

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, VICTORIA

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Novena & Prayers

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HENRY NEWMAN**

our Patron

☁ NOVENA ☁

This novena is to be prayed from 30 September to 8 October. Different Intentions and Reflections – taken from St John Henry’s own Meditations and Devotions – are given for each day.

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

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.



OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



HAIL Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.



GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



SAINTE John Henry Newman, we pray thine intercession for this parish of which thou art the heavenly patron that we may receive succour from thy prayers before God; the strength, health and energy to witness to the Catholic Faith in this place; and that we may be kept safe from all our enemies; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SAINTE John Henry Newman, pray for us that we be ‘not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but Catholics who know their religion, who enter into it, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, and who know so much of history that they can defend it.’

Day One (30 September): Divine Providence



OD has created all things for good; all things for their greatest good; everything for its own good. What is the good of one is not the good of another; what makes one man happy would make another unhappy. God has determined, unless I interfere with his plan, that I should reach that which will be my greatest happiness. God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.

O my God, I will put myself without reserve into thy hands. Wealth or woe, joy or sorrow, friends or bereavement, honour or humiliation, good report or ill report, comfort or discomfort, thy presence or the hiding of thy countenance, all is good if it comes from thee. Thou art wisdom and thou art love – what can I desire more? Amen.

Recite the concluding prayers on p.6

Day Two (1 October): Stay of the Soul



O possess thee, O Lover of Souls, is happiness, and the only happiness to the immortal soul! To enjoy the sight of thee is the only happiness of eternity. At present I might amuse and sustain myself with the vanities of sense and time, but they will not last forever.

Give me grace, O my Father, to be utterly ashamed of my own reluctance! Rouse me from sloth and coldness, and make me desire thee with my whole heart. Teach me to love meditation, sacred reading, and prayer. Teach me to love that which must engage my mind for all eternity. Amen.

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Day Three (2 October): Creator and Father



EVERYTHING short of thee, O Lord, is changeable, but thou endurest. Thou art ever one and the same. Ever the true God of man, and unchangeably so. Thou art the rarest, most precious, the sole good; and withal thou art the most lasting. The creature changes, the Creator never. Then only the creature stops changing, when it rests on thee.

Be thou my own bright Light, to which I look, for guidance and for peace. Let me love thee, O my Lord Jesus, with a pure affection and a fervent affection. Let me feel thee to be my only joy, my only refuge, my only strength, my only comfort, my only hope, my only fear, my only love. Amen.

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Day Four (3 October): Sin



HIS then, O my soul! is what the sinfulness of sin consists in. It is lifting up my hand against my Infinite Benefactor, against my Almighty Creator, Preserver, and Judge – against him in whom all majesty and glory and beauty and reverence and sanctity centre; against the one only God. Why this strange anomaly in the face of nature? Does God do things for naught? No, my soul, it is sin; it is thy sin which has brought the Everlasting down upon earth to suffer. Hence, I learn how great an evil sin is. The death of the Infinite is its sole measure.

My God, I dare not offend any earthly superior; I am afraid – for I know I shall get into trouble – yet I dare offend thee. I know, O Lord, that according to the greatness of the person offended, the greater is the offence. Yet I do not fear to offend thee, whom to offend is to offend the infinite God. O my Lord Jesus, whose love for me has been so great as to bring thee down from heaven to save me, teach me, dear Lord, my sin – teach me its heinousness – teach me truly to repent of it – and pardon it in thy great mercy. Amen.

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Day Five (4 October): Christ's Passion



HO could have fancied that thy creation of the universe implied and involved in it thy humiliation? O my great God, thou hast humbled thyself, thou hast stooped to take our flesh and blood, and hast been lifted up upon the tree! I praise and glorify thee tenfold the more, because thou hast shown thy power by means of thy suffering, than hadst thou carried on thy work without it.

I wish to bear insult meekly, and to return good for evil. I wish to humble myself in all things, and to be silent when I am ill-used, and to be patient when sorrow or pain is prolonged, and all for the love of thee, and thy Cross, knowing that in this way I shall gain the promise both of this life and of the next. Amen.

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Day Six (5 October): Christ's Resurrection



HY Body has part in thy power, rather than thou hast part in its weakness. For this reason, my God, it was that thou couldst not but rise again, if thou wast to die – because thy Body, once taken by thee, never was or could be separated from thee, even in the grave. It was thy Body even then, it could see no corruption; it could not remain under the power of death.

I adore thy Most Holy Body, O my dear Jesus, the instrument of our redemption. Amen.

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Day Seven (6 October): Christ's Ascension



MEMORABLE day! The Apostles feel it to be so, now that it is come, though they felt so differently before it came. When it was coming they dreaded it. They could not think but it would be a great bereavement; but now, as we read, they returned to Jerusalem 'with great joy'. O what a time of triumph! It was the triumph of redeemed man. It is the completion of his redemption. It was the last act, making the whole sure, for now man is actually in heaven. He has entered into possession of his inheritance. The sinful race has now one of its own children there, its own flesh and blood, in the person of the Eternal Son.

I choose thee then for my portion, because thou livest and diest not. I cast away all idols. I give myself to thee. I pray thee to teach me, guide me, enable me, and receive me to thee. Amen.

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Day Eight (7 October): The Holy Eucharist



SUCH a sacrifice was not to be forgotten. It was not to be – it could not be – a mere event in the world's history, which was to be done and over, and was to pass away except in its obscure, unrecognised effects. If that great deed was what we believe it to be, what we know it is, it must remain present, though past; it must be a standing fact for all times.

My Lord, I offer thee myself in turn as a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Thou hast died for me, and I in turn make myself over to thee. I am not my own. Thou hast bought me; I will by my own act and deed complete the purchase. Amen.

