

Novena to Saint Charbel

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The novena to Saint Charbel is one of the most loved prayers in the Maronite Catholic tradition. Prayed over nine consecutive days, it has been associated with countless reported healings and favors at the Monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, Lebanon, where Saint Charbel Makhlouf lived and is buried.

HOW TO PRAY THIS NOVENA

1. **Choose your intention.** Before you begin, clearly identify what you are asking for. It may be healing, guidance, reconciliation, or any need weighing on your heart.
2. **Find a quiet place.** Saint Charbel spent 23 years in the silence of a hermitage. Honor his spirit by finding a still, undisturbed space for your prayer.
3. **Begin with the Sign of the Cross.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
4. **State your intention.** Speak it aloud or hold it silently in your heart.
5. **Pray the day's prayer.** Each of the nine days has its own prayer text.
6. **Close with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.**
7. **Repeat for nine consecutive days.** Consistency matters. Try to pray at the same time each day.
8. **If you miss a day,** pray twice the following day to make up for it. Do not start over unless you wish to.

Approach each day with patience and trust. Saint Charbel's own life teaches us that God works in silence and in his own time.

DAY 1, FOR A MIRACLE AND HEALING

O Miraculous Saint Charbel, from whose immaculate body, which overpowers corruption, radiates the scent of heaven, come to my rescue and grant me from God the petition(s) which I am in need of. O Saint Charbel pray for me. O God of complete benevolence, who honoured Saint Charbel by giving him the grace to perform miracles, have mercy on me and grant me what I ask from you through his intercession. O Saint Charbel, vase of perfume, intercede for me.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 2, FOR PATIENCE AND HOPE

O Saint Charbel, the amiable, who shines like a bright star in the church sky, brighten my way and fortify my hope. From you I ask for the petitions. Ask for it from Jesus the crucified whom you perpetually worship. O Saint Charbel, the example of patience and silence, intercede for me. O Lord Jesus, who sanctified Saint Charbel and helped him to carry his cross, give me the courage to bear life's difficulties with patience and submission to your divine will through Saint Charbel's intercession, to you is gratefulness forever.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 3, FOR GROWTH IN VIRTUE

O Father, Saint Charbel, the affectionate, I resort to you. My confidence in you fills my heart. With the power of your intercession with God, I am waiting for the petition(s) which I ask from you. Show me your affection once more. O Saint Charbel, garden of virtue, intercede for me. O God, you who granted Saint Charbel the grace of your resemblance, grant me the help to grow in the Christian virtues and have mercy on me to be able to praise you till the end.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 4, FOR PEACE OF HEART

O Saint Charbel, loved by God, enlighten me, help me and teach me how to please God. Hurry to my rescue. Oh affectionate Father, I beg of you to ask God for this petition(s). O Saint Charbel, friend of the crucified, intercede for me. O God hear my demand through Saint Charbel's intercession. Save my poor heart and give me peace. Calm the troubles of my soul. Glory to you till the end.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 5, FOR STRENGTH IN DISTRESS

O Saint Charbel, crowned with glory, intercede for me. O Lord, you listened to Saint Charbel's prayers and you fulfilled the grace of unison with you, have mercy on me in my moment of distress. Save me from malice which I cannot bear. Glory and gratefulness be to you till the end.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 6, FOR BEARING THE CROSS

O Saint Charbel, the example of patience and silence, intercede for me. O Lord Jesus, who sanctified Saint Charbel and helped him to carry his cross, give me the courage to bear life's difficulties with patience and submission to your divine will through Saint Charbel's intercession.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 7, FOR TRUST IN GOD'S POWER

O Saint Charbel, joy of heaven and earth, intercede for me. O God, who chose Saint Charbel to defend us before your divine power, grant me through his intercession this petition(s) to glorify you with him till the end.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 8, FOR THE NEEDY AND THE SUFFERING

O Saint Charbel, loved by everyone, helper of the needy, I have firm hope in your intercession before God. Fulfil this petition(s) for me.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

DAY 9, FOR PERSEVERANCE AND THANKSGIVING

O Father, Saint Charbel, here I am at the end of the Novena. My heart gets nourished when I speak to you. I have great hope that I will obtain from Jesus the petition(s) I asked for through your intercession. I repent, and I promise that I will never ever fall into sin. I ask you to fulfill my petition(s). Amen.

(State your intention.)

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

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