



Nine Days of Prayer
for the Spiritual Renewal
of the Church

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Behold, I make all things new.



(Rev 21:5).



1

Day 1

**Pray for Jesus' guidance and leading
in the process of the renewal.**

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



See, I am doing something new! Now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the
wilderness I make a way, in the wasteland,
rivers.

(Is 43:19)



Lord, we thank you for gathering us into your Church as living stones and as members of your Body.

We tend to forget that this Church belongs to you and that what matters is not our opinions but your will.

Therefore, we ask you to guide the process of the spiritual renewal in the Church, so that it may be realised according to your Gospel. Show yourself as Lord and Shepherd of your Church. Let our efforts serve the building of your kingdom. Let the Church become a place where people may realise that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Let us recognise the Church as the place where you are alive and present.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint Boniface, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 2

Pray for the gift of prayer.

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



Lord, teach us to pray just
as John taught his disciples.

(Lk 11:1)



Lord, we thank you that you are our father and that we may turn to you in all our concerns.

The Church needs renewal. But often we let ourselves be unsettled by external forces, by public opinion, by political and media demands. Often we lose sight of what is essential because we seek our salvation in structures, committees and discussion groups and not in you and your presence.

Therefore we ask you: Give us the gift of prayer and the courage to be silent, so that among the many voices that surround us and speak from within ourselves, we can hear the voice of your Holy Spirit, listen to Him alone and in the process of the renewal always conform ourselves to you, the Living Word.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint Lucy, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 3

**Pray for personal renewal
and conversion and for unity
with the Church.**

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



How can you say to your brother, 'Let me
remove that splinter from your eye,' while
the wooden beam is in your eye?



(Mt 7:4)

Lord, we thank you for allowing us to know you and for forgiving us our sins so that we may live reconciled with God.

Often we merely condemn the “faults” of others. But if the Church is to be renewed, it is only by each one of us repenting and allowing ourselves to be renewed by You.

Therefore we ask you: Help each of us to grow in a living, personal relationship with you. At the same time, let us understand ever more deeply how much the unity with the Church, your mystical body, also means unity with you. Grant that we may unite ourselves even more intimately with the Holy Father. Lead all, and especially those who, as representatives of the Church, have incurred grave guilt, to true repentance and atonement. Comfort and heal the victims and let them feel your love. Don't let us despair realising that the Church in all its holiness is made of sinners: Lead us to greater mercy instead and grant us the firm will to become faithful disciples and diligent workers in your vineyard ourselves.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint Teresa of Avila, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 4

Pray for love and wisdom in the struggle for truth.

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.



(Mk 12:30-31)

Sometimes we fall into the temptation to play truth and love off against each other: Either we no longer dare to name what is wrong because we think that he who loves must not criticise, or we fall into hard-heartedness and thus proclaim only a distorted image of the truth. We are also often tempted to reinterpret the teachings of the Church when they are contrary to our own will.

Therefore we ask you: Give us a profound understanding of the fact that your love and your truth belong inseparably together. Give us the empathy to lovingly communicate this insight. And when our own will is opposed to your commandments, renew in us the confidence that the teaching of the Church is an expression of your love and truth.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint John Wen Yin, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 5

Pray for the bishops, priests and deacons.

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



You who dwell in the shelter of the Most
High, who abide in the shade of the Al-
mighty, Say to the LORD, ‘My refuge and
fortress, my God in whom I trust.’

(Ps 91:1-2)



Lord, we thank you for the priesthood and the pastoral ministry, for placing people in your special service.

You call bishops, priests and deacons into your office and charge them to feed us, your flock, to administer the sacraments and to proclaim the Gospel. Many of them carry out their ministry in great loneliness and are exposed to many kinds of hostility and challenges. Even faithful priests are accused and condemned flatly. Often their ministry is misunderstood as presumption, their authority is rejected.

