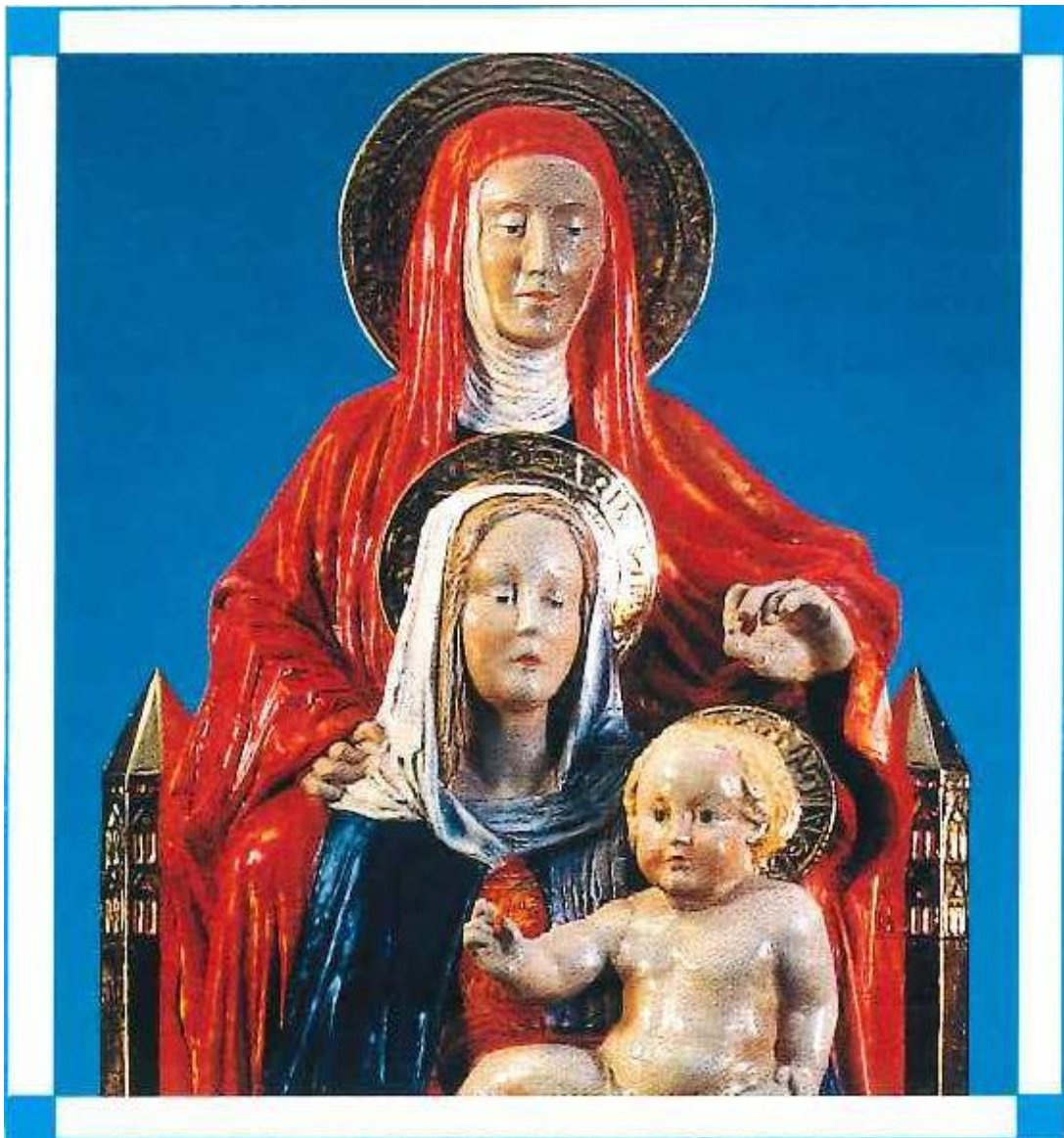


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1st Day, July 17, Monday For Parents and Grandparents

SAINT ANN, ENRICH OUR LOVE FOR JESUS AND MARY

Saint Ann, we begin this novena with joy and perfect confidence. May we ask you to help us live this novena with fervor? Be with us as we pray.

We keep remembering you, dear Saint Ann. We remember that you are the mother of the Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus, our Savior. We contemplate you, we admire you. You are the perfect wife praised by Holy Scripture (Pr 31:10). You are a model for spouses, parents and grandparents. You have showered love and blessings on your daughter Mary and your Grandson Jesus. You loved them so much! And they loved you tenderly!

