



Prayer Novena to
SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI
IN PREPARATION FOR HIS FEAST
& FOR THE CONVERSION OF SOULS

24 July - 1 August

Opening
NOVENA PRAYER

O glorious Saint Alphonsus, my most beloved protector, thou who hast labored and suffered so much to secure to men the fruits of Redemption, behold the miseries of my poor soul, and have pity on me. Through thy powerful intercession with Jesus and Mary, obtain for me true repentance, together with the pardon of my past faults, a great horror of sin, and strength always to resist temptation. Impart to me, I pray thee, a spark of that ardent charity with which

thy heart was ever inflamed; and grant that, imitating thee, I may make the good pleasure of God the only rule of my life. Obtain for me, moreover, a fervent and constant love for Jesus Christ, and a tender and filial devotion to His Mother Mary, together with the grace to pray always, and to persevere in the service of God until my death; so that I may at length join with thee in praising God, and the most Blessed Virgin Mary for all eternity. Amen.

DAY ONE

O my God, Thou who dwellest in inaccessible light, enlighten me that I may behold all things, the world, myself, and my destiny, in the light of faith. Teach me to live, to labor, and to suffer in the spirit of faith, and to be united with Thee by a life of faith. Thou callest those blessed who have not seen and have believed. O my God, give me grace to keep my mind fixed on Thee, the Author and Finisher of our faith, until Thou dost admit me to the Beatific Vision.

Saint Alphonsus, obtain for me a lively and efficacious faith. Amen.

First Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces necessary for salvation:

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint Alphonsus, obtain for me a lively faith in all the truths that the Holy Roman Catholic Church teaches, together with divine light to know the vanity of all earthly things, and the hideousness of my sins. Glory be to the Father...

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DAY TWO

Dear Saint Alphonsus, do Thou obtain for me great confidence in God. In Thee alone, O my God, will I trust. If Thou dost not assist me, I shall fail, but with Thy help, I hope to accomplish all. Relying on Thy promise, I shall seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, knowing that all things will then be added unto me. Amen.

Second Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces necessary for salvation:

Most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint Alphonsus, obtain for me a firm hope of receiving from God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, and the intercession of Mary and your prayers, the pardon of my sins, final perseverance, and Paradise. Glory be to the Father...

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DAY THREE

O my God, daily grant me tears and sighs!
Henceforth, union and love shall forever exist
between us. My only object in life shall be Thy will,
Thy good pleasure, and eternal union with Thee.

Saint Alphonsus, thou didst maintain in thy heart,
the fire of divine love, obtain for me by thy powerful
intercession, a sincere, ardent, and active love for
God. Amen.

*Third Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces
necessary for salvation:*

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint
Alphonsus, obtain for me an ardent love of God,
which shall detach me from all created objects and
from myself, to love Him alone, and consume myself
for His glory. Glory be to the Father...

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DAY FOUR

O Saint Alphonsus, whose heart was so inflamed with
love that thou wast ready to sacrifice thy life for thy
brethren, by thy intercession instill into my heart, a
great and holy love for my brethren, that thus I may
become a true disciple of Christ. Amen.

*Fourth Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces
necessary for salvation:*

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint
Alphonsus, obtain for me perfect resignation to
the Holy Will of God, that I may joyfully accept
sufferings, contempt, persecutions, the loss of goods,
and my reputation, the loss of my relatives, and
finally, death itself. Glory be to the Father...

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DAY FIVE

O my dearest Savior, on account of my sins Thou
hast abased Thyself, even taking the form of a servant
and permitting Thyself to be treated as a sinner. And
I, a sinner, wish to exalt myself, and refuse to bear
contempt as I deserve.

Saint Alphonsus, humble follower of Christ, teach
me to understand the words of our Lord, "Learn of

Me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Let me
understand myself and send me humiliations, that I
may acknowledge my misery and nothingness, and
may humbly submit to the sweet yoke of Christ, and
thus obtain grace and mercy. Amen.

