

**Novena (Nine Days' Prayer)
to St Gerard Majella,
the Patron Saint of
Expectant Mothers**



Day One

Saint Gerard, ever full of faith, obtain for me that, believing firmly all that the Church of God proposes to my belief, I may strive to secure through a holy life, the joys of eternal happiness.

Day Two

Saint Gerard, most generous saint, who from thy tenderest years didst care so little for the goods of earth, grant that I may place all my confidence in Jesus Christ alone, my true Treasure, Who alone can make me happy in time and eternity.

Day Three

Saint Gerard, bright seraph of love, who despising all earthly love, didst consecrate thy life to the service of God and thy neighbor, promoting God's glory in thy lowly state, and ever ready to assist the distressed and console the sorrowful, obtain for me, I beseech thee, that loving God the only good and my neighbor for His sake, I may be hereafter united to Him forever in glory.

Recite 9 times: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O Saint Gerard, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, Who didst draw to Thyself Saint Gerard, even from his tenderest years, making him conformable to the Image of Thy Crucified Son, grant we beseech Thee, that imitating his example, we may be made like unto the same Divine Image, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Day Four

Saint Gerard, spotless lily of purity, by thy angelic virtue and thy wonderful innocence of life, thou didst receive from the Infant Jesus and His Immaculate Mother, sweet pledges of tender love. Grant, I beseech thee, that I may ever strive faithfully in my lifelong fight, and therefore win the crown that awaits the brave and the true.

Day Five

Saint Gerard, model of holy obedience, who through thy life didst heroically submit thy judgment to those who represent Jesus Christ to thee, therefore sanctifying thy lowliest actions, obtain for me from God cheerful submission to His Holy Will and the virtue of perfect obedience, that I may be made conformable to Jesus, my Model, Who was obedient even unto death.

Day Six

Saint Gerard, most perfect imitator of Jesus Our Redeemer, thou whose greatest glory was to be humble and lowly, obtain that I too, knowing my littleness in God's sight may be found worthy to enter the kingdom that is promised to the humble and lowly of heart.

Day Seven

Saint Gerard, unconquered hero, most patient in suffering, thou who didst glory in infirmity, and under slander and most cruel ignominy didst rejoice to suffer with Christ, obtain for me patience and resignation in my sorrows, that I may bravely bear the cross that is to gain for me the crown of everlasting glory.

Day Eight

Saint Gerard, true lover of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, thou who didst kneel long hours before the Tabernacle, and there didst taste the joys of paradise, obtain for me an undying love for the Most Holy Sacrament, that receiving frequently the Body and Blood of Jesus, I may daily grow in His holy love and merit the priceless grace of loving Him even to the end.

Day Nine

Saint Gerard, most favored child of heaven, to whom Mary gave the Infant Jesus in the days of thy childhood, to whom she sweetly came before thou didst close thy eyes in death, obtain for me I beseech thee, so to seek and love my Blessed Mother during life, that she may be my joy and consolation in this valley of tears, until with thee, before the throne of God, I may praise her goodness for all eternity.

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