At the start of this novena, O blessed Saint Ann, the first grace we beg of you is the grace to love more and more sincerely sweet Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, and Jesus, our Lord and our God. Our lives will be worth living and wonderful if, thanks to our daily prayer, we earnestly love you, Mary and Jesus. Then, our presence on earth will be a bright light for all.

Obtain for us this outstanding grace! Grant it to all those we love! Amen.

2nd Day, July 18, Tuesday For Children, Youth, & Young Adults

SAINT ANN, BLESS OUR YOUTH

How much you rejoiced, Saint Ann, when you gave birth to Mary, the Immaculate, God's Masterpiece! With what tenderness, Saint Ann, you took care of her religious and human education! Your daughter approached you with smile, and you conversed with her, you spoke of God with such kindness. You taught Mary the road to all virtues by your fine example.

Saint Ann, please enlighten those who refuse to give life to children, those who destroy life in the wombs of mothers through abortion.

We pray for the youth of today, especially for the young members of our families, whom we love so deeply. You know how much we worry about them. There are, on their path of life, peddlers of illusion, numerous dangers, false friends, the pitfalls of drug, alcohol, and sexual disorders. Saint Ann, protect our children, protect all young men and young women.

Help them discover their vocation in life, the way to lasting happiness and true love! May they find God's love, the true light of their life! Amen.

3rd Day, July 19, Wednesday

For the Love of Marriage

SAINT ANN, STRENGTHEN THE LOVE OF MARRIAGE

We look around, Saint Ann. We see young men and young women fearing what lies ahead, afraid of the distress of broken homes, dreaming of a love without flaw. We ourselves feel powerless as we witness the suffering of so many children, couples, families. We are heartbroken when we look at repudiated spouses, at deserted children, at despaired people.

And you, O Saint Ann, you who were faithful to Saint Joachim, your husband, you who gave Mary the warmth of a happy home, come to the help of married people in trouble, be the strength of forsaken spouses, rekindle hope in the crushed heart of children. Help young people prepare for marriage with renewed confidence as they give a privileged place to God in their conjugal life. Bless also those who consecrate themselves to God in celibacy!

We recommend to you, Saint Ann, our own marriages with their difficulties, and members of our families. We love them so much. We entrust them to your care, knowing that you will lead them to God, that you will preserve them from all possible dangers. May all Christian marriages be beacons of light and love! Amen.

4th Day, July 20, Thursday

The Suffering

SAINT ANN, THE SICK FIND IN YOU THEIR REFUGE

God has chosen you, Saint Ann, to be the mother of His own Mother, the Virgin Mary. He has blessed you with choicest graces, and you, Saint Ann, you have lived in perfect charity, you have been the consolation of all those who suffer.

For centuries now, at the Shrine of Saint Ann de Beaupre, New York and Cleveland, you have proved your kindness for the sick. Thousands and thousands of people were healed after they had invoked you. Others were consoled in their sufferings. Nobody prayed to you without being heard.

Now that we are sick, we pray to you fervently during this novena. Heal us, we beg of you. We suffer tremendously, we have lost the desire to live, we no longer see the light at the end of this tunnel of our lives.

Cure us, Saint Ann. Cure also the sick people who are dear to us, members of our families, friends, fellow parishioners. If the Lord Jesus does not intervene in our sickness, if we have to remain sick, may He give us the grace of uniting our suffering to His, May He help us carry our cross with Him for the sake of His body, the Church (Col 1: 24)!

Saint Ann, I make this novena with confidence in you. Amen.

5th Day, July 21, Friday

For Spiritual Healing

SAINT ANN, WE COME TO YOU WITH OUR SUFFERING

We come back to you with our suffering, dearest Saint Ann. It is our ardent desire to make a good novena and to obtain your motherly help. We know perfectly well that you too had much to endure. You suffered intensely for many years when you could not have a child; you had much grief when you heard that a sword would pierce the soul of Mary; you were in anguish when Mary, Joseph and dear Jesus, had to flee into Egypt to avoid slaughter. How much you have cried, you who were so loving!

We too cry in our distress, we cry and we worry all day. Not only does our health fail us, but we also suffer for other reasons. There is lack of work and darkness for the future. There is a broken home. There are young people we love who are away from God and His Church. There are the deaths of dear ones. There is old age and there is solitude. There is constant anxiety.