*Fifth Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces
necessary for salvation:*

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint
Alphonsus, obtain for me a heartfelt sorrow for
my sins, that I may never cease to weep over the
displeasure I have given my God. Glory be to the
Father...

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DAY SIX

Saint Alphonsus, obtain for me a spirit of patience,
together with the love of the Cross, that I may bear all
things with perfect resignation to the will of God and
looking on Christ Crucified, so that I may be glorified
with Him in heaven. Amen.

*Sixth Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces
necessary for salvation:*

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint
Alphonsus, obtain for me a practical love towards my
neighbor, which shall make me do good even to those
who have offended me. Glory be to the Father...

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DAY SEVEN

Saint Alphonsus, how pleasing wast thou in the eyes
of our Most Holy Redeemer, by reason of thy virginal
purity. Thou dost behold Him now in Heaven, and
dost wear the crown of virgins. I will invoke thy aid
that, having overcome the enemies that surround me,
I may see my God face to face. Amen.

*Seventh Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces
necessary for salvation:*

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint
Alphonsus, obtain for me the holy virtue of purity,
and the grace to resist impure temptations, by
invoking the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Glory be
to the Father...

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DAY EIGHT

O Jesus, I place myself on the altar of Thy Sacred Heart as a holocaust. Trusting in Thy mercy, I humbly beg of Thee to change my sinful and miserable heart that, united with Thee, it may be entirely transformed into Thee. Destroy the wall that my self-love has built up between me and Thee, and in Thy love consume all the impurities of my heart, that Thou alone mayest dwell therein and perfect in me the work of Thy grace.

Saint Alphonsus, do thou obtain for me from Christ, the pardon of my past ingratitude. Pierce my unfeeling heart with a dart of love, that like thee I may renounce all created objects, and belong wholly to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament; that I may love, praise, and thank Him for this wonderful mystery of grace, in time and eternity. Amen.

Eighth Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces necessary for salvation:

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint Alphonsus, obtain for me a tender devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ, to the Most Blessed Sacrament, and to my dear Mother Mary. Glory be to the Father...

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DAY NINE

O my dearest Mother, permit me daily to confide to thee my soul, my every step, my works and sufferings, my intentions and my love, that thou mayest watch over and protect me, a poor, weak sinner, in all dangers. At night I will place all my day's work in thy keeping, so that thy Son may deign to bless it and accept it from thy hands.

Saint Alphonsus, devout servant of the Mother of God, do thou inspire me with a sincere devotion to our Blessed Mother. Obtain for me that I may enjoy her protection in life and in death, and finally, that I may be made worthy to one day enter Heaven, where She reigns and triumphs forever with Christ. Amen.

Ninth Petition to Saint Alphonsus to obtain the graces necessary for salvation:

O most zealous Doctor of the Church, Saint Alphonsus, obtain for me, above all, the grace of final perseverance, and the grace always to pray for it, especially in time of temptation and at the hour of my death. Glory be to the Father...

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Conclusion

NOVENA PRAYER

℣: Pray for us, O Blessed Alphonsus Mary.

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

Let us pray.

O God, who by blessed Alphonsus Mary, Thy Confessor and Bishop, inflamed with zeal for souls, didst render Thy Church fruitful in a new religious family, we beseech Thee, that, taught by his salutary admonitions and strengthened by his example, we may be enabled to happily arrive at the possession of Thee. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: Amen.