Therefore we ask you: May prayer and the Eucharist be the centre of their lives and a source of strength to meet the demands of ministry and to resist the seductions and temptations of the world. Give them courage to lead and teach and to hold fast to the truth of the Gospel. Grant that they may be a good example to us in the spiritual renewal through true repentance and perseverance in the faith.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint Catherine of Siena, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 6

Pray to the Holy Spirit for parishes, associations and committees.

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.



(1 Cor 12:4-6, 11)

Lord, we thank you for the many people who are committed to the building of your Kingdom and that they shape and enrich the togetherness in the Church.

Already in the early Christian community, structures were created to organize the Church and social life. Sometimes, however, we fall into the danger of organizing everything so that there is no room left for the Holy Spirit. We want to distinguish ourselves and forget that our commitment in your Church is not to serve ourselves but to build your Kingdom.

Therefore we ask you: Send your Holy Spirit to all committed Catholics, so that they do not lose sight of you in their work in parishes, associations and committees; give them especially the gift of listening and discernment. Help us not to strive for status or influence, but to contribute joyfully according to our spiritual gifts. Help us to make the Church a welcoming place where people feel accepted and can find community.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Blessed Adolph Kolping, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 7

Pray for the people of God.

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



But you are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises’ of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

(1 Pet 2:9)



Lord, we thank you for calling people to the various offices of the Church and for bestowing upon us the dignity of being children of God.

Sometimes we think that offices can give us prestige and dignity. We want to impose our ideas and wishes. We forget that power in the Christian sense means, above all, responsibility and selfless devotion, and we fail to develop our Christianity where you have placed us.

Therefore we ask you: Help us to understand the dignity of being children of God. Let us, in our vocations, gratefully fulfil the tasks God has given us. Protect us from the desire for power and grant that we may understand more and more deeply that the power of Christ lies in the Cross. Strengthen the fraternity among us, the mutual devotion in families and communities, and the appreciation of each other's gifts and vocation, and do not let pride or arrogance drive a wedge between people.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

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Day 8

Pray for steadfastness and humility.

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



For our struggle is not with flesh and blood
but with the principalities, with the powers,
with the world rulers of this present darkness,
with the evil spirits in the heavens.



(Eph 6:12)

Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit enlightens and instructs us in the truth.

In our society, many ideologies and errors are proclaimed. Sometimes we fall into the temptation to give in to the zeitgeist. On the other hand, in defending the faith, sometimes we overshoot the mark and become self-righteous.

Therefore we ask you: Give us patience and serenity in the disputes about faith. Help us not to be confused and lead us faithfully on the way of Christ, even when it is uncomfortable for us. Protect us from a theology that prefers to follow the spirit of the times rather than to search for the signs of the times in faithfulness to the Gospel. At the same time, help us to remain humble in the struggle for truth and to seek not our glory but yours.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint Edith Stein, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

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Day 9

Pray for fruitful work in the society.

*+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses
its taste, with what can it be seasoned? (...)
You are the light of the world. A city set on a
mountain cannot be hidden.



(Mt 5:13-14)

Lord, we thank you for appointing us to be witnesses in this world.

Sometimes we are so trapped in our needs, worries and hopes that we only revolve around ourselves: Then we lose sight of our neighbor and worry about internal squabbles instead of proclaiming the Gospel. We forget that the Church has a message that sets free, builds up and refreshes people who are tormented and patronized by the spirit of the times.

Therefore we ask you: Help us to be light in this world. Help us to understand that the teaching of the Church grasps the essence and the needs of man to the depths of his soul. Let us understand that the society needs the Christian teaching. Give us courage to carry the convictions of the Church to the people and to penetrate the society with the message of the Gospel, so that the people may experience your Holy Spirit.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Saint John Paul II, pray for us for the spiritual renewal of the Church!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Praised be Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

Novena Saints



St. Boniface



St. Lucy



St. Theresia of Avila



St. John Wen Yin



St. Caterine of Siena



Bl. Adolph Kolping

St. Josephine Bakhita



St. Edith Stein



St. John Paul II



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