



## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

**Novena: September 15 – 23, Feast: 24**

Novena will start on Sept. 14 after 4pm Mass, until Sept. 23

Feast Day will be on Sept. 24.

Our Lady of Mercy Church  
1 Elmwood Drive, Daly City, CA

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

### **Introduction:**

*(to be read on the First day of the Novena)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather to begin this novena in honor of Our Lady of Mercy, we come together in prayerful reflection, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the epitome of God's boundless mercy. Our Lady of Mercy, also known as Our Lady of Ransom, has been a source of hope and refuge for countless faithful throughout the centuries. Her tender care and powerful intercession have brought comfort to those in need, freedom to those in captivity, and mercy to all who seek her maternal protection.

During these nine days of prayer, we will meditate on the virtues of Our Lady and the infinite mercy of God, asking for her guidance in our lives and the strength to follow her example of love and compassion. Let us open our hearts to the graces that the Lord wishes to bestow upon us through His Blessed Mother. May this novena deepen our faith, strengthen our resolve to live according to the Gospel, and draw us ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the loving heart of Mary.

As we embark on this spiritual journey, let us entrust our petitions, hopes, and needs to Our Lady of Mercy, confident that she will present them before the throne of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Opening Prayer:**

*Presider:* O most compassionate and merciful Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, we gather before you with humble hearts, seeking your powerful intercession. You, who have always been a refuge for the troubled and a source of comfort for the sorrowful, turn your eyes of mercy toward us as we begin this novena in your honor.

Blessed Mother, you are the channel of God's infinite mercy, and through your hands, countless graces have flowed to those who invoke your name with faith. We ask you to present our petitions before the throne of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that He may grant us the strength to endure our trials, the courage to overcome our fears, and the grace to grow in holiness.

May this novena be a time of renewal for our souls, a time of deepening our relationship with your Son, and a time of experiencing the tender

mercy of God. Guide us, dear Mother, along the path of righteousness, and help us to live in a way that reflects the love and mercy of your Son.

We entrust ourselves entirely to your maternal care, confident that you will lead us ever closer to the Sacred Heart of your Son Jesus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Day:**

*Lector:* We remember those who are suffering and have no one to pray for them. Let us pray...

*All:* “O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, we pray and ask you to remember the sorrowful and suffering in your heart, to take their petitions to God, and to comfort them in their agonizing abandonment. We pray that your love may touch their souls and that they will realize that

they are not alone. O Mother of Mercy, look kindly upon those who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally and be with them so that they may know God's great mercy through you. O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you."

*(short pause)*

*All:* "O Jesus, by the great love and mercy You've shown to Our Lady by making her the Mother of Mercy at the foot of the Cross, please hear her prayers for the sorrowful, the lonely, for those who feel abandoned, and those who are in great suffering". Amen.

*Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be... +*

## **Second Day:**

*Lector:* We remember all mothers, for they suffer tremendously, that their virtuous love for their

children may lead them to realize that they are loved unconditionally. Let us pray...

*All:* “O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, bestow blessings upon mothers throughout the world. Give them the grace to know how to raise their children in the love, peace, mercy, and grace of God. O, dear heavenly Mother, you who are our mother, only you know the suffering of these mothers. Take them into your heart and reveal their suffering to Jesus so that He may bless them. O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you.”

*(short pause)*

*All:* “O Jesus, in your great love and mercy, please remember all mothers in their sorrows and in their joys, for they suffer much for their children. Bestow, through the hands of Mary who is the mother of mothers, the grace and

mercy and blessings that these holy mothers seek. Amen.”

*Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be... +*

### **Third Day:**

*Lector:* We pray for purity and charity for those who remain unfaithful by condemning their souls and filled with hatred, and for those who defile their bodies and need forgiveness. Let us pray...

*All:* “O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, please remember those who have failed to feel love in their heart. We pray that they may see the light of God through you and imitate your loving mercy and chastity and purity. For those who are filled with hate, we pray that the Spirit of God may touch them and replace it with the tender heart of God. O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you”



*(short pause)*

All: “O Lord of Mercy, look kindly upon those who are consumed with anger and resentment, who will not even consider to love You, soften their hearts and grant them the grace of forgiveness and peace that they may become true temples of the living Spirit of God. Amen.”

