

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
AUGUST 2021



175th Anniversary of the Apparition

The Order of Novena

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayer for the Marian year

Priest: O Mary, (All) Mother of Reconciliation,
as we dedicate this year to you
we rejoice to call you blessed.

God the Father chose you as a favored daughter
to carry out his providential plan of Salvation.
The Son of God willed you to be his Mother and Disciple,
when, to save humanity, he assumed humanity.
The Holy Spirit loved you,
and fashioned you into his living temple,
and showered you with extraordinary gifts.

At La Salette, with tears of light,
you showed us your crucified Son;
you spoke the language of the humble;
you gave your message to Maximin and Melanie
so that it might be made known to all “your People”
of every language and culture;

obtain for us the grace to accept and love one another,
and to work together for justice and peace.
To you, O Mother, Reconciler of sinners,
Pathway of hope and peace among peoples and cultures,
we confidently entrust all humanity and our “common home,”
and the fears and hopes that inhabit them.
Speak once more to Jesus, your Son, that, like you,
we too may do whatever he tells us.
Amen.

Prayers of the Proper Day: (See each Day)

Memorare to Our Lady of La Salette

Priest: Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, (*all*) true mother of sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have taken to keep me faithful to Christ, your Son. After having done so much for me, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet, in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayers, oh Merciful Mother, but intercede for me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things and console you by a holy life that one day I may see You in heaven. Amen.

Priest/ Our Lady of La Salette Reconciler of Sinners.

A/ Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

Final Blessing

Priest/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And also with you.

Priest/ May Almighty God bless you all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

Environments

Day One

Surrounded by and Filled with LIGHT.

Oft related to fire and warmth, life.

What do you ask me to do for you?

Remove the bushel basket that hides your light in me.

Words of Our Lady

"I have great news to tell you!"

Words from Scripture

*'Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun:
The glory of the Lord is shining on you!'* Isaiah 60:1

Reflection

There is a darkness which can be self-imposed, that denies the Living Word, the Good News. Can we not fail to see sin and its effects on us. Mary's light stems from the Cross of sacrifice, encompasses all our human environments and renews the face of the earth. How can my light shine more clearly?

Prayers

Pray well the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Memorare of Our Lady of La Salette and the La Salette invocation.

Day Two

A MOUNTAIN of Desolation

She came to a desert place abandoned.

What do you want me to do for you?

Keep me down-to-earth as I live out my life for your glory.

Words of Our Lady

*"If they are converted the rocks and stones
will be turned into pieces of wheat."*

Words from Scripture

*'Go up on a high mountain and proclaim the good news!'
Isaiah 40:9*

Reflection

From Mt. Calvary to Mt. Gargas, Mary exemplifies salvation through patient enduring. Hilltops help people see into tomorrow. Mary provides us with down-to-earth advice to cleanse our polluted vision of the world. How do we "Do whatever He tells you?" Is sin "earthy" only in others?

Prayers

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Day Three

Your TEARS fall on us all.

A life-giving spring wells up at her feet.

What do you want me to do for you?

Wash me clean and quench my thirst for your living waters.

Words of Our Lady

“For how long a time do I suffer for you.”

Words from Scripture

Listen to my groans: there is no one to comfort me.

Lamentations 1:21

Reflection

Without a doubt we all drink deeply of Mary’s tears and we blend them with our own. Can our tears, like hers, bring healing and purity of heart or do they lead us to wallow in self-doubt and pity? Let her tears dominate: let them create a life-giving spring in us to heal our broken spirits.

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Day Four

Born of the SPIRIT of God.

Her presence is in total Spirit of God.

What do you want me to do for you?

Breath your life into my dry bones and raise me up anew.

Words of Our Lady

“Come near, my children, do not be afraid!”

Words from Scripture

*Yahweh is the everlasting God;
He strengthens those who are weak and tired.
Isaiah 40:28*

Reflection

The Spirit of God that hovered over the waters of creation hovered over Mary at the Incarnation and at the birth of the Church. Do we suffocate today from our lack of creativity as we evangelize? Can we learn from our Mother how to provide a breath of life to a dying nation bent on self-destruction?

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Day Five

She APPEARS to come from the region.

In local dress for the children.

What do you want me to do for you?

Help me to see the ills around me and to become a reconciler.

Words of Our Lady

"Have you ever seen spoiled wheat, my children?"

Words from Scripture

*I called you to see that justice gets done upon the earth
Isaiah 42:5*

Reflection

The world out there is easier to save than the world in which I live. Mary appears dressed for the Dauphinois region. She communicates with Maximin and Mélanie so well that they fail to notice she comes from elsewhere. Can we be "all to all" as Paul suggests...Especially where we live?

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Day Six

She SPEAKS the language of Corps.

Sensitivity to language of children.

What do you want me to do for you?

Help me to hear anew your message in words I understand.

Words of Our Lady

*“Ah, my children, you do not understand;
well I shall tell it to you differently.”*

Words from Scripture

*You have ears to hear with, but what have you really heard?
Isaiah 42:20b*

Reflection

Why do I insist on speaking twice as much as I listen? One mouth and two ears should tell me other-wise. Mary always speaks words that I can understand, if only I could listen: but the worldly noises push out the words of life and hope and so as a poor beggar I cry out: Lord, that I may hear!

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Day Seven

She wears ROSES which mean love.

Perfume of roses = mysteries of Mary.

What do you want me to do for you?

Unlock the mystery of your presence in my daily actions.

Words of Mary

Say at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary.

Words from Scripture

She is like a bride dressed for a wedding.

God has clothed her with salvation and victory.

Isaiah 61:10b

Reflection

There is mystery in gift of roses. Their scent goes directly to the heart and recalls loving gestures long past: How long a time do I suffer for you! Mary's participation in the mystery of her Son began with a fiat and ended with a crown in heaven. Can my gift of self be as constant and total?

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Day Eight

She TOUCHES Maximin's memory of Coin.

Take and eat...while we have it.

What do you want me to do for you?

Touch the hardest parts of my soul and soften them in love.

Words of Our Lady

"He took a few ears in his hands and rubbed them..."

Words from Scripture

*Those whom the Lord has rescued will travel home by that road.
Isaiah 35:9b*

Reflection

To touch the presence of Jesus and Mary in daily life is to realize how they are companions on my journey. Do any of us ever travel alone? To read the signs of the times is to touch the voice of salvation. To alter our behavior is to take the hand of God and to walk as a child the road to boldness. Are we too old to ask?

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Day Nine

She warns of poor HARVESTS.

Yet in Lent they eat meat like dogs.

What do you want me to do for you?

Help me focus on the Bread of life which satisfy my hungers.

Words of Our Lady

They go to church only to make a mockery of religion.

Words of Scripture

We were in pain and agony, but we gave birth to nothing.
Isaiah 26:18

Reflection

They say: God punishes, but we earn our harvest by hard work.. Surely a loving God rewards all our good deeds but our sins earn their own punishment. To harvest the fruits of Mary's message, we need to be nourished at her Son's table, discipline our lives and taste the goodness of God by our deeds.

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