



## PRAYERS TO SAINT PHILOMENA

“Pray to Saint Philomena. Whatever you ask from her, she shall obtain for you.”—*Pope Gregory XVI*

"My children, St. Philomena has great power with God. Her virginity and generosity in embracing her heroic martyrdom has rendered her so agreeable to God that He will never refuse her anything that she asks for us."

—*St. Jean Marie Vianney (The Cure of Ars)*

## NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT PHILOMENA

O faithful virgin and glorious martyr, Saint Philomena, who works so many miracles on behalf of the poor and sorrowful, have pity on me. Thou knowest the multitude and diversity of my needs. Behold me at thy feet, full of misery, but full of hope. I entreat thy charity, O great Saint! Graciously hear me and obtain from God a favorable answer to the request which I now humbly lay before thee. (*Specify your petition.*) I am firmly convinced that through the merits, through the scorn, the sufferings and the death thou didst endure, united to the merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus thy Spouse, I shall obtain what I ask of thee and in the joy of my heart I will bless God, who is admirable in His saints. Amen

## PRAYER FOR A SPECIAL REQUEST (Suitable for a novena)

Illustrious virgin and martyr, Saint Philomena, behold me kneeling in spirit before the throne on which it has pleased the Most Holy Trinity to place thee. Full of confidence in thy protection, I beseech thee to intercede for me with God. From the height of thy heavenly country, deign to cast a look upon thy humble servant. Spouse of Jesus Christ, console me in my troubles, strengthen me in temptations, protect me in the dangers which surround me on every side. Obtain all the graces necessary for me, especially (*here mention your intention*), and above all, assist me at my death. Amen.

## HAIL! O PHILOMENA

Hail, O Philomena, pearl of virgins, generous spouse of the King of Kings! Hail, flower of martyrs, living host of Christ! Refuse not the succor of thy prayer to those who invoke it, venerating thy merits. (*From the Office of St. Philomena*)



### SHORT DAILY PRAYER

O Saint Philomena, virgin and martyr, pray for us that through thy powerful intercession, we may obtain that purity of mind and heart which leads to the perfect love of God. Amen.

### FOR VICTORY OVER TEMPTATIONS

O God, Who dost sustain us by the merits and example of the blessed Philomena, virgin and martyr, mercifully grant that, strengthened in faith and charity, we may never be separated from Thee by any temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CHAPLET PRAYERS

Hail, O holy St. Philomena, whom I acknowledge after Mary as my advocate with thy Divine Spouse, intercede for me, now and the hour of my death. St. Philomena, beloved daughter of Jesus and Mary, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

Hail, O illustrious St. Philomena, who so courageously shed thy blood for Jesus Christ, I bless the Lord for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee, during thy life, and especially at thy death. I praise and glorify Him for the honor and power with which He has crowned thee, and beg thee to obtain for me, from God, the graces I ask through thy intercession. Amen.

### OTHER DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF SAINT PHILOMENA

Pray three Our Fathers in honor of the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity, in thanksgiving for all the graces bestowed on Saint Philomena and for all the favors that have been obtained through her intercession.

When Mother Mary Louisa of Jesus asked St. Philomena to teach her some devotion that would be acceptable to her, she heard an interior voice saying: *"Recite the Creed three times: once for the perseverance of the just, once for the conversion of sinners, and a third time for the return of heretics and infidels to the Faith."*