

NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE
HOLY FACE
OF **JESUS**
THE SHROUD OF TURIN



*“I firmly wish that My Face reflecting
the intimate pains of My Soul, the
suffering and love of My Heart, be
more honored! Whoever gazes upon
Me already consoles Me...”*

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“See how I suffer. Nevertheless, I am understood by so few. What ingratitude on the part of those who say they love Me. I have given My Heart as a sensible object of My great love for man and I give My Face as a sensible object of My sorrow for the sins of man. I desire that It be honored by a Special Feast on Tuesday in Quinquagesima [Shrove Tuesday – the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday]. The Feast will be preceded by a Novena in which the faithful make reparation to Me, uniting themselves in participating with Me in My sorrow.”
(Our Lord Jesus Christ to Sister Maria Pierina)

This novena may be said anytime during the year.

DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER

O Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, through the intercession of Holy Mary, Whose soul was pierced through by a sword of sorrow at the sight of the Passion of Her Divine Son, we ask Thy help in making a perfect Novena of Reparation to Jesus, united with all His sorrows, love and total abandonment.

We now implore all the Angels and Saints to intercede for us as we pray this Holy Novena to the Most Holy Face of Jesus and for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

FIRST DAY

Console the Holy Face and recite Daily Preparatory Prayer PSALM 50 - MISERERE

The repentance and confusion of David after his sin – the Fourth Penitential Psalm. (Psalm 50:3-4)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy. And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

O Most Holy Face of Jesus, look with tenderness on us who are sinners. Thou art a merciful God, full of love and compassion. Keep us pure of heart, so that we may see Thee always. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER TO OUR ALMIGHTY FATHER

Almighty Father, come into our hearts, and so fill us with Thy love that forsaking all evil desires, we may embrace Thee, our only Good. Show us, O Lord our God, what Thou art to us. Say to our souls: “I am thy salvation.” Speak so that we may hear. Our hearts are before Thee. Open our ears; let us hasten after Thy voice. Hide not Thy Face from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Open our hearts so that Thou mayest enter in. Repair the ruined mansions, that Thou might dwell therein. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Thine only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who livest and reignest with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (St Augustine)

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary’s, one (1) Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine. (Three times)

SECOND DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me. To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee. (Ps. 50:5-6)

Most Holy Face of Jesus, we are truly sorry that we have hurt Thee so much by frequently doing what is wrong, and neglecting to do all the good works we ought. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Saint Joseph, intercede for us. Help us to console the Most Holy Face of Jesus. Pray that we may share in the tremendous love Thou hast for one another, and for the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity. *Amen.*

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST

Come Holy Ghost, Sanctifier, all powerful God of love. Thou Who didst fill the Virgin Mary with grace, Thou Who didst wonderfully transform the hearts of the Apostles, Thou Who didst endow all Thy martyrs with a miraculous heroism, come and sanctify us. Illumine our minds, strengthen our wills, purify our consciences, rectify our judgements, set our hearts on fire and preserve us from the misfortune of resisting Thine inspirations. We consecrate to Thee our understanding, our heart and our will, our whole being for time and eternity. May our understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations and to the teaching of Thy Holy Catholic Church of which Thou art the infallible guide. May our hearts be ever inflamed with love of God and neighbor. May our will be ever conformed to the Divine Will. And may our whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to Whom with the Father and Thee be honor and glory forever. *Amen.*

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

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THIRD DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

...[T]hat Thou mayst be justified in Thy words, and mayst overcome when Thou art judged. For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me. (Ps. 50:6-7)

PRAYER OF POPE PIUS IX

O Jesus! Cast upon us a look of mercy. Turn Thy Face towards each of us as Thou didst to Veronica; not that we may see It with our bodily eyes, for this we do not deserve. But turn It towards our hearts, so that remembering Thee, we may ever draw from this Fountain of Strength the vigor necessary to sustain the combats of life. *Amen.*

Mary, our Mother, and Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

All Highest, Glorious God, cast Thy light into the darkness of our hearts. Give us true faith, firm hope, perfect charity and profound humility, so that with wisdom, courage and perception, O Lord, we may do what is truly Thy Holy Will. *Amen.*

TO THE ANGELS AND SAINTS

We salute thee, through the Holy Face and Sacred Heart of Jesus, O all ye Holy Angels and Saints of God. We rejoice in thy glory, and we give thanks to Our Lord for all the benefits which He has showered upon thee. We praise Him, and offer thee for an increase of thy joy and honor, the Most Holy Face and gentle Heart of Jesus. Pray that we may be formed according to the heart of God. *Amen.*

