



THE SOLEMN NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JUDE

Dedication Prayer

To you, Lord Jesus Christ, our mediator and brother, we offer our prayers today. † We acknowledge the special friendship which your Apostle, St. Jude, has with you. † To his love and friendship with you, we unite our prayers. We praise and thank God for your supreme love and friendship for the human family. † We join our prayers intimately with your generous death on the Cross. † To this enduring act of praise of God, through which all people are made pleasing to the Father, we unite our prayers. † We join our prayers today to the Eucharist, which renews in us the loving act of your death and resurrection, and expresses most perfectly the fulfillment of our final union with you. † Be present with us today and each day of our lives. Deepen our love for our Father and for each other. May these graces and favors for which we pray be granted through you, who live and reign with the Father in union with the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer to St. Jude

St. Jude, cousin and friend of Jesus during His life on earth, † chosen by Christ to be His Apostle and to learn directly from Him the message of His redeeming love, † join us now in prayer today. † We acknowledge your apostolic role in forming the foundation of Christ's Church † and in taking to many distant places the message of Christ's love for all people. † We take heart at your generous love for Christ and humanity which ended in martyrdom. † We fully believe you now rejoice in the happiness of heaven and have sealed forever your earthly friendship with Jesus. † Perhaps, because you share the same name as the man who betrayed Our Lord, your role as an Apostle and friend of Christ was long forgotten. † But, now, we pray to you as the patron of hopeless cases and desperate situations. † Now we ask your help.

† As sinners we are aware of the complete trust we must have in God's mercy and love. † Intercede with God to give us the strong faith to live with our sorrows and trials. † Help us to see in our troubles God's plan for our salvation. † We ask for your intercession with God for our present needs.

Invocation to St. Jude

St. Jude, cousin of Jesus, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, Apostle of Christ, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who shared in the love of the Blessed Mother for Christ and His disciples, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who was present at the Last Supper, to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with Christ, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who suffered during the passion and death of Christ, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who rejoiced at seeing Christ risen from the dead, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who witnessed the glorious Ascension of Christ into heaven, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who preached the Gospel of Christ, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who drew many people to the Faith, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, who worked many wonders through the power of the Holy Spirit, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, martyr for Christ, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, patron of the despairing, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, intercessor for difficult cases, *listen to our prayer!*

St. Jude, consoler of the distressed, *listen to our prayer!*

That God will grant wisdom and prudence to our bishops and priests, and the leaders of all nations, states, and communities, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That the light of the true faith will be brought to all people, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That all people, regardless of race, creed or personal differences may live in social harmony, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That all people will be given the mental and emotional strength to live in peace and love under the strain of modern living, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That the ties of love and affection among family members will be strengthened, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That the Church will be strengthened with an abundance of priestly and religious vocations, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That the poor and famished peoples of our Earth will find nourishment, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That all people will retain their health and that the sick especially (*your intentions*) will regain their health according to God's holy will, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That God will grant us respect for authority and the aged, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That God will grant eternal rest to our departed relatives and friends (*your intentions*), and to all departed souls, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That God will grant us our special intentions, (*your intentions*), and for the intentions of all people devoted to you, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That faith, hope and charity may increase in our hearts, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That the grace and strength to avoid sin and the occasions of sin will be granted to us, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That we will continually cooperate with God's grace to cleanse ourselves of our sins by sincere sorrow and frequent reception of the sacraments, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That we will prepare ourselves for the merciful judgment of God, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

That God will answer the prayers of the people requesting a remembrance in the devotions offered to you at the National Shrine, *St. Jude, intercede for us!*

Let Us Pray

Glorious Apostle and martyr, St. Jude Thaddeus, † whose life and accomplishments we celebrate and who used your gifts and talents to bring Christ's love to many people, † pray for us today that the love of Christ in our lives may increase. † Pray that we may renounce every sinful habit and refrain from all selfish actions. † May we always know your intercession in danger and difficulty, † and may we safely reach heaven to adore with you the most Holy Trinity, † the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Particular Needs

St. Jude, Apostle of Christ, the Church honors and prays to you universally as the patron of hopeless and difficult cases. † Pray for us in our needs. † Make use, we implore you, of this powerful privilege given to you, † to bring visible and speedy help where help is needed. † Pray that we humbly accept the trials and disappointments and mistakes which are a part of our human nature. † Help us to see the reflection of the suffering of Christ in the trials and tribulations of our own lives. † Let us see in a spirit of great faith and hope † the part we even now share in the joy of Christ's resurrection, † and which we long to share fully in heaven. † Intercede that we may again experience this joy in answer to our present need if it is God's desire for us. † (*Here make your request*). We know our prayers will be heard through your intercession. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the graces and favors which you have given us † through the prayers of your Apostle, Jude Thaddeus. † Great Apostle, St. Jude, we thank you for your intercession in response to our prayers. † We will always be grateful to you. † Continue to intercede for our needs and in our difficulties. † Be with us particularly in the hour of death that we may face that decisive moment with courage and serenity. Amen.

Psalm 1

Blessed are those
who walk not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stand in the way of sinners,
nor sit in the seat of scoffers,
but whose delight is the law of God,
and who mediate on that law day and night.

They are like a tree
planted by streams of water,
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for God knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Letters of Thanksgiving to St. Jude (*Fr. Mark Brummel, C.M.F.*)

The Gospel according to Luke (Lk. 11:9-13)

Jesus said to his disciples, I tell you, ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

“What father among you would hand his son a snake instead of a fish? Or a scorpion if he asks for an egg?”

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

The Gospel of the Lord – **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily – “*The Value of Prayer*”

Final Prayer and Sending Forth (*Father Mark Brummel, C.M.F.*)

Recessional Song

1.) Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name!

Lord of all, we bow before thee;

All on earth thy scepter claim,

All in heaven above adore thee.

Infinite thy vast domain,

Everlasting is thy reign.

2.) Hark! The loud celestial hymn

Angel choirs above are raising;

Cherubim and Seraphim

In unceasing chorus praising.

Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:

Holy, holy, holy Lord.