

# Novena to St. John Paul for the Irish Nation



For our Church, our families, the protection of human life and a renewal of the faith across our country

**14th – 22nd October**

**Feast day – Saturday 22nd October '16**

Mass  
Adoration  
Rosary (daily)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet (daily)  
Fasting and penance  
Prayers below:

Photo – St. John Paul, Phoenix Park, Dublin 29 Sept 1979

## Prayer to St. John Paul II

O, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing!  
Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided,  
courageously leading it along the paths of the world  
in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus.

Bless the young, who were your great passion.  
Help them dream again, help them look up high again  
to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family!  
You warned of Satan's assault against this precious  
and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth.  
St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family  
and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars  
and injustice.  
You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love:  
pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

O St. John Paul, from heaven's window,  
where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all.  
Amen.

## Official prayer from Vatican released for canonisation of St. John Paul



"May the light of Christ, the light of faith continue always to shine out from Ireland. May no darkness ever be able to extinguish it".

**St. John Paul, Drogheda, 29 Sept 1979**

## Evangelium Vitae

O Mary,  
bright dawn of the world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life:  
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
on the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
on men and women who are victims of brutal violence,  
on the elderly and the sick killed by indifference  
or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

## Pope John Paul II 25 March 1995

*St. John Paul pray for us and for the people of Ireland*

"May every home in Ireland, remain, or begin again,  
to be a home of family prayer".

**St. John Paul, Limerick, 1st Oct 1979**