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Day Nine (8 October): The Holy Ghost



ADORE thee, my Lord and God, the Eternal Paraclete, co-equal with the Father and the Son. I adore thee as the Life of all that live. Through thee the whole material universe hangs together and consists, remains in its place, and moves internally in the order and reciprocity of its several parts. I adore thee, O my Lord, the Third Person of the all-Blessed Trinity, that thou hast set up in this world of sin a great light upon a hill. Thou hast founded the Church, thou hast established and maintained it.

Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as thou shinest: so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from thee. None of it will be mine. Make me preach thee without preaching – not by words, but by my example and the catching force, the sympathetic influence, of what I do – by my visible resemblance to thy saints, and the evident fulness of the love which my heart bears to thee. Amen.

Recite the concluding prayers.

Concluding Prayers



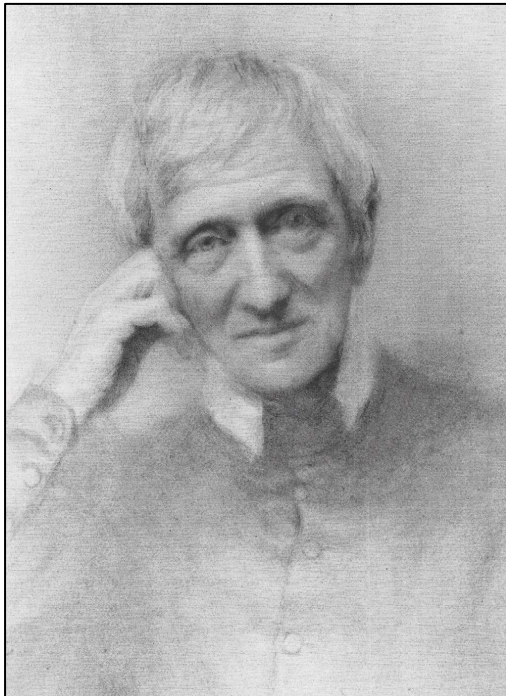
LMIGHTY Creator and heavenly Father, in Saint John Henry Newman, thy Priest and Cardinal, thou hast taught us an unwavering respect for truth and dogma, love for the Scriptures, reverence for Tradition, and the inseparable relation of conscience to moral truths. We humbly implore thee, through his intercession, to bestow upon us the gifts of thy Holy Spirit that we may ever grow in knowledge of thee and of thy love, and so serve thee in our neighbour. We ask thee to grant us the favours of our novena, in accord with thy most holy will. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Henry, bring home to my heart and mind what thou hast taught:



OD has created me to do him some definite service: he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do his work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it – if I do but keep his commandments. Therefore, I will trust him, whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me – still, he knows what he is about. Amen.

Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us.
Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.



🌀 PRAYERS OF ST JOHN HENRY 🌀

O MY God, I confess that thou canst enlighten my darkness. I confess that thou alone canst. I wish my darkness to be enlightened. I do not know whether thou wilt: but that thou canst and that I wish, are sufficient reasons for me to ask, what thou at least hast not forbidden my asking. I hereby promise that by thy grace which I am asking, I will embrace whatever I at length feel certain is the truth, if ever I come to be certain. And by thy grace I will guard against all self-deceit which may lead me to take what nature would have, rather than what reason approves. Amen.

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MY GOD, teach me so to live as one who believes the great dignity, the great sanctity of that material frame in which thou hast lodged me. And therefore, O my dear Saviour! do I come so often and so earnestly to be partaker of thy Body and Blood, that by means of thine own ineffable holiness I may be made holy. Crucify my soul and body in all that is sinful in them, and make me pure as thou art pure. Amen.

MY GOD, let me never forget that seasons of consolations are refreshments here, and nothing more. Here they are only intended to prepare us for doing and suffering. I pray thee, my God, to give them to me from time to time, lest I go about my daily work in a dry spirit; but let me not rest in them. Let me use them for the purpose for which thou gavest them. Let them carry me forward to the thought and the desire of heaven. Amen.

MY LORD and Saviour, support me in that hour in the strong arms of thy Sacraments. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me, and thine own Body and Blood be my food. May I receive the gift of perseverance, and die as I desire to live, in thy Church, in thy service, and in thy love. Amen.

☞ MASS OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ☞

INTROIT *Os justi meditabitur (Psalm 37.31, 32, 1)*

THE mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, and his tongue will be talking of judgement: the law of his God is in his heart. *Ps.* Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil doers. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The mouth...

COLLECT

O GOD, who didst bestow upon thy Priest Saint John Henry Newman the grace to follow thy kindly light and find peace in thy Church: graciously grant that, through his intercession and example, we may be led out of shadows and images into the fulness of thy truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.... Amen.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 2.10b–16*

BRETHREN: The Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

GRADUAL *Iustus ut palma (Psalm 92.11, 12, 2)*

THE righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon in the house of the Lord. V. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

ALLELUIA *Beatus vir qui suffert (James 1.12)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *St Matthew 13.47–52*

AT that time: Jesus said to the crowds, ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the goods into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?’ They said to him, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’ And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there.

OFFERTORY *Veritas mea (Psalm 89.25)*

MY truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we who, trusting in this our sacrifice of praise, do offer it before thee to the honour of thy Saints, may by the same be delivered from all evils both in this life and in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord... Amen.

COMMUNION *Beatus servus (St Matthew 24.46, 47)*

BLESSED is that servant whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

POSTCOMMUNION

O GOD, who hast vouchsafed to feed us with heavenly Food and Drink: mercifully grant that, like as we have received the same in devout remembrance of blessed Saint John Henry Newman, thy Priest and Confessor, so we may evermore be defended by his intercession; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord... Amen.

