



Novena of Grace
In Honor of Saint Francis Xavier
&
Novena of the
Immaculate Conception

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Buffalo, Minnesota

The Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier traditionally begins on March 4th, but you can pray it any time. Many people pray it leading up to St. Francis' feast day, December 3rd, starting on November 24th.

The novena prayers come from an apparition of St. Francis Xavier to Fr. Marcello Mastrilli, SJ after Fr. Mastrilli was mortally wounded by a falling hammer.

St. Francis Xavier appeared to him and said to Fr. Mastrilli:

"All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days, from the fourth to the twelfth of March inclusive and worthily receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion on one of the nine days will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any Grace they ask that is for the good of their souls and the glory of God."

After this vision, Fr. Mastrilli was healed of the injury and he spread word of his healing, of this apparition of St. Francis Xavier and of the "Novena of Grace". Fr. Mastrilli went on to become a martyr in Japan and the novena went on to become popular around the world, especially among Jesuits.

Novena of Grace Prayers

Novena of Grace - Day 1 – November 24th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O most admirable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with you, we adore the Divine Majesty. While joyfully giving thanks to God for the wonderful graces, which God conferred upon you in life, and for the greater glory with which God has gifted you in heaven, we come to you with heartfelt love, asking you to secure for us, by your powerful intercession, the precious blessings of living and dying in the state of grace.

We also ask you to obtain the favors we seek in this Novena.

(Mention your petition here in silence)

But if what we ask is not for the glory of God, or for the good of our souls, obtain for us what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Almighty God, by the preaching of St. Francis Xavier You won many peoples to Yourself. Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in You, that Your Church may rejoice to see the virtue and number of the faithful increase throughout the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory

Novena of Grace - Day 2 – November 25th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Lord God, our Father, we honor the memory of the Apostle of the East, St. Francis Xavier. The remembrance of the favors with which You blessed him during life and of his glory after death, fills us with joy; and we unite with him in offering to You our sincere tribute of thanksgiving and of grace. We ask You to grant us, through his powerful intercession, the inestimable blessings of living and dying in the state of grace. We also ask You to grant us the favors we seek in this novena.

(Mention your intentions here in silence)

But if what we ask is not for the glory of God and the good of our souls, grant us, we pray, what is more conducive to both.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Novena of Grace - Day 3 – November 26th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O most admirable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with you, we adore the Divine Majesty. While joyfully giving thanks to God for the wonderful graces, which God conferred upon you in life, and for the greater glory with which God has gifted you in heaven, we come to you with heartfelt love, asking you to secure for us, by your powerful intercession, the precious blessings of living and dying in the state of grace.

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All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Novena of Grace - Day 4 – November 27th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Lord God, our Father, we honor the memory of the Apostle of the East, St. Francis Xavier. The remembrance of the favors with which You blessed him during life and of his glory after death, fills us with joy; and we unite with him in offering to You our sincere tribute of thanksgiving and of grace. We ask You to grant us, through his powerful intercession, the inestimable blessings of living and dying in the state of grace. We also ask You to grant us the favors we seek in this novena.

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All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Novena of Grace - Day 5 – November 28th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O most admirable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with you, we adore the Divine Majesty. While joyfully giving thanks to God for the wonderful graces, which God conferred upon you in life, and for the greater glory with which God has gifted you in heaven, we come to you with heartfelt love, asking you to secure for us, by your powerful intercession, the precious blessings of living and dying in the state of grace.

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All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Novena of Grace – Day 6 – November 29th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Lord God, our Father, we honor the memory of the Apostle of the East, St. Francis Xavier. The remembrance of the favors with which You blessed him during life and of his glory after death, fills us with joy; and we unite with him in offering to You our sincere tribute of thanksgiving and of grace. We ask You to grant us, through his powerful intercession, the inestimable blessings of living and dying in the state of grace. We also ask You to grant us the favors we seek in this novena.

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All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 1 – November 29th

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O most Holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, who by your blessed Immaculate Conception, from the first moment of your conception did crush the head of the enemy, receive our prayers as we implore you to present at the throne of God the favor we now request.

(State your personal intention here in silence)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will. Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Novena of Grace – Day 7 – November 30th

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O most admirable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with you, we adore the Divine Majesty. While joyfully giving thanks to God for the wonderful graces, which God conferred upon you in life, and for the greater glory with which God has gifted you in heaven, we come to you with heartfelt love, asking you to secure for us, by your powerful intercession, the precious blessings of living and dying in the state of grace.

We also ask you to obtain the favors we seek in this Novena.