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### **Fourth Day:**

*Lector:* We remember those who are hardened with hatred, jealousy, and envy. Let us pray...

All: “O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, we cling unto your protection. Oh, humble Queen, look not on the hearts filled with hate, envy, and jealousy, but see the pain in there. Intercede for us that Jesus may send His mercy and serenity

of heart. Let our loved ones be given someone to love them, and let your merciful heart be the way that will lead these souls back to God. O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you”

*(short pause)*

All: “O, my Jesus, let Your heart be moved with compassion for Your mother’s prayers. Let not Your passion, death, and resurrection be in vain, especially for those who have hearts of hate. Give them Your light and mercy so that they may amend their ways. Reveal to them, Oh merciful God, Your goodness, love and mercy through Our Lady. Amen.”

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### **Fifth Day:**

*Lector:* We pray for those who do not love and honor Jesus the Son of God. Let us pray...

All: “O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, we believe that you are truly the Mother of God, Mother of the Word Incarnate, and because we believe in you and your intercession, we believe and love Jesus. Bring all believers and non-believers into the loving heart of Jesus. We pray that the Holy Spirit of fire and love may consume their hearts with burning love for Jesus, your Son, that with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit we may see and know God. Oh, Mother of Mercy, may love for Jesus shield our minds and our hearts so that in times of confusion, danger, and doubt, we may always say, “As much as it pleased you, Oh Lord, we will not blaspheme or deny you anything.” Oh, Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you.”

*(short pause)*

All: “O my Jesus whose love has no end, grant that through Your most holy Mother, we may

love You more and more. We pray that our heart may be filled with love for You. Amen.”

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### **Sixth Day:**

*Lector:* We pray for humility and obedience to the most holy will of the Father. Let us pray...

*All:* “O Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, please place us in your mantle and teach us your holy ways of humility, and obedience. Fill our hearts with grace and mercy so that we may learn to listen to your Son which will lead us closer to Him. Mother of Mercy with hope we call on you.”

*(short pause)*

*All:* “Oh, my Jesus of Mercy, teach us of your life so that we may live in obedience, the way You

did. May Your life be an example to us of obedience through the prayers of the one who loves You the most, which is Your holy Mother. Grace us with obedience so that we may all be obedient to You. Amen.”

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### **Seventh Day:**

*Lector:* We pray for peace because the present age has caused violence to humanity, the increased industrialization has taken a heavy toll on our environment and among us in the physical, mental and nervous disorders. Let us pray...

*All:* “Oh, Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, we come before you with humility, heal our land, our body and soul. We lift the world to you. Grant peace to nations torn by war and violence. Guide the hearts of leaders to seek justice, harmony, and unity for all people. You are our

Mother with the Most Compassionate, and Merciful Heart, intercede for us and beg Jesus to help us see the truth and justice and let the Holy Spirit be the light that leads us to a deeper healing. Oh Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you.”

*(short pause)*

All: “Oh, my Jesus, look kindly upon Your mother’s heart. See the mercy and love in which she loves all souls, including those who are far away from God. Grant us pardon, grant us peace. Compassionate Jesus, we remember all those who suffer from the consequences of war and conflict. Comfort the wounded, strengthen the displaced, and console the grieving. May your peace reach every corner of the earth. Show us Your love and mercy by revealing to them Your truth. Amen.”

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## **Eight Day:**

*Lector:* We pray for families to foster love, understanding, and patience within families. May we be the sources of encouragement and forgiveness to one another. We pray also for peace within our hearts. Let us pray...

*All:* Oh Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, we seek refuge within your Most Merciful, Immaculate Heart you are a refuge of tranquility and peace within our heart and in our family. We ask for healing in families that are divided by hurt, anger, or misunderstanding. Bring reconciliation where there is discord and help all to embrace your maternal peace. Oh Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you."

