

Solemn Novena to Saint Maria Goretti



Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Priest: Let us listen to the words of the Holy Gospel.

Matthew 5: 1-12A

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter

every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

OR

Matthew 10: 13-16

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

OR

John 12: 24-26

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

SOLEMN NOVENA PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.

God our Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, who redeemed us and in union with your Holy Spirit who sanctifies us, we come before you seeking the saintly intercession of your beloved daughter, Saint Maria Goretti.

Saint Maria Goretti modeled for us the virtues of chastity, purity, simplicity, fortitude, perseverance in prayer, and

steadfastness in faith. Her life demonstrated the power of mercy and forgiveness. We ask her to bring our needs to you and place them at the foot of your heavenly throne during this solemn novena.

We pray in particular for victims of rape, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. We pray for an end to pornography and sins of sexual misconduct and cover-up especially within the Church. We pray for those suffering with addictions of any kind. We pray for the conversion, repentance, and reform of those who commit sins of sexual immorality and acts of violence and murder. We pray for those whose hearts are unable or unwilling to forgive and for those in need of mercy.

And, we pray now for our own special intentions.
(Pause in silence.)

We ask these things in the name of Jesus in whom we place our trust and through Saint Maria Goretti, our patroness, who prays on our behalf.

All: Amen.

LITANY OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Priest: Saint Maria Goretti,
mature fruit of a Christian home,

All: Pray for us.

Priest: Saint Maria Goretti, obedient to your parents,
accustomed to being satisfied with little,
and always willing to lend a hand,

All: Pray for us.

Priest: Saint Maria Goretti, exemplary model

of holiness, fidelity to God's grace,
of chastity and the pure of heart,

All: Pray for us.

Priest: Saint Maria Goretti,
example of constancy and courage
in time of trial and distress,

All: Pray for us.

Priest: Saint Maria Goretti,
lover of truth and loyal to God
and the Commandments,

All: Pray for us.

Priest: Saint Maria Goretti, heroic witness
to the power of mercy and forgiveness,

All: Pray for us.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



Solemn Novena Prayer to Saint Maria Goretti and Litany of Saint Maria Goretti
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