

Novena of Petition

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Our Lady told Fortunatina, when she appeared to her in Naples in 1884, “whenever you wish to obtain graces from me, pray three Novenas of Petition and recite at the same time the fifteen decades of my Rosary and soon after, pray three Novenas of Thanksgiving”. Little Fortunatina did exactly as Our Lady asked and was miraculously cured.¹

The novena of petition below should be prayed along with The Rosary for the first 27 days:

Before starting the novena:

Put the miraculous image of the Virgin of Pompeii on display and, if possible, light two candles as a symbol of the faith which burns in your heart. Then take your Rosary beads in your hands. Before beginning the novena, pray to St. Catherine of Siena, that she may graciously deign to join you in prayer.

Novena of petition (day 1 -27)

O St. Catherine of Siena, my protectress and teacher, who from heaven assists your devotees when they recite the Rosary of Mary, come to my aid in this moment and deign to recite with me the novena to the Queen of the Rosary, who has established the throne of her graces in the valley of Pompeii, that through your intercession, I may obtain the grace I desire. Amen.

V: O God, come to my assistance
R: O Lord, make haste to help me

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I O Immaculate Virgin and Queen of the Holy Rosary, in these times of dead faith and triumphant impiety, you wished to establish your throne as Queen and Mother in an ancient land of Pompeii, the resting place of dead pagans. From that place, in which the idols and demons were worshipped, you today, as the Mother of Divine Grace, shower, everywhere the treasures of the heavenly mercies. Now then, from the throne on which you graciously reign, turn also on me your benign eyes and have mercy on me who am so greatly in need of your help. Show yourself to me, just like you have shown yourself to so many others, as the true Mother of Mercy, while I with all my heart, salute you and invoke you as my sovereign and Queen of the Holy Rosary.

Pray - Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

II Prostrate at the foot of your throne, O great and glorious lady, my soul venerates you amidst the groans and worries which afflict it beyond measure. In this state of anguish and affliction in which I find myself, I confidently raise my eyes to you, who have deigned to choose the land of the poor and abandoned peasants as your dwelling place. And there, before the city and the amphitheatre where silence and ruin rain, you, as the Queen of Victories, raised your powerful voice to call from every part of Italy and the catholic world, your devoted children to build a temple to you. Now then, take pity on this soul of mine, that lies disheartened in the mud. Have mercy on me, O Lady, have mercy on me who am overwhelmingly full of miseries and humiliations. You, who are the extermination of demons, defend me from these enemies who besiege me. You are the help of Christians, deliver me from these tribulations that wretchedly oppress me. You, who are our life, triumph over death, that threatens my soul in these dangers to which it is exposed; give me again peace, serenity, love and health. Amen.

Pray - Hail Holy Queen

III Knowing that so many have been helped by you, solely because they turned to you with faith, gives me new strength and courage to invoke you in my needs. Once you promised St. Dominic that those who wish to



receive graces, through your Rosary, could obtain them. And I, with your Rosary in my hands, dare to remind you, O Mother of your Holy promises. You yourself still perform miracles in our times to call your children to honour you in the temple of Pompeii. You therefore long to wipe our tears away and relieve our worries! Then I with my heart on my lips and with burning faith, call upon you to invoke you: My Mother! Dear Mother! Beautiful Mother! Most Sweet Mother, help me! Mother and Queen of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii, delay no longer in stretching out your hand to me to save me: for the delay, as you see me, would lead me to ruin.

Pray - Hail Holy Queen

IV And to whom else might I turn, if not to you, who are the solace of the wretched, the comforter of the forsaken, the consolation of the afflicted? I confess it to you, my soul is miserable: weighed down by enormous faults, deserving to burn in hell, unworthy of receiving graces! But are you not the hope of those in despair, the mother of Jesus, the only mediator between God and humanity, our powerful Advocate before the throne of the Almighty, the refuge of

sinners? Now then, if you only say a word on my behalf to your Son, He will hear you. Therefore, ask Him, O Mother, for this grace which I greatly need (*Here mention the grace you desire*). You alone, can obtain it for me: you are my only hope, my consolation, my sweetness, my whole life. So I hope. Amen.

Pray - Hail Holy Queen

V O Virgin and Queen of the Holy Rosary, you who are the daughter of the heavenly Father, the Mother of the Divine Son, the Spouse of the Holy Spirit; you who can obtain everything from the Blessed Trinity: You must beseech on my behalf this grace so necessary for me; provided that it is not an obstacle to my eternal salvation (*Here repeat the grace you desire*). I ask it of you through your Immaculate Conception, through your divine Maternity, through your joys, through your sorrows and triumphs. I ask it of you through the heart of your loving Jesus, through those nine months when you carried Him in your womb, through His sufferings, through His bitter passion, through His death on the cross, through His most Holy Name, through His Precious Blood. Finally, I ask it through your own sweetest heart: in the glorious name, O Mary, who are the Star of the Sea, the Powerful Lady, the Sea of Sorrow, the Gate of Heaven and the Mother of all graces. In you I trust, in you I hope for everything, you must save me. Amen.

Pray - Hail Holy Queen

Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer to St. Dominic and to St. Catherine of Siena to obtain the graces from the Blessed Virgin of Pompeii.

O holy priest of God and glorious patriarch St. Dominic, you who were the friend, the beloved son and the confidant of our heavenly Queen, and who worked many miracles through the power of the Holy Rosary; and you St. Catherine of Siena, the first daughter of this Order of the Holy Rosary and a powerful mediatrix before the throne of Mary and the Heart of Jesus, with whom you exchanged hearts: You, my dear holy saints, look on my needs and take pity on the state I find myself in. You had, on earth, the heart to open to all miseries of men, and the powerful hand to meet their needs. Now, in heaven, neither your charity nor your power have lessened. Pray then, on my behalf, to the Mother of the Rosary and to Her Divine Son, for I have great faith that through you I could obtain the grace I ardently desire. Amen.

Glory be to The Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. (x3)

Ref. 1 Il Rosario e la Nuova Pompeii

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