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine. (Three times)

FOURTH DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

For behold Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. (Ps. 50:8-9)

O Lord Jesus, Who hast said, "Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart" and Who didst manifest upon Thy Holy Face the sentiments of Thy Divine Heart, grant that we may love to come frequently and meditate upon Thy Divine features. May we read there Thy gentleness and Thy humility and learn how to form our hearts in the practice of these two virtues which Thou desirest to see shine in Thy servants. Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, help us to do so.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE DOLORS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

O Most Holy and Afflicted Virgin, Queen of Martyrs! Who stood beneath the Cross, witnessing the agony of Thy dying Son, look down with a mother's tenderness and pity on us as we kneel before Thee to venerate Thy Dolors and place our requests, with filial confidence, in the sanctuary of Thy wounded Heart. Present them on our behalf to Jesus, through the merits of His most sacred Passion and Death, together with Thy sufferings at the foot of the Cross, and through the united efficacy of both, obtain the favor which we humbly ask. To whom shall we go in our wants and miseries if not to Thee? O Mother of Mercy, Who having so deeply drunk of the chalice of Thy Son, graciously alleviate the sufferings of those who still sigh in this land of exile. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

My Jesus, by the sorrows Thou hast suffered in Thy agony in the

garden, in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, in the way to Calvary, in Thy crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in Purgatory, and especially on those who are most forsaken. Deliver them from the dire torments they endure. Call them and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in Paradise. *Amen.*

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

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FIFTH DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. (Ps. 50:10-11)

Holy Face of Jesus, Sacred Countenance of God, how great is Thy patience with mankind, how infinite Thy forgiveness. We are sinners, yet Thou lovest us. This gives us courage. For the glory of Thy Holy Face and of the Blessed Trinity, hear and answer us. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Dear St. Joseph! Adopt us as thy children, take charge of our salvation. Watch over us day and night; preserve us from occasions of sin. Obtain for us purity of body and soul, and the spirit of prayer. Through thy intercession with Jesus, grant us a spirit of sacrifice, of humility and self-denial. Obtain for us a burning love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and a sweet, tender love for Mary, our Mother.

Saint Joseph, be with us in life, be with us in death, and obtain for us a favorable judgement from Jesus, our merciful Savior. *Amen.*

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine. (Three times)

SIXTH DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

Create a clean heart in me, O God: And renew a right spirit within my bowels. Cast me not away from Thy Face; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. (Ps. 50:12-13)

May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Ghost, and may He render them fruitful by watering them with His heavenly dew. Mary, Most Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost, intercede for us; Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

O Victorious Prince, most humble Guardian of the Church of God and of faithful souls, with such charity and zeal didst thou take part in so many conflicts and gain such great victories over the

enemy, for the conservation and protection of the honor and glory we all owe to God, as well as for the promotion of our salvation. Come, we pray thee, to our assistance, for we are continually besieged with such great perils by our enemies, the flesh, the world, and the devil. And as thou wast a leader for the people of God through the desert, so also be our faithful leader and companion through the desert of this world, until thou dost conduct us safely into the happy land of the living, in that blessed fatherland from which we are all exiles. *Amen.* (St. Aloysius)

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine. (Three times)

SEVENTH DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and strengthen me with a perfect spirit. I will teach the unjust Thy ways: And the wicked shall be converted to Thee. (Ps. 50:14-15)

Lord Jesus! After contemplating Thy features, disfigured by grief, after meditating upon Thy Passion with compunction and love, how can our hearts fail to be inflamed with a holy hatred of sin, which even now outrages Thy Adorable Face! Lord, suffer us not to be content with mere compassion, but give us grace so closely to follow Thee in this Calvary, so that the opprobrium destined for Thee may fall on us, O Jesus, that thus we may have a share, small though it may be, in expiating our sins. *Amen.*

Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER IN HONOR OF MARY

Hail Mary, Daughter of God the Father! Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son! Hail Mary, Spouse of the Holy Ghost! Hail Mary, Temple of the Most Holy Trinity! Hail Mary, our mistress, our wealth, our mystic rose, Queen of our hearts, our Mother, our life, our sweetness, and our dearest hope! We are all Thine, and all we have is Thine. O Virgin blessed above all things, may Thy soul be in us to magnify the Lord; may Thy spirit be in us to rejoice in God. Place Thyself, O faithful Virgin, as a seal upon our hearts, that in Thee and through Thee we may be found faithful to God. Grant, most gracious Virgin, that we may be numbered among those whom Thou art pleased to love, to teach and to guide, to favor and to protect as Thy children. Grant that with the help of Thy love, we may despise all earthly consolation and cling to heavenly things, until through the Holy Ghost, Thy faithful Spouse, and through Thee, His faithful Spouse, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, be formed within us for the glory of the Father. *Amen.* (St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort)

