# Novena to St. Francis of Assisi




Novenas are a very popular traditional form of prayer among those of the Catholic faith. The origin of novenas began during the nine days the Disciples and Mary prayed together between the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus and Pentecost Sunday. A Novena is a series of prayer recited nine days in a row or nine hours in a row. A novena is offered as a sacrifice to God in a way of expressing devotion to God. Most novenas are accompanied by a special prayer request or intention.

## Novena of St. Francis

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER IN ANY NECESSITY
PETITIONING THE AID OF SAINT FRANCIS
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## A PRAYER FOR PEACE

(*To be said after every day's Novena*)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**DAY 1 – September 25**

## O God, come to my assistance.
## (Psalm 70:2)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You know all things and nothing is hidden from You. In Your mercy and kindness, and through the intercession of Saint Francis, come to my aid in my present distress and grant my humble petition (mention your request). Amen.

Your offering today: **Show your humility by doing a good deed for someone today.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 2 – September 26**

## Hear me O Lord, and have pity on me.
## (Psalm 30:11)

Prayer: Father in heaven, Your love for us never falters in spite of our transgressions and failures. Please show Your mercy for me in my difficulty (mention your request). Through the intercession of St. Francis and for the sake of Christ, Our Savior, have pity on me. Amen.

Your offering today: **See the suffering Christ in someone around you.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 3 – September 27**

## Lord, be not far from me.
## (Psalm 38:22)

Prayer: Loving Father, You are not far from any of us since in You we live, move and have our being. Increase my awareness of Your presence and through the intercession of Saint Francis take care of my pressing need (mention your request). Amen.

Your offering today: **Throughout the day, give your cares to the Lord.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 4 – September 28**

## Make Your ways known to me, O Lord.
## (Psalm 25:4)

Prayer: Father Almighty, Your ways and purpose are often hidden from us. Guide me now and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, I beg You, in my sorrow, and by Your power, to let me know Your will regarding my special need (mention your request). Amen.

Your offering today: **Consider today how you can do God's will.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 5 – September 29**

## O Lord grant safety to those who long for it.
## (Psalm 12:6)

Prayer: In You Heavenly Father, I confidently place my trust. In your hands, I leave all my anxieties with faith in Your care for me. From You, and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, I await relief from my present distress (mention your request). Amen.

Your offering today: For God's sake, help some person whom you may not like.

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 6 – September 30**

## O Lord, do not chastise me with Your anger.
## (Psalm 6:2)

Prayer: Merciful Father, You know my weakness and disobedience. Yet, you are ever ready to forgive and be gracious to me in my trouble. In Christ's name and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi quickly come to help me (mention your request). Amen.

Your offering today: **Banish from your mind and tongue unkind words and thoughts today.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 7 – October 1**

## The Lord is a stronghold in times of distress. (Psalm 37:39)

Prayer: Father in Heaven, You never reject those who seek Your help and are ever ready to comfort the sorrowful. Through the intercession of Saint Francis and in Christ's name, I implore You to have pity on me in my needs (mention your request), and to rescue me from all afflictions. Amen.

Your offering today: **In imitation of Christ and St. Francis, do good to those who may dislike you.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 8 – October 2**

## The Lord is close to the brokenhearted. (Psalm 34:19)

Prayer: Your goodness, Heavenly Father, responds speedily to our sorrow. In my distress I call upon You to hear and answer my prayers (mention your request). In You, O God, I will continue to trust despite everything. I ask this request in Christ's name and through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi. Amen.

Your offering today: **Help someone you know who is in need of your friendship and support.**

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**DAY 9 – October 3**

## The Lord will set me free and rescue me because He loves me. (Psalm 18:20)

Prayer: Gracious Father, I will thank You each day for Your merciful goodness to me. With Your help I will ever praise Your kindness in my trouble. Please assist me now as I faithfully follow Christ, my Savior, and call upon the friendship and intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, by granting my petition (mention your request). Amen.

Your offering today: In gratitude, be good to others today.

Conclude with **A Prayer for Peace** (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)