We offer you, Good Saint Ann, our physical and moral pain. Be our consolation and dispel such clouds that darken our lives. We put all our trust in you so good and so powerful. Thanks to you, our lives will brighten again, and we will become a source of consolation and light to others. Amen.

6th Day, July 22, Saturday

For the Sick and the Dying

SAINT ANN, OBTAIN FOR US SPIRITUAL HEALING

Saint Ann, you are the Saint of miracles and prodigies. All past generations have proclaimed your greatness. You are rightly called "Good" Saint Ann. You have healed so many sick and infirm, you have straightened crooked limbs, you have scarred wounds, you have rendered healthy those whom even modern science had declared incurable.

It is true, dear Saint Ann, that your greatest marvels have been spiritual cures. Whoever came to you without growing in love for God? How many were converted, thanks to you, in the secrecy of the confessional and in the unknown recesses of their hearts?

Grant us regret for our sins. May the Lord forgive them! May we live, from now on, in His friendship!

We ask you, Good Saint Ann, the conversion of people we know. Please, dear Saint, obtain for us the conversion of those person we dearly love, also of members of our families who neglect God and His commandments. We worry about their eternal salvation, but we put our trust in you, in your help. Conscious of our love for them, we know that God also loves them. May they soon discover His light and His love! Amen.

SAINT ANN, BE A SOURCE OF PEACE

People of today desperately look for peace, peace among nations, peace in families, peace among individuals. In the meantime, everyone is starving for the great benefit of interior peace.

We turn to you, O Saint Ann. Intercede for us that a universal peace may prevail. May there no longer be wars, violence, torture! We are convinced that peace in this world rests on forgiveness, bathes in a climate of trust, is possible only if there is peace in our own homes, as well as in our hearts. Such peace may not exist unless it is granted by God and nurtured by our fidelity to God.

We do not enjoy such heavenly peace, O Saint Ann. We feel anguished. Too many problems bother us. We worry about our health, about those we love, about the future. We are turning to you in prayer that you may help us. We would like so much to find again interior peace.

During this novena, we pray to you, Saint Ann, and we are confident that you will help us. Give us serenity, trust in God's Providence, deep peace. Make us become peace-makers for those who surround us, so that we may truly become children of God (Mt. 5:9)! Amen.

SAINT ANN, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Jesus told us: "Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven" (Mt 5:16). We want to please Jesus, we want to be a shining light. Help us to realize my desire, O Saint Ann.

We will be light for others if we love God. We will be light if we obey God. We will be light if we spread knowledge of God around us. This is the will of Jesus, your Grandson, Saint Ann, that we may be light. There are too many people who live in darkness. We have no right to conceal the light that we have received from Jesus Christ. We must be light for members of our families, for my friends, for fellow workers, for fellow parishioners, in all our activities.

Saint Ann, help us pray without ceasing, that we may be close to our Lord who is the Light of this world (John 8:12), that we ourselves become real light. With your help, may all our actions be good and charitable actions, works of light! Help us become evangelizers, apostles of Jesus, witnesses of Christ. Make our little light shine that God may be glorified, that those who meet us may be enlightened and warmed up. May the entire Church be light in the prevailing darkness of today! Amen.

SAINT ANN, LET ME ENJOY HEAVEN WITH YOU

Dear Saint Ann, sooner or later, one day will be the last day of our lives. We will have to present ourselves to our God. We commit to you our lives, Saint Ann. We also entrust to you the moment of our deaths. Be ever present near us as we live on this earth, be faithfully present when we enter into eternal life. With you at our side, dear Saint Ann, I live full of confidence and peace. You constantly intercede on our behalves. With Mary, your Daughter, whom we deeply love, you lead us to your Grandson Jesus.

We do not know when we will die. It does not matter, as long as we live in the friendship of our Lord. He loves us! We want to live loving Him. We want to die pronouncing these blessed names: "Jesus, Mary, Ann". We want to die in your company, beloved Saint Ann, and close to Jesus and Mary. In Heaven, we will be with you, with your cherished Daughter, with Your Grandson who is the God of love.

We pray to you, Saint Ann, for all our living and deceased relatives and friends. May they enter into eternal light! May we ourselves enjoy Heaven with you, heavenly bliss promised by God! Till then, dearest Saint Ann, protect us, be for us an affectionate mother, protect all our loved ones! We will always remain your loving children. Amen.

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