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EIGHTH DAY

===== BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER =====

Deliver me from blood, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol Thy justice. O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. (Ps. 50:16-17)

Most Merciful Face of Jesus, Who in this vale of tears was so moved by our misfortunes to call Thyself the Healer of the Sick, and the Good Shepherd of the souls gone astray, allow not satan to draw us away from Thee, but keep us always under Thy loving protection, together with all souls who endeavor to console Thee. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER TO SAINT PETER

O glorious Saint Peter, in return for thy lively and generous faith, thy profound and sincere humility and thy burning love were honored by Jesus Christ with singular privileges, and in particular, with the leadership of the other Apostles and the primacy of the whole Church, of which thou wast made the foundation stone. Do thou obtain for us the grace of a lively faith, that shall not fear to profess itself openly in its entirety and in all of its manifestations, even to the shedding of blood if occasion should demand it, and to the sacrifice of life itself in preference to surrender. Obtain for us, likewise, a sincere loyalty to our Holy Mother the Church. Grant that we may ever remain most closely and sincerely united to the Holy Father, who is the heir of thy faith and of thy authority, the one true visible head of the Catholic Church. Grant, moreover, that we may follow, in all humility and meekness, the Church's teaching and counsels and may be obedient to all her precepts, in order to be able here on earth to enjoy a peace that is sure and undisturbed, and to attain one day in Heaven to everlasting happiness. *Amen.*

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine. (Three times)

NINTH DAY

===== **BEGIN WITH DAILY PREPARATORY PRAYER** =====

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice I would indeed have given it: With burnt offering Thou wilt not be delighted. A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: A contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offering: then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar. (Ps. 50:18-21)

Sacred Face of our Lord and our God, what words can we say to express our gratitude? How can we speak of our joy? That Thou hast deigned to hear us, that Thou hast chosen to answer us in our hour of need. We say this because we know that our prayers will be granted. We know that Thou, in Thy loving kindness, listened to our pleading hearts, and will give, out of Thy fullness, the answer to our problems. Mary, our Mother, we thank Thee for Thy intercession on our behalf. Saint Joseph, we thank thee for thy prayers.

Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition... My Jesus, pardon and mercy!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Most Holy Trinity, Godhead Indivisible, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, our first beginning and our last end. Since Thou hast made us after Thine own image and likeness, grant that all the thoughts of our minds, all the words of our tongues, all the affections of our hearts and all our actions may be always conformed to Thy most Holy Will, so that after having seen Thee here on earth in appearances and in a dark manner by the means of faith, we may come at last to contemplate thee Face to face, in the perfect possession of Thee forever in Paradise. *Amen.*

Pray one (1) Our Father, three (3) Hail Mary's, one (1) Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine. (Three times)

ACT OF CONSECRATION

O Lord Jesus, we believe most firmly in Thee, we love Thee. Thou art the Eternal Son of God and the Son Incarnate of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thou art the Lord and Absolute ruler of all creation. We acknowledge Thee, therefore, as Universal Sovereign of all creatures. Thou art the Lord and Supreme Ruler of all mankind, and we, in acknowledging this Thy dominion, consecrate ourselves to Thee now and forever. Loving Jesus, we place our family under the protection of Thy Holy Face, and of Thy Virgin Mother, Mary Most Sorrowful. We promise to be faithful to Thee for the rest of our lives and to observe with fidelity Thy holy Commandments. We will never deny before men Thee and Thy Divine rights over us and all mankind. Grant us the grace to never sin again; nevertheless, should we fail, O Divine Savior, have mercy on us and restore us to Thy grace. Radiate Thy Divine Countenance upon us and bless us now and forever. Embrace us at the hour of death in Thy kingdom for all eternity, through the intercession of Thy Blessed Mother, of all Thy Saints who behold Thee in Heaven, and the just who glorify Thee on earth. O Jesus, be mindful of us forever and never forsake us; protect our family. O Mother of Sorrows, by the eternal glory which Thou enjoyest in Heaven, through the merits of Thy bitter anguish in the Sacred Passion of Thy Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for us the grace that the Precious Blood shed by Jesus for the redemption of our souls, be not shed for us in vain. We love thee, O Mary. Embrace us and bless us, O Mother. Protect us in life and in death. *Amen.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. *Amen.*

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