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But if what we ask is not for the glory of God, or for the good of our souls, obtain for us what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Almighty God, by the preaching of St. Francis Xavier You won many peoples to Yourself. Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in You, that Your Church may rejoice to see the virtue and number of the faithful increase throughout the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 2 – November 30th

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Mary, ever Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Queen of Angels and of Saints, we salute you with the most profound veneration and filial devotion as we contemplate your holy Immaculate Conception. We thank you for your maternal protection and for the many blessings that we have received through your wondrous mercy and most powerful intercession. In all our necessities, we have recourse to you with unbounded confidence. O Mother of Mercy, we beseech you now to hear our prayer and to obtain for us of your Divine Son the favor that we so earnestly request in this novena.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.

Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Novena of Grace – Day 8 – December 1st

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Lord God, our Father, we honor the memory of the Apostle of the East, St. Francis Xavier. The remembrance of the favors with which You blessed him during life and of his glory after death, fills us with joy; and we unite with him in offering to You our sincere tribute of thanksgiving and of grace. We ask You to grant us, through his powerful intercession, the inestimable blessings of living and dying in the state of grace. We also ask You to grant us the favors we seek in this novena.

(Mention your intentions here in silence)

But if what we ask is not for the glory of God and the good of our souls, grant us, we pray, what is more conducive to both. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Almighty God, by the preaching of St. Francis Xavier You won many peoples to Yourself. Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in You, that Your Church may rejoice to see the virtue and number of the faithful increase throughout the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 3 – December 1st

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Blessed Virgin Mary, glory of the Christian people, joy of the universal Church and Mother of our Lord, speak for us to the Heart of Jesus, who is your Son and our Brother. O Mary, who by your holy Immaculate Conception did enter the world free from stain, in your mercy obtain for us from Jesus the special favor which we now so earnestly seek.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Novena of Grace – Day 9 – December 2nd

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: And we shall praise Your Name.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O most admirable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with you, we adore the Divine Majesty. While joyfully giving thanks to God for the wonderful graces, which God conferred upon you in life, and for the greater glory with which God has gifted you in heaven, we come to you with heartfelt love, asking you to secure for us, by your powerful intercession, the precious blessings of living and dying in the state of grace.

We also ask you to obtain the favors we seek in this Novena.

(Mention your petition here in silence)

But if what we ask is not for the glory of God, or for the good of our souls, obtain for us what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Leader: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier.

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Leader: Almighty God, by the preaching of St. Francis Xavier You won many peoples to Yourself. Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in You, that Your Church may rejoice to see the virtue and number of the faithful increase throughout the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's and 10 Glory be's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 4 – December 2nd

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Mary, Mother of God, endowed in your glorious Immaculate Conception with the fullness of grace; unique among women in that you are both mother and virgin; Mother of Christ and Virgin of Christ, we ask you to look down with a tender heart from your throne and listen to our prayers as we earnestly ask that you obtain for us the favor for which we now plead.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 5 – December 3rd

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Lord, who, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, did prepare a fitting dwelling for Your Son, we beseech You that as by the foreseen death of Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain of sin, grant that through her intercession, we may be favored with the granting of the grace that we seek at this time.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 6 – December 4th

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: Glorious and immortal Queen of Heaven, we profess our firm belief in your Immaculate Conception preordained for you in the merits of your Divine Son. We rejoice with you in your Immaculate Conception. To the one ever-reigning God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in Person, one in nature, we offer thanks for your blessed Immaculate Conception. O Mother of the Word made Flesh, listen to our petition as we ask this special grace during this novena.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 7 – December 5th

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and my mother, from the sublime heights of your dignity, turn your merciful eyes upon me while I, full of confidence in your bounty and keeping in mind your Immaculate Conception and fully conscious of your power, beg of you to come to our aid and ask your Divine Son to grant the favor we earnestly seek in this novena, if it be beneficial for our immortal souls and the souls for whom we pray.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 8 – December 6th

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Most gracious Virgin Mary, beloved Mother of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, intercede with Him for us that we be granted the favor which we petition for so earnestly in this novena. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. O Glorious Mother of God, in memory of your joyous Immaculate Conception, hear our prayers and obtain for us our petitions.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary's

Immaculate Conception Novena – Day 9 – December 7th

Introductory prayer

Leader: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

All: Amen.

All: O Mother of the King of the Universe, most perfect member of the human race, “our tainted nature’s solitary boast,” we turn to you as mother, advocate, and mediator. O Holy Mary, assist us in our present necessity. By your Immaculate Conception, O Mary conceived without sin, we humbly beseech you from the bottom of our heart to intercede for us with your Divine Son and ask that we be granted the favor for which we now plead.

(State your personal intention here.)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will.
Amen.

3 Hail Mary’s