,

In plenty and want, in prosperity and adversity, in honor and dishonor, in pleasure and  
suffering,

In health and in sickness, in life and in death, in time and eternity,

In union with that love, with which all the Saints and angels love Thee in heaven; in  
union with that love with which the Blessed Virgin loved Thee; in union with that infinite  
love with which Thou lovest Thyself and wilt love Thyself eternally,

Let us pray:

O God! who possessest in incomprehensible abundance all that can ever be perfect and  
worthy of love, extinguish in me all culpable, sensual and disorderly love for creatures,

and enkindle in my heart the most pure fire of Thy sincere, powerful and continual love, in order that I may love nothing but Thee alone, or for Thee, until consumed by Thy most holy love I may begin to live where I shall perfectly possess Thee, with all Thy elect, and love Thee without end. Amen.