

## NOVENA OF PETITION

### TO THE VIRGIN OF THE ROSARY OF POMPEII

*Her miraculous image is to be offered to public view and, if possible, two candles are to be lit as a symbol of the faith which burns in the heart of the believer.*

*Before beginning the Novena pray to St. Catherine of Siena, asking that she graciously join us in its recitation.*

O Saint Catherine of Siena, my Protectress and Teacher, who from heaven assist your devotees as they recite Mary's Rosary, come to my aid in this moment and deign to recite along 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 aid.

**R.** O Lord, make haste to help me.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

**I.** O Immaculate Virgin and Queen of the Holy Rosary, in these times of dead faith and triumphant impiety you have desired to establish your throne of Queen and Mother in the ancient land of Pompeii, the resting place of deceased pagans. From this place in which idols and demons were worshipped, you today, as the Mother of divine grace, shower the treasures of heavenly mercy far and wide. O Mary, from this throne upon which you graciously reign, turn upon me as well your benign eyes, and have mercy on me who am so greatly in need of your help. Show yourself to me, just as you have shown yourself to so many others, as the true *Mother of mercy*: while I with all my heart greet you, and invoke you as my Sovereign and Queen of the Holy Rosary.

*Hail, Holy Queen*

**II.** Prostrate before your throne, O great and glorious Lady, my soul venerates you amidst the groans and sighs which afflict it beyond measure. In this state of anguish and affliction in which I find myself, I confidently lift up my eyes to you, who have deigned to choose the land of poor and abandoned peasants as your dwelling-place. And there, before the city and amphitheatre where there reign silence and ruin, you, the *Queen of Victories*, have raised your powerful voice to call from every part of Italy and the Catholic world your devoted sons and daughters, to build a Temple to you. May you now be moved to pity for this soul of mine that lies here humiliated in the mud. Have mercy on me, O my Lady, have mercy on me who am overwhelmingly covered in misery and humiliation. You, who are the extermination of demons, defend me from these enemies besieging me. You, who are the *Help of Christians*, deliver me from these tribulations which wretchedly oppress me. You, who are *our Life*, triumph over death which threatens my soul in these dangers to which it is exposed; grant to me peace, serenity, love and health. Amen.

*Hail, Holy Queen*

**III.** The knowledge that so many have been helped by you, solely because they turned to you with faith, gives me new strength and courage to call upon you in my needs. You once promised St. Dominic that those wishing graces shall receive them through your Rosary. Now I, your Rosary in my hands, dare to remind you, O Mother, of your holy promises. Indeed, you yourself work endless miracles in our times in order to call your children to honour you in the Temple of Pompeii. You therefore long to wipe away our tears, you yearn to relieve our pain! Then I, with my heart bared and with burning faith, call upon you and invoke you: My Mother!... Dear Mother!... Beautiful Mother!... Most Sweet Mother, come to my aid!

*Mother and Queen of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii*, delay no longer in stretching your powerful hand out to me, to save me: for you see, delay would be my ruin.

*Hail, Holy Queen*

**IV.** And to whom else might I go, if not to you who are the *Solace of the wretched, the Comforter of the forsaken, the Consolation of the afflicted?* I confess to you, my soul is miserable: weighed down by enormous faults, it deserves to burn in hell, unworthy of receiving graces! But are you not the *Hope of those who despair*, the Mother of Jesus the only mediator between God and humanity, our powerful *Advocate* by the throne of the Almighty, the *Refuge of sinners?* Then, only say a word on my behalf to your Son, and He shall hear you. Ask of him, O Mother, this grace which I am so greatly in need of. (*Here express the grace you desire.*) You alone can obtain it for me: you who are my only hope, my consolation, my sweetness, my whole life. So I hope. Amen.

*Hail, Holy Queen*

**V.** O Virgin and Queen of the Holy Rosary, you who are the Daughter of our Heavenly Father, the Mother of the divine Son, the Bride of the Holy Spirit; you who can obtain everything from the Blessed Trinity: I beseech you, seek this grace so necessary for me, provided that it be not an obstacle to my eternal salvation. (*Here repeat the grace you desire.*) I ask this of you through your Immaculate Conception, your divine Maternity, your joys, your sorrows, your triumphs. I ask it of you through the Heart of your loving Jesus, through those nine months you bore him in your womb, through the hardships of his life, his bitter passion, his death on the cross, his most holy Name and his most precious Blood. Finally, I ask it of you through your sweetest Heart: in your glorious Name, O Mary, who are the *Star of the sea, Our Powerful Lady, the Sea of sorrow, the Gate of Heaven and the Mother of every grace.* In you I place my trust and my every hope; save me, I pray. Amen.

*Hail, Holy Queen*

**V.** Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us

**R.** That we may become worthy of Christ's promises.

*Prayer* - O God, by his life, death and resurrection your Only Begotten Son obtained for us the fruits of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech you, that by venerating these mysteries of Virgin Mary's Holy Rosary, we imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYERS  
TO ST. DOMINIC AND TO ST. CATHERINE  
OF SIENA TO OBTAIN GRACES  
FROM THE BLESSED VIRGIN OF POMPEII**

O holy priest of God and glorious Patriarch, Saint Dominic, 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, Saint Catherine of Siena, the leading daughter of this Order of the Rosary and a powerful mediator by the throne of Mary and the Heart of Jesus, with whom you exchanged hearts: O my dear holy Saints, consider my needs and pity the state I find myself in. On earth you possessed a heart open to all the miseries of others, and a hand powerful enough to take care of them. And now, in Heaven, neither your charity nor your power has been lessened. On my behalf then, pray to our Mother of the Rosary and to her Divine Son, for I have great faith that through you I shall obtain the grace I ardently desire. Amen.

*Three Glory be to the Father.*