

Novena to Our Lady Help of Christians

Day 1. O most holy Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, we have recourse to Thee in these troubled times, when forces hostile to Thy Son threaten our beloved land. Mother of God, hear our prayers, and come to our assistance.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 2. O most holy Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, who by thy Patronage, hast so often delivered Christians from the fierce assault of their enemies, defend us now, we beseech Thee, from the modern enemies of Thy Son, so that the Truth which makes me free may continue to live in a free Australia.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 3. O most holy Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, who, by Thy powerful aid, hast vanquished so many heresies, help us we beseech Thee, to cling to our Faith against the modern attacks upon it. Mary Queen of Peace, restore the peace of Christ to the troubled world.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 4. O most holy Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, by Thine own courage and fortitude, inspire to perseverance all those who, in our day most suffer for their Faith. And through their sufferings, secure this grace for us that we also may faithfully and fearlessly profess our Catholic Faith. Mary, Help of Christians, make us really Christians, and preserve our land for Christianity.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 5. O Dear Mother Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia who, in the triumph of Pope Pius VII, showed thy powerful patronage, take under thy protection the whole Church, and specially her supreme Head on earth, the Holy Father. Defend her evermore from the assaults of so many of her enemies, deliver her from temporal sufferings, and ever assist her so that the barque of St. Peter, may triumph over the proud billows which strive to submerge it. And, Mother of God, we beseech Thee, from those same enemies secure our beloved Australia.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 6. O most holy Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, take under Thy powerful protection the Bishops, priests and faithful of the Church. Where they must suffer, sustain their sufferings, and grant them perseverance. Intensify their spirit of perfect obedience to the Faith and their fervent zeal for souls. Bless their labours and keep Australia for the Faith.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 7. O Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia gracious and bountiful mother, who with thy efficacious intercession has saved Christian people from plagues and from other corporal scourges, help us and deliver us now from the pest of impiety and irreligion, which in many ways seeks to find entrance into our souls to turn us away from the Church and the practices of religion. We beseech Thee, watch over the good that they may persevere, strengthen the weak, and call to repentance poor sinners, that truth and the kingdom of Jesus Christ may triumph here in Australia, so that Thy glory and the number of the elect may be increased in Heaven.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 8. O Mary, Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia and pillar of the Church, we ask of thee to keep us firm in our holy Faith, and to preserve in us the liberty of the children of God. With the help of grace, we promised neither to soil nor to fetter our souls with sin. We promise to live and die in the bosom of the Catholic Faith and beg thee, to stem the Godless heresy that threatens our Faith and our country's freedom.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Day 9. Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

O most holy Mary, immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and Patroness of Australia, Queen of all the world and Help of Christians graciously have regard we pray Thee, for the safety of our Nation. Once in a world at peace, we choose Thee as Patron. Now, when there is no peace, we beseech Thy powerful protection.

Mother of God, save us from the Godless.

Queen of all the world, reign in our land.

Help of Christians, help us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be to the Father etc. (once)

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.