Novena of Massis in honor of
SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI
FOR THE RETURN OF LOST SHEEP

Begins 2 August

Litany of
SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, conceived without sin, **pray for us.*
Saint Alphonsus, model of innocence and piety from
thy very childhood, *
Saint Alphonsus, despiser of the riches and vanities of
the world, *
Saint Alphonsus, always subject to the voice of Divine
Providence, *
Saint Alphonsus, rich in the treasures of Christian
poverty, *
Saint Alphonsus, model of patience in pains and
afflictions, *
Saint Alphonsus, model of meekness and of resignation
in contradictions, *
Saint Alphonsus, burning with a holy zeal for the
salvation of souls, *
Saint Alphonsus, scourge of heresies, *
Saint Alphonsus, defender of the Catholic Faith, *
Saint Alphonsus, always occupied in evangelizing the
poor, *
Saint Alphonsus, tender comforter of the afflicted, *
Saint Alphonsus, instructed in the divine art of
converting sinners, *
Saint Alphonsus, enlightened guide in the path of
perfection, *
Saint Alphonsus, who became all things to all men, to
gain all for Christ, *

Saint Alphonsus, new ornament of religion, *
Saint Alphonsus, bold champion of ecclesiastical
discipline, *
Saint Alphonsus, model of submission and devotion to
the Sovereign Pontiff, *
Saint Alphonsus, who didst watch unceasingly over the
flock committed to thee, *
Saint Alphonsus, full of solicitude for the common
good of the Church, *
Saint Alphonsus, glory of the Priesthood and of the
Episcopate, *
Saint Alphonsus, shining mirror of all virtues, *
Saint Alphonsus, full of tenderest love for the Infant
Jesus, *
Saint Alphonsus, inflamed with divine love in offering
the Holy Sacrifice, *
Saint Alphonsus, fervent worshiper of Jesus Christ in
the Holy Eucharist, *
Saint Alphonsus, penetrated with lively grief while
meditating on the sufferings of our Divine Savior, *
Saint Alphonsus, specially devoted to the Blessed
Virgin Mary, *
Saint Alphonsus, honored by apparitions of the Mother
of God, while preaching in her honor, *
Saint Alphonsus, of angelic life and purity, *
Saint Alphonsus, a true Patriarch in thy paternal
solicitude for the people of God, *
Saint Alphonsus, endowed with the gift of prophecy
and miracles, *
Saint Alphonsus, Apostle by the extent and fruit of thy
labors, *
Saint Alphonsus, a Martyr by thy unheard-of
austerities, *
Saint Alphonsus, Confessor by thy writings full of the
Spirit of God, *

Saint Alphonsus, Virgin by thy purity of body and soul, *

Saint Alphonsus, founder of the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer, *

Saint Alphonsus, model of missionaries, *

Saint Alphonsus, most zealous Doctor of the holy Roman Catholic Church, *

Saint Alphonsus, our tender father and powerful protector, *

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Pray for us, Saint Alphonsus,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

I present myself, O Saint Alphonsus, before you, who were so inflamed with love for your neighbor, and so burning with zeal to procure the grace of conversion for sinners. Humbly prostrate at your feet, I implore your effectual protection; obtain for me, I beg of you, a true contrition for my sins, and the entire reformation of my life. Once more, make my heart become, and remain forever, kindled with love for God, and for the Most Holy Virgin Mary, for whom you had so tender a devotion. Obtain for me the grace to walk in the ways of holiness and justice, that I may one day merit to enjoy my God with you eternally in heaven. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary
FOR THE CONVERSION OF SOULS

O Mary, Mother of mercy and refuge of sinners, deign to look with pity upon the nations seduced by the errors of heresy and schism. Thou, who art the Seat of Wisdom, enlighten the minds surrounded by the darkness of ignorance and sin; may they clearly know that the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church is the only true Church of Jesus Christ, and the only unfailing source of sanctity and salvation! Beseech thy divine Son to grant us their sincere and complete conversion:

obtain for them the grace to accept all the truths of our holy faith, and to make their submission to the Roman Pontiff, the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth; so that, being at last united by the sweet bonds of divine charity, we may form but one flock under the care and guidance of the same shepherd, and all together sing thy praise, O glorious Virgin, in the transports of eternal joy and glory "Rejoice, O Virgin Mary, for alone thou hast put an end to all heresies." Amen.