



Novena to St. Kateri Tekakwitha

(Please recite this Novena for 9 days)

Day 1: Love of Jesus

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

Saint Kateri, the seeds of faith planted in your heart by your mother began to blossom when you heard faithful missionaries preach in the name of Jesus. From the moment you heard the name of Jesus, you grew in your love of him. Your one desire was to know and serve him as you accepted baptism, received the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, and served others in his name. Indeed, the last words you spoke before you passed from this life were: "Jesus, I love you."

Through your example and intercession, help me to grow in my love of Jesus so that I can devote my life to Him more fully and love others in his holy name.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "To have the strength and courage to say "I love you" to those who with their outward actions and even at times with their words, that say they do not love me, or my relatives simply because of my heritage. During these times of unlove, help me to remember and imitate our Lord's words given from the cross, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they do.""

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be...

Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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

Day 2: Love of the Cross

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

Saint Kateri, in your life you demonstrated great devotion to the Love of the Cross. Not only did you seek to place the image of the cross before your eyes at all times, you also embraced the many crosses that you encountered in life: persecution for your faith, pain of physical illness, loss of loved ones, and the practice of self-mortification.

Through your example and intercession, help me to love the holy cross of Jesus, and to bear patiently with suffering and pain in my life.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need:

“To embrace the cross as Saint Kateri did in her life; to appreciate fully the courageous aspect of an apostolic life if I am going to follow in the footsteps of Jesus; and when I experience difficulty, contradiction, or even persecution, that I will never take on the identity of a victim. Help me to know and understand Saint Kateri, that true healing takes place at the foot of the cross.”

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

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Day 3: Love of the Eucharist

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

Saint Kateri, you found great strength and joy in the celebration of the Mass, in extended prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and in the frequent reception of Holy Communion.

Through your example and intercession, help me to grow in my love for the Holy Mass, in my reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and in my desire to receive our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need:

“Saint Kateri, the incarnation reminds me how much God loved humanity by suffering and dying on the Cross and the total giving of himself in the Eucharist. Intercede for me that I may grow daily in my appreciation of this great gift. Help also those who experience oppression and injustice that they might be drawn into the Eucharistic community of the Church.”

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

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Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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Day 4: Love of Humility

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

Saint Kateri, in imitation of Jesus and of His Blessed Mother, Mary, you embrace the way of true humility. You never sought preeminence for yourself, but rather submitted yourself wholeheartedly to Jesus, to the guidance of your spiritual directors, and to the good of others.

Through your example and intercession, help me to grow in the virtue of humility, accepting my dignity as a beloved child of God and the will of God in my life.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "Saint Kateri, help me to remember God's extravagant mercy to me. I am so frail in my faith and quick on judgment of myself and others. Help me to recall my sins and faults only to remember God's mercy on my life. Through these memories, help me to be humble and merciful to others around me."

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

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Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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Day 5: Love of Chastity

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

Saint Kateri, in your love for Jesus, and in the imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you embraced the virtue of chastity and consecrated yourself in perpetual virginity for your Divine Spouse. Even when pressured by others to abandon this path of love, you held firm in your resolve with the grace of God.

Through your example and intercession, help me to grow in perfect chastity in a way appropriate to my state in life, so that I also can love the Lord above all things and give a positive example to others.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "As one who lost your mother at an early age, intercede for us as we encounter the challenges in today's culture that undermine Christian values of family, respect for life, and marriage. Help us to follow your example of prayer and sacrifice, to strengthen our resolve to draw closer to Jesus each day and to remain steadfast to the virtue of chastity in our lives."

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

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Day 6: Love of Charity

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

Saint Kateri, in your love for Jesus you embodied a commitment to true charity and love for all. In doing so you cared for those who were ill and elderly, you reached out to those who were lonely, and you prayed always for the good of others. Even when others mistreated and abused you, you extended to them the love of Jesus.

Through your example and intercession, help me to grow in the virtue of charity that I may do what I can to assist others and that I will grow in love especially for those who reject me and treat me with contempt.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "To have the strength and courage of Kateri especially in times of rejection, mistreatment, discrimination, and other signs of unlove. Help us to love like Jesus did."

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be...

Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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

Day 7: Love of the Church

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

Saint Kateri, in your love for Jesus you showed others the beauty of the Church, the true Bride of Christ. You were eager to learn the faith of the Church, you prayed for ministers of the Church, you sought guidance and counsel from the Church, and you longed to share with others the joy that you experienced in the Church.

Through your example and intercession, help me to grow in my love for the Church and to discern my own vocation to holiness in the life of the Church.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "Saint Kateri, in spite of difficulty that you faced during your life, you showed true love of Jesus when you answered the call that He had given to His followers when He told them to love one another.

Actions speak louder than words.

As a weak human being I now ask you to intercede with Jesus on my behalf each night as I fall asleep. Lord Jesus, as night falls and events of the day linger in my mind, please help me to shake free of regrets and resentments that may still cling to me, so that I can let go of the day and get the relaxation and refreshment that my mind and body need. Placing all of my trust, hopes, and dreams in your hands, I pray that you will grant me a new tomorrow secure in your love for me and for everyone that I love. Saint Kateri, pray for me."

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

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Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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Day 8: Love of Creation

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

Saint Kateri, during your life you rejoiced in the beauty of God's creation. Taught by the heritage of your Nation to treasure the countless gifts of the earth and sky, the harmony of the changing seasons, and the precious life that rises within and around us, you found inspiration, solace and peace in these great gifts of God's love. You are now the patroness of our environment and ecology.

Through your example and intercession, help me to rejoice in the natural beauty of the world in which I live and to be grateful for its bounty, that I also will be a good steward of the wondrous creation that God has entrusted to our care for the benefit of all in this generation and in the generations to come.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "To respect God's creation by respecting and conserving the natural resources He has provided to us by being good stewards for the people yet to come into the world, so that they too can enjoy the beauty and serenity of the love He has for the whole human race."

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be...

Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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Day 9: Love of Heaven

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

Saint Kateri, true bride of Christ and daughter of the Church, you now enjoy the vision of God with all the saints in the kingdom of heaven.

Look kindly upon me now. Through your example and heavenly intercession, help me to long for the fullness of life and joy in heaven that I may, with God's grace, grow in holiness of life. Like you, help me to know Jesus, to love the Church, to be devoted to prayer, to receive the Eucharist with joy, to rejoice in creation and to be of service to others.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, Servant of Jesus Christ and devoted Daughter of the Church, I seek your intercession in my present need: "That in my spiritual journey I always remember to serve others; to give unconditional love to those who are forgotten and are in the shadows, and in most need of my prayers. But mostly, give me the wisdom and strength to touch someone with love today and every day; That I pray often so that my young spirit may seek God's ageless divine spirit in heaven along with you Saint Kateri, and all the saints."

I ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be...

Saint Kateri, pray for us!

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

Litany to St. Kateri

Lord, have mercy on us.Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the World have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.Kateri, lily of purity, pray for us.

Kateri, consoler of the heart of Jesus, pray for us.

Kateri, bright light for all Indians, pray for us.

Kateri, courage of the afflicted, pray for us.

Kateri, lover of the cross of Jesus, pray for us.

Kateri, flower of fortitude for the persecuted, pray for us.

Kateri, unshakeable in temptations, pray for us.

Kateri, full of patience in suffering, pray for us.

Kateri, keeper of your virginity in persecutions, pray for us.

Kateri, leader of many Indians to the true faith through your love for Mary, pray for us.

Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

Kateri, lover of penance, pray for us.

Kateri, who traveled many miles to learn the faith, pray for us.

Kateri, steadfast in all prayer, pray for us.

Kateri, who loved to pray the rosary for all people, pray for us.

Kateri, example to your people in all virtues, pray for us.

Kateri, humble servant to the sick, pray for us.

Kateri, who by your love of humility, gave joy to the angels,pray for us.

Kateri, your holy death gave strength to all to love Jesus and Mary, pray for us.

Kateri, whose scarred face in life became beautiful after death,pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Concluding Prayer

(Can be recited at the end of each day)

Lord God,You called the virgin Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, to shine among the American Indian people as an example of innocence of life. Through her intercession, may all peoples of every tribe, tongue and nation, having been gathered into Your Church, proclaim your greatness in one song of praise.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.