

How to pray the Novena

The Novena to Our Lady of Pompeii has two parts:

1. Three novenas of the prayers of the 15 mysteries of the Rosary in petition (3 x 9 days = 27 days)

- Before the beginning of each 5 mysteries of the Rosary every day, we state our intention and we add: "This Rosary I pray for You, Queen of the Holy Rosary."

- During part 1, the petition, every day we pray 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries).

- After completing each 5 mysteries of the Rosary, we say every day: "Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I humbly kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow white buds to remind thee of thy joys, each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery, each 10 bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke thee, thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my petition; from thy bounty thou wilt give me the favour I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of thee. Show thyself my Mother!"

2. Three novenas of the prayers of the 15 mysteries of the Rosary in thanksgiving (3 x 9 days = 27 days)

- Before the beginning of each 5 mysteries of the Rosary, we say: "This Rosary I pray for You, Queen of the Holy Rosary."

- During part 2, the thanksgiving, every day we pray 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries), regardless of whether or not the request has been granted yet (without missing a day).

- After completing each part of the Rosary, we say every day: "Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At thy feet I gratefully kneel to offer thee a Crown of Roses, snow white buds to remind thee of thy joys each bud recalling to thee a holy mystery; each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, Dispenser of God's graces and Mother of all who invoke thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As thou receivest my gift, so wilt thou receive my thanksgiving; from thy bounty thou hast given me the favour I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of thee, and thou hast truly shown thyself my Mother."

- After each of the 5 mysteries of the Rosary, during the whole novena, we pray: "Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us."

The Miraculous Novena

The Pompeii Novena is called the Miraculous Novena, because there is no doubt that many miracles have been reported from those who have prayed this novena.



In history there are many testimonies about graces which people have received through this novena.



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The Miraculous
54-day Rosary Novena

The Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Rosary in Pompeii

• Our Lady never abandons her children, and the most unlikely places have been chosen by her to display the wonders she can perform for those who are devoted to her. The instrument she used for her conquest was Bartolo Longo (1841-1926), who would at first appear to be a most unlikely choice.



• Bartolo Longo was introduced to Satanism during his college days. After "ordination" as a priest in the church of Satan, he spent many years in the exercise of his office by preaching, officiating at the rites, publicly ridiculing the Catholic Church and her priests, and speaking against all matters relating to the Catholic religion.

• Vincente Pepe brought him back to God, by placing Bartolo in the care of a Dominican friar, Br. Alberto.

• Bartolo said: "As I pondered over my condition, I experienced a deep sense of despair and almost committed suicide. Then I heard an echo in my ear of the voice of Br. Alberto repeating the words of Our Lady: '*One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved.*' I exclaimed: '*If your words are true that he who propagates your Rosary will be saved, I shall reach salvation because I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary.*'"

• In 1875, Longo obtained from Sr. Concetta de Litala, as a gift, a painting portraying Our Lady of the Rosary, with St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena. The painting was in bad condition and Longo wrote of his immediate distaste of the poor artistic quality, but Sr. Concepta encouraged him with the words: "*Take it with you; you will see that the Blessed Mother will use this painting to work many miracles.*" The words proved to be prophetic.

• Bartolo arranged for the building of a magnificent church. While it was being built, three people were healed by outstanding miracles.



Our Lady of Pompeii given the special devotion

• On the 3rd of March 1884, a young girl named Fortuna Agrelli was graced with an apparition of Our Lady of Pompeii and given this special devotion which she passed on to others.

• Young Fortuna was ill with 3 separate incurable diseases. She and her family began a novena of Rosaries.

• The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the girl, sitting upon a high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, holding the Divine Child on her lap, and in her hand a Rosary. Our Lady said: "**you have invoked me by various titles and have always obtained favours from me. Now, since you have called me by that title so pleasing to me, 'Queen of the Most Holy Rosary', I can no longer refuse the favour you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to me. Make three novenas, and you shall obtain all.**"

• Once more, the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to the young girl and said: "**Whoever desires to obtain favours from me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving.**"

• Obeying Our Lady's instructions, the young girl was healed and restored to perfect health.

According to the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri: "This miracle of the Rosary made a very deep impression on Pope Leo XIII, and greatly contributed to the fact that in so many circular letters he urged all Christians to love the Rosary and say it fervently."

In history, many people who prayed this novena have received the grace for which they asked. It is the reason that the novena is called

"The Miraculous Novena".

Very often people received a different grace, but never were their prayers unheard.



The miraculous portrait of Our Lady of the Rosary is situated high atop the main altar of this artistically enriched sanctuary in Pompeii (Italy).