

# Novena St. Maria Goretti

June 28 ~ July 6



Virtues St. Maria Goretti



## St Maria Goretti Novena'

Saint Maria Goretti, who strengthened by God's grace,  
did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve,  
to shed your blood and sacrifice life itself  
to defend your virginal purity,  
look graciously on the unhappy human race,  
which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.  
Teach us all, and especially youth,  
with what courage and promptitude we should flee  
for the love of Jesus,  
anything that could offend Him  
or stain our souls with sin.  
Obtain for us from our Lord  
victory in temptation,  
comfort in the sorrows of life,  
and the grace which we earnestly beg of Thee,  
(mention your request)  
and may we one day enjoy with Thee  
the imperishable glory of heaven. Amen.

Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory be to the Father  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, be my Love!  
Immaculate heart of Mary, be my salvation!  
St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr, pray for us!



**June 28, Day 1: Purity**  
*"there stands out above everything else her purity"*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti, you valued your purity above all else, and for it, died a martyr's death. Grant that I may also love this virtue. When I am young and temptations are mostly physical, help me to keep a pure mind and body. As I grow older, help me to continue to keep my mind pure and clean, and open to the suffering of others. When I have grown old, remind me that purity is a lifetime virtue and I must always look for goodness in others. Teach me to always remain loyal to God, to my neighbor and to myself. When I forget, inspire me by your demonstrated love for others.

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**June 29, Day 2: OBEDIENCE**  
*"we see a tender and docile love for her parents which was at the same time practical and obedient."*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti, model of obedience to your parents, teach me to imitate you. Selfishness and pride will keep me from being obedient to God and to my parents. Help me to overcome these faults. I pray that God will keep my parents close to Him so they may guide my love. Help me when I am a parent and a grandparent to know that if I want obedient children, I must show them by example how to obey God as you did.

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**June 30, Day 3: SELF DENIAL**  
*"there was the sacrifice she made in her difficult daily work"*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti, you were ready for martyrdom because you practiced self-denial. Teach me to love Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Help me to learn to make sacrifices when I am young so that I can say "no" to little temptations, thereby, making it possible, when more serious temptations arise, to keep saying "no". Help me as I mature to always practice this virtue so that I may safeguard my body and soul. When I grow old, may I continue to practice self-denial so that my old age may be a model of acceptance and continuing spiritual growth. Help me to be sincere in every way so that I may follow you and gain heaven for all eternity.

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**July 1, Day 4: GRATITUDE**  
*"there was that evangelical poverty to which she freely submitted"*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti, you spent your life in the filth of the marshes and at the age of ten, put away your childhood to accept the role of keeping a home to help your poor mother and family. May your example teach me to be grateful to God for all He has given me and help me to accept the inconveniences that He wills, no matter how difficult or humiliating they may be. When I awake each morning, remind me to show my gratitude to God by thanking Him for allowing me to live through the night, and offering to Him all my thoughts, words and deeds during the day for His greater honor and glory.

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**July 2, Day 5: TRUST IN GOD**

**"she was sustained by her confidence in heavenly providence"**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti you had to flee from your assassin as one would flee a plague. Yet, through your faith in God, you found the strength to resist the advances and withstand the suffering inflicted on you by your murderer. Please help me to realize, especially when I am apt to lose hope and heart altogether, that I, too, can receive this strength from God. Let me understand that God gives and takes away for my soul's sake. Teach me to be trustful in the hour of need, patient in the hour of disappointment, and tranquil in the hour of trial. Pray for me that my faith in God may be strengthened.

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**July 3, Day 6: FAMILY UNITY THROUGH PRAYER**

**"there was her family which she loved very much and prayed with daily"**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti, your parents, despite the poverty and hardship they experienced, were devoted to each other and their children and faithful to their religious obligations. Through their efforts you and your brothers and sisters learned to look after each other's needs and to share your love and concern for each other. This family unity grew and was strengthened by the insistence of your mother and father that they pray together daily. May the example of your parents inspire parents everywhere to become personally involved in the spiritual formation of their children and teach them the importance of knowing and obeying God's commandments as well as the value of prayer. Help the children and young people to willingly learn from their parents those virtues, Maria, that characterized your life. Help us to understand that only through this kind of cooperative effort can a strong and harmonious God-centered family life result.

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**July 4, Day 7: LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST**

**"there was her ardent longing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist"**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

**Let Us Pray**

St. Maria Goretti, your desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist was so strong, that you anxiously awaited His coming each day for eleven months as you diligently prepared for your first Holy Communion.

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### July 5, Day 8: LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST

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Maria, may your love for this sacrament instill in me that same strong desire to receive the Holy Eucharist as frequently as possible. Never allow me to take this sacrament for granted. Pray that I might always strive to properly prepare myself for this sacrament, so that my heart will be ready to receive Jesus. Help me to understand that from a love of the Eucharist, I can expect to find the strength to overcome daily temptations, obtain refreshment and peace from my troubles and confidence in His presence at the time of my death.

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### July 6, Day 9: CHARITY TO OTHERS

"...as the crown of her charity, there was the heroic pardon granted to the man who murdered her..."

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

#### Let Us Pray

St. Maria Goretti, before you died, you endured many hours of intense pain and suffering from the stabbings inflicted upon you by your assailant, Alessandro. Yet, not once did your lips utter any words of bitterness or resentment against him. Finally, when it came time to surrender that most precious gift of all, life itself, you imitated Jesus' example of Good Friday by freely, sincerely and completely giving pardon to your murderer.

How small, in comparison, are those situations in my life where I have refused to be forgiving. Maria, help me to see that it is my own stubbornness, selfish pride, jealousy or hatred which prevents me from reconciling myself with members of my family, friends and, yes, even enemies. Maria, help me to rid myself of these obstacles to love. Let your heroic act of forgiveness constantly remind me to be considerate of others and ready to forgive them if they offend me in any way.

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### DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

"in you, through Our hands, all young people will find safe refuge"

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

#### Let Us Pray

St. Maria Goretti by your twice daily recitation of the Rosary you developed an unwavering devotion to our Blessed Mother. How pleased she must have been with your loyalty to her. Certainly she helped you to resist the challenge to your purity and served as a source of consolation to you during the many hours of suffering you endured before your death. May the love you showed her be our reminder that she is always ready to help us during times of temptation and trial. We only need to pray to her. May your example inspire us to renew our own devotion to Mary so that when the time comes for us to leave this life, she will be there to lead us into the presence of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all eternity. Amen

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#### Litany of the Blessed Virgin

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, have mercy on us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.  
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us	Virgin most venerable, pray for us
Holy Mother of God, pray for us	Virgin most renowned, pray for us
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us	Virgin most powerful, pray for us
Mother of Christ, pray for us	Virgin most venerable pray for us
Virgin most renowned,	Mother of divine grace, pray for us
Virgin most powerful,	Mother most pure, pray for us
Virgin most merciful,	Mother most chaste, pray for us
Virgin most faithful,	Mother inviolate, pray for us
Mirror of justice,	Mother undefiled, pray for us
Seat of wisdom,	Mother most amiable, pray for us
Cause of our joy,	Mother most admirable, pray for us
Spiritual vessel,	Mother of good counsel, pray for us
Vessel of honor,	Mother of our Savior, pray for us

Virgin most faithful, Mirror of justice, Seat of wisdom, Cause of our joy, Spiritual vessel, Pray for us