

### Novena to St. Augustine:

Begin on August 20 to complete on the Feast Day of St. Augustine on August 28

### Each Day begin with:

O holy Saint Augustine, who has famously declared that "Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.", aid me in my own search for our Lord that through your intercession I may be granted the wisdom to determine the purpose God has planned for me. Pray that I be blessed with the courage to follow God's will even at times when I do not understand. Ask our Lord to lead me to a life worthy of His love, that I may one day share the riches of His kingdom. Petition our Lord and Savior to ease the burden of my problems and grant my special intention, and I will honor you all of my days.

# [Insert the specific prayer below for each numbered day of the novena.] (State the nature of your problem or the special favor you seek)

Glorious Saint Augustine I boldly ask for your intercession confident in your boundless wisdom and compassion. May this devotion lead me to a life dedicated to the fulfilling the will of God that I may one day be deemed worthy of sharing His Kingdom with you and all the saints for all eternity.

# Next pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and St. Augustine, pray for us! Finish with the Concluding prayer:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

#### [Insert prayers Days 1-9:]

**Day 1 insert prayer:** Beloved St. Augustine, the miracles you have performed for the greater glory of God have caused people to seek your intercession for their most pressing concerns. Hear my cries as I invoke your name to petition God for an increased faith and to aid me in my present distress.

**Day 2 insert prayer:** Holy St. Augustine, you have been plucked from a life of iniquity through the incessant prayers of your mother St. Monica to become a staunch defender of the faith. Pray for me now and turn not from my petitions, that I may also be blessed

with God's grace and guidance through this present predicament into a life of complete subservience to His Will.

**Day 3 insert prayer:** Glorious St. Augustine you are renowned in the Christian world for your kindness, compassion and powerful intercession. Emboldened by this, I humbly come before you to invoke your aid in asking for God's all-powerful assistance to see me through my most pressing concern.

**Day 4 insert prayer:** St. Augustine, through you God has manifested his power and mastery of the earth, enabling you to make prophesies and to perform miracles to aid the poorest of the poor, whom you have chosen to serve. Look upon me, a poor servant of God, and the afflictions of body and spirit that plague me, and in your kindness, help me seek the aid of the One True God we seek to love and serve throughout our lives.

**Day 5 insert prayer:** St. Augustine, God's faithful servant, educator and evangelist, show me the mercy you are renowned for and come to my aid in this time of distress. Hear my cries and ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bless me with a favorable response to my petition.

**Day 6 insert prayer:** Holy St. Augustine, you were saved when you heeded God's call for your conversion, and granted the power to perform powerful miracles in His name. Let your kindness cause you to plead to God for a miraculous resolution of my present problem and the granting of my special intention.

**Day 7 insert prayer:** Glorious St. Augustine, in your compassion, wisdom and grace, all who seek your aid do not leave empty handed. In this time of extreme anxiety, I entrust my present predicament to the power of your kind intercession. May you obtain for me the grace to have the special favor I ask for be granted.

**Day 8 insert prayer:** St. Augustine, God has tasked you with aiding people in distress even when the assistance they need requires you to perform miracles in His name. Refuse not my request for your kind intercession and obtain for me the special favor that I seek through this novena.

**Day 9 insert prayer:** Holy St. Augustine, you have overcome great adversity to be revered as one of the greatest saints of our Church. In your wisdom and compassion, aid me in my own life quest to fulfill the destiny laid for me, that God may bless me with the strength, courage and wisdom to surrender my temporal concerns to His will. Intercede for me that my most pressing concerns be resolved and my petition granted.

## Prayer to St. Augustine from the Collect of the Mass of his feast day.

Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### **LITANY IN HONOUR OF SAINT AUGUSTINE**

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

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.
Holy Father Augustine, pray for us.
Saint Augustine, example of contrite souls, pray for us.

St. Augustine, son of the tears of thy mother Monica, pray for us.

St. Augustine, light of teachers, pray for us. St. Augustine, exterminator of heresies, pray for us.

St. Augustine, illustrious warrior against the foes of the Church, pray for us.

St. Augustine, pillar of the True Faith, pray for us. St. Augustine, vessel of Divine Wisdom, pray for us. St. Augustine, rule of conduct for apostolic life, pray for us.

St. Augustine, whose heart was inflamed with the fire of Divine Love, pray for us.

St. Augustine, humble and merciful father, pray for us.

St. Augustine, zealous preacher of the Word of God, pray for us.

St. Augustine, illumined expounder of Sacred Scripture, pray for us.

St. Augustine, ornament of bishops, pray for us. St. Augustine, light of the True Faith, pray for us. St. Augustine, noble defender of Holy Church, pray for us. St. Augustine, refulgence of the glory of God, pray for us.

St. Augustine, blossoming olive tree of the House of God, pray for us.

St. Augustine, indefatigable adorer of the Most Holy Trinity, pray for us.

St. Augustine, inexhaustible fountain of Christian eloquence, pray for us.

St. Augustine, shining mirror of holiness,
St. Augustine, model of all virtues,
St. Augustine, consoler of the distressed,
St. Augustine, comforter of the forsaken,
St. Augustine, friend and helper of the poor,
St. Augustine, our father,

pray for us.
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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,
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Christ, hear us.

Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Christ, graciously hear us.

#### Let Us Pray.

O God, Who didst disclose to Saint Augustine the hidden mysteries of Thy wisdom and didst enkindle in his heart the flame of Divine Love, thus renewing in Thy Church the pillar of cloud and fire, graciously grant that we may pass safely through the storms of this world and reach the eternal fatherland which Thou didst promise us, through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.