



## Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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*Dear Devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Friends, Benefactors and Patrons of the Rosary Hour,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

How time flies by so quickly. **May** is upon us - **“the month of Mary”**. It is tradition to pray **Marian devotions** during the month of May. Each day the **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is sung or recited which is the most perfect way to meditate and bring into our daily lives the spirit of Mary of Nazareth. Although the recitation of the litany may flow quickly, it unfolds before us the most abundant source into the mystery of the life, faith and love of the Blessed Mother. It would be worthwhile to delve into each of the invocations. **They open to us the whole life of the Mother of our Savior; all that she experienced on earth as well as all she is able to do for us as our heavenly Protector.** Reciting the litany brings to mind the most important truth: that **Mary was chosen by God and is able to ask for abundant graces for us.** This is why our prayer with her and to her is so important.

The Blessed Virgin Mary has the special gift of leading us to Jesus. And she desires to utilize this gift on our behalf, constantly reminding us: “Do whatever my Son asks”.

**Let us consecrate ourselves to Mary because we trust in her powerful intercession.** We are needy of everything, and Mary is the Mediatrix of All Graces. God made her so great, so powerful, to our advantage. The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council tells us that Mary, assumed into Heaven, continues her maternal work over us, until we see each other safely in Paradise. Let us recommend ourselves to Mary in all our necessities, but especially so that she may pray for us "now and at the hour of our death": they are the two principal moments of life.

**The Franciscans eagerly urge you to join our 9-day Novena to the Mother of God, which will begin on Mothers’ Day and end on the 18th of May, the day on which St. John Paul II was born 99 years ago.** During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and devotions the Franciscan shall extol the Virgin Mary using many titles, begging that She be for us, earth’s wanderers, the best Mother. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, we shall commend to God all mothers and all the special intentions entrusted by the Friends of the Rosary Hour.

On the enclosed reply form, please write the name of your Mother and include the intentions that are very dear to you. Without your assistance (prayers and monetary gift) today it would be very difficult to fulfill the mission of preaching the Word of God by the Franciscans.

*May the Mother of God, our most loving Mother, intercede for you in God.*

*May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.*

*With prayers and gratitude,*

**Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.**

Br. Daniel and the Rosary Hour Community

PS. As a „thank you” for taking part in this Novena Franciscans will send you a **“Act of consecration”** of the modern world to Mary's Immaculate Heart, written by John Paul II.

PS. You can, please visit our website: [www.rosaryhour.com](http://www.rosaryhour.com). Share this message with others.

