

Novena to St Francis of Assisi



Hold back nothing of yourself for yourself so that He who gave Himself completely to you may receive you completely

St Francis of Assisi

DAY 1 - September 26

0 God, come to my assistance. Heavenly Father, You know all things and nothing is hidden from You. In Your mercy and kindness, and through the intercession of Saint Francis, come to my aid in my present distress and grant my humble petition (*mention your petition*). Amen.

Conclude each day's prayer with the St Francis' *Prayer Before the Crucifix* found at the end of this novena.

Today: Show your compassion for others by doing a good deed for someone that the love of Christ may be on display to all.

DAY 2 - September 27

Hear me. 0 Lord, and have pity on me. Father in heaven, Your love for us never fails in spite of our transgressions and failures. Please show Your mercy for me in my need (*mention your request*). Through the intercession of St. Francis and for the sake of Christ, Our Savior, hear my prayer. Amen.

Today: Recognize the suffering Christ in someone around you..

DAY 3 - September 28

Lord, be close me. Loving Father, You are not far from any of us since we live, move and have our being in You. Increase my awareness of Your presence and through the intercession of Saint Francis please hear my prayer (*mention your request*). Amen.

Today: Throughout the day, give your cares to the Lord.

DAY 4 - September 29

Make Your ways known to me, 0 Lord. Father Almighty, Your ways and purpose are often hidden from us. Guide me now and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, I beg You, in my sorrow, and by Your power, to let me know Your will regarding my special need (*mention your request*). Amen.

Today: Name those things in your life that keeps you from doing God's will.

DAY 5 - September 30

0 Lord grant safety to those who long for it. In You Heavenly Father, I confidently place my trust. In your hands, I leave all my anxieties with faith in Your care for me. From You, and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, I await relief from (*mention your request*). Amen.

Today: For the love of God, reach out to some person whom you may not like.

DAY 6 - October 1

0 Lord, keep me in Your love. Merciful Father, You know my weakness and sins. Yet, You are ever ready to forgive and be gracious to me in my trouble. In Christ's name and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi quickly come to help me (*mention your request*). Amen.

Today: Banish from your mind and tongue unkind words and thoughts – replace them with words and actions of charity in the world.

DAY 7 - October 2

The Lord is my stronghold in times of distress. Father in Heaven, You never reject those who seek Your help and are ever ready to comfort the sorrowful. Through the intercession of Saint Francis and in Christ's name, I implore You to have pity on me in my needs (*mention your request*), and to rescue me from all afflictions. Amen.

Today: In imitation of Christ and St. Francis, do good to those who may dislike you.

DAY 8 - October 3 - Death of St. Francis

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted. Your goodness, Heavenly Father, responds speedily to our sorrow. In my distress I call upon You to hear and answer my prayers (*mention your request*). In You, O God, I will continue to trust despite everything. I ask this request in Christ's name and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi. Amen.

Today: Help someone you know who is in need of your friendship and support.

DAY 9 - October 4 - Feast of St. Francis

The Lord will set me free and rescue me because He loves me. Gracious Father, I will thank You each day for Your merciful goodness to me. Today on this great feast day, I will praise You with great joy! Please assist me now as I faithfully follow Christ, my Savior, and call upon the friendship and intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, by granting my petition (*mention your request*). Amen.

Today: In gratitude and joy, be good to others today.

Saint Francis' Prayer Before the Crucifix

*Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me
true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out
Your holy and true command. Amen.*