*(short pause)*

All: “Oh, my Jesus, Prince of Peace, You are the source of all peace and love. In a world filled with turmoil and unrest, we turn to You, our refuge and strength. Calm our troubled hearts and fill us with Your divine peace that surpasses all understanding. Lord, we ask for peace in our families. Heal any divisions, soften hardened hearts, and teach us to love as You love—patiently, humbly, and without condition. May Your peace reign in our homes, bringing unity, joy, and understanding.

We also pray for peace in our communities and the world. Where there is conflict, reconciliation. Where there is hatred, sow seeds of love. Guide the leaders of nations with wisdom and compassion so that they may pursue justice, mercy, and lasting peace. Amen”

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## **Ninth Day:**

*Lector:* Let us meditate on the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, we come before the Lord with hearts full of love and gratitude. In His holy presence, we may be reminded of His endless mercy and the gift of Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus, burning with love for all humanity, draw us closer to Him. Let us pray...

*All:* “Oh Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, we come to you because you are truly the Mother of God and the Mother of the Word Incarnate. He is flesh of your flesh, bone of your bone, and heart of your heart. Wherever Jesus is, you are there. Lead us, Oh Most Holy Mother, to the Eucharistic Jesus who is your life. Oh Mother of Mercy, we pray that His true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, which are hidden in the Eucharist will become to us our life. Oh Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, with hope we call on you.”

*(short pause)*

*All:* “Oh my Jesus, through the gift of Your Body and Blood, unite us more deeply with You and with one another.” Let Your Eucharistic love heal our brokenness, strengthen our faith, and transform our hearts. Help us to live lives worthy of this great sacrament, rooted in love, humility, and service. We offer You our prayers for all those in need of Your mercy and grace—especially for those who feel distant from You. May Your Eucharistic heart touch their lives and renew their spirits. We also pray for peace in our families, our communities, and the world. Let Your sacrificial love be a beacon of hope, leading all people to unity and peace. Most Loving Heart of Jesus, present in the Eucharist, fill our hearts with Your love and guide us in all we do. Make us more like You, so that we may bring Your presence to the world. Amen.

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## **Closing Prayer:**

*(to be read on the last day of the Novena)*

*Priest:* O loving and merciful Mother, Our Lady of Mercy, we have journeyed through these nine days of novena we place all our prayers, and we thank you for your constant presence and intercession. As we conclude this novena, we place all our prayers, hopes, and needs into your tender care, trusting that you will continue to guide and protect us.

Blessed Mother, you have shown us the path of mercy, leading us closer to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to carry the graces we have received during this novena into our daily lives, that we may be instruments of God's mercy to those around us. May we always turn to you in times of need, knowing that you will never abandon us.

We ask that you continue to intercede for us, especially for the intentions we have brought before you during this novena. Obtain for us the strength to persevere in faith, the courage to live out the Gospel, and the peace that comes from knowing we are loved by God.

Our Lady of Mercy, be our constant companion on this earthly journey, and lead us safely to the eternal embrace of your Son in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **Song:**

Ref. On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give thee our love. Near  
thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,  
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

1. On this day we ask to share,  
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care; Aid us  
ere our feet astray Wander from thy  
guiding way.

2. Queen of angels, deign to hear  
Lisping children's humble prayer; Young  
hearts gain, O virgin pure, Sweetly to  
thyselves allure.

## **HISTORY**

As the Mother of Jesus, our Merciful Redeemer, Our Lady is rightly named Mother of Mercy. The origin of this title dates back to the Middle Ages and the foundation of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy after Mary appeared to St. Peter Nolasco, his confessor St. Raymund of Penafort and King James I of Aragon and Catalonia in 1218. Mary requested them to establish a religious order entrusted with the responsibility of rescuing Christians who were being held captive by the Moorish armies who invaded

the Iberian Peninsula. St. Peter Nolasco created a plan to redeem these people. He and his companions dedicated their lives and possessions to gathering alms to free or ransom them from their captors.

The Feast of Our Lady of Ransom was instituted and observed on September 24, first in the order, then everywhere in Spain and France. It was extended to the entire Church by Pope Innocent XII. Today Mary is honored under the title of “Our Lady of Mercy” throughout the world by countless parishes, schools and hospitals who embrace her as their Patroness.



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