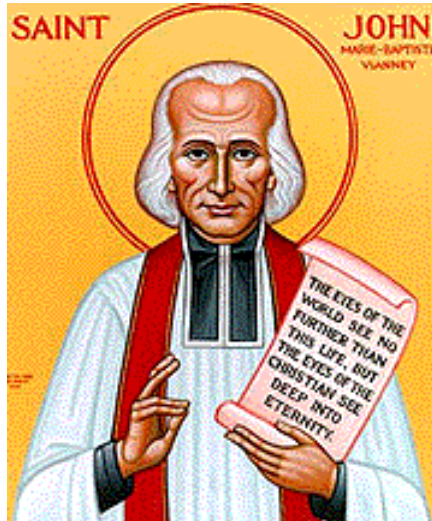


July 27 to August 4

Novena in Honor of Saint John Vianney



1st Day: July 27

Ardent Faith

Saint John-Marie Baptiste Vianney, you were born of a deeply religious mother; from her you received the Holy Faith; you learned to love God and to pray. At a young age, you were seen kneeling in the front of the statue of Mary. Your soul was supernaturally carried toward the things on High. Despite the high cost, you answered your vocation. Against many obstacles and contradictions, you had to fight and suffer to become the perfect priest which you were. But your deep spirit of faith supported you in all these battles. O Great Saint, you know the desire of my soul; I would like to serve God better; from Him I have received so many good things. For this, obtain for me more courage and especially the depth of faith. Many of my thoughts, words and actions are useless for my sanctification and for my salvation, because this supernatural spirit does not stir up my life. Help me to be better in the future.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for . . . *(mention silently your special intentions)*.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

*O Saint John Vianney,
Patron of Priests,
Curé d'Ars ...*

2nd Day: July 28

Complete Trust in God

Saint John-Marie Baptiste Vianney, what confidence the people had in your prayers! You could not leave your old rectory or your humble church without being surrounded by imploring souls, who appealed to you as they would have appealed to Jesus Himself during His earthly life. And you, O good Saint, gave them hope by your words, which were full of love for God.

You, who had always counted entirely on the heart of God, obtain for me a deep filial trust in His Providence. As the hope of divine goods fills my heart, give me courage and help me always to obey the Commandments of God.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ...
(mention silently your special intentions).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

*... pray for us
and for all priests!*

3rd Day: July 29

True Love of Neighbor

Saint John-Marie Baptiste Vianney, because of your love of God you showed great charity toward your neighbor. You could not preach on the Love of God without burning tears of love. During your last years, it seemed as though you could not talk about any thing else or live for anything else. Thus, you sacrificed yourself to your neighbors by consoling, absolving and sanctifying them to the limits of your strength.

Your charity inspires me to greater love of God, a love which is shown more by acts than by words.

Help me to love my neighbor generously as Christ loves them.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ...
(mention silently your special intentions).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

4th Day: July 30
Horror of Sin

Saint John-Marie Baptiste Vianney, you were so adamant against sin, yet so sympathetic and so ready to welcome the sinner. I come to you today as if you were still alive, as if I were kneeling at your feet and you could hear me. Bend toward me, listen to the repentant confession of the weaknesses and miserable deeds of mine.

Priest of the Lord, inexhaustible Confessor, obtain for me the horror for sin. You wanted us first to avoid the occasion of sin. I want to take your advice and make the resolution to break bad habits, and avoid the dangerous occasions of sin.

Help me today to examine my conscience.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ...
(mention silently your special intentions).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

5th Day: July 31
Confessor of Souls

O Holy Priest of Ars, you knew how important was a good confession for the Christian life. It was to procure the happy fruits of millions of souls that you agreed to be in an uncomfortable confessional, which was like a prison, up to fifteen to sixteen hours on certain days.

I will try to develop the habit of frequent confession, to prepare properly each time and to have always regret for my sins, so that the grace of final perseverance but also the sanctification of my soul will be assured.

Ask this grace for me.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ...
(mention silently your special intentions).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

6th Day: August 1

Real Presence

O Holy Priest of Ars, whose only comfort in this world was the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle, was it not your great joy to distribute the Eucharist to the pilgrims who visited you? You refused Communion to the souls who refused to reform, but to souls of good will you opened wide the doors of the Eucharistic Feast.

You, who each day at Holy Mass received Holy Communion with great love, give me some of your fervor.

With freedom from mortal sin, obtain for me a sincere desire to profit from receiving Holy Communion.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ...
(mention silently your special intentions).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

7th Day: August 2

Dispeller of Satan

O Holy Priest of Ars, the infamous attacks of the devil which you had to suffer and the trials which disheartened you by fatigue would not make you give up the sublime task of converting souls. The devil came to you for many years to disturb your short rest, but you won because of mortification and prayers.

Powerful protector, you know the temptor's desire to harm my baptized and believing soul. He would have me sin, by rejecting the Holy Sacraments and the life of virtue.

Good Saint of Ars, dispel from me the traces of the enemy.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ...
(mention silently your special intentions).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

8th Day: August 3
Exquisite Purity

O Holy Priest of Ars, a witness of your life made this magnificent praise of you: *"We would have taken him for an angel in a mortal body."* You so edified others! Modesty and exquisite purity radiated from your body. With what charm and with what enthusiasm you preached to others about these beautiful virtues which you said resembled the perfume of a vineyard in bloom! I beg you to join your entreaties to those of **Mary Immaculate** and **Saint Philomena** in order that I guard always, as God asks me, the purity of my heart.

You, who have directed so many souls toward the heights of virtue, defend me from temptations and obtain for me the strength to conquer them.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ... *(mention silently your special intentions).*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

9th Day: August 4
Desire for Heaven

O Holy Priest of Ars, your precious remains are contained in a magnificent reliquary, the donation from the priests of France.

But this earthly glory is only a very pale image of the unspeakable glory which you are enjoying with God. During the time you were on earth, you used to repeat in your dejected hours, *"One will rest in the other life."* It is done, you are in eternal peace and eternal happiness.

I desire to follow you one day. Until then, I hear you saying to me: *"You should work and fight as long as you are in the world."*

Teach me, then, to work for the salvation of my soul, to spread the good news and good example and to do good toward those around me in order that I will receive the happiness of the Elect with you.

Holy Priest of Ars, I have confidence in your intercession. Pray for me during this novena especially for ... *(mention silently your special intentions).*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be