



# Novena for Pope Francis



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# Day 1 - In Thanksgiving for Pope Francis' Life

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

Pope Francis was a man from the ends of the earth who led the Church with compassion, simplicity, and courage. In Pope Francis, we saw a shepherd who walked with the people, smelled of his sheep, and brought the Gospel to the margins. His life, marked by humility and joy, became a beacon of Christ's mercy to the world.

Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for the gift of Pope Francis, who led Your Church as a humble servant and devoted disciple of Your Son. Through his witness, we were reminded of the beauty of mercy, the necessity of love, and the strength found in humility. May his memory stir our hearts to deeper faith, greater compassion, and bold hope. Receive him into Your eternal embrace and grant him the peace he so often offered others. Amen.

Closing Prayer:

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# Day 2 - For Peace and Unity in the Church

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Pope Francis tirelessly called for unity—not uniformity, but communion. In a world and Church often torn by division, he reminded us that we are one body in Christ, walking together in faith, even when we disagree. His dream was of a Church that listens, learns, and loves across every border.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we ask You to bind Your Church together in love. As we mourn the passing of Pope Francis, we ask for healing in our hearts and in our communities. May his call for fraternity and synodality continue to echo in our hearts. Let us be one as You and the Father are one. Unite us across language, culture, and opinion, so that the world may believe. Amen.

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# Day 3 - For the Next Successor of Peter

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The Chair of Peter stands empty. The one who held it with gentleness and boldness has gone to his reward. Now the Church turns in prayerful hope, asking the Holy Spirit to raise up a new shepherd, faithful to the Gospel, courageous in love, and rooted in truth.

Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, guide the College of Cardinals in the days ahead. Give them wisdom and courage as they discern the man who will follow in the footsteps of Peter. May he be a bridge-builder, a teacher, a servant, and a sign of Your love in the world. Prepare his heart even now, that he may embrace this cross with joy and trust in You. Amen.

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# Day 4 - For the Poor and Forgotten

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Pope Francis never ceased to remind us: the poor are not a problem to be solved—they are our brothers and sisters. In his voice we heard the cry of the voiceless. His love for the homeless, migrants, prisoners, and the abandoned gave flesh to the Gospel.

Prayer:

Lord of the lowly, help us to see You in those who are overlooked. Teach us to serve, not from a place of pride, but from shared humanity. As Pope Francis showed us, may we step out of our comfort and into the lives of those in need. May his legacy be a Church that is poor and for the poor. Stir our hearts to generosity, advocacy, and deep love. Amen.

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# Day 5 - For the Young People of the Church

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To the youth, Pope Francis offered joy, challenge, and mission. He urged them not to watch life from the sidelines but to go out and make noise—holy noise that transforms the world. He trusted the young with the Gospel because he believed in their potential to renew the Church.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the youth of the world. Let the spark ignited by Pope Francis grow into a fire of faith, hope, and love. May they be unafraid to follow Christ and proclaim His name in every corner of society. Let their voices rise in truth, their hands work in service, and their lives reflect the love they have received. Amen.

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# Day 6 - For the Sick, the Suffering, and the Dying

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In hospitals, prisons, and homes for the elderly, Pope Francis brought consolation through presence. He did not fear weakness but embraced it. He reminded us that suffering does not diminish dignity. Rather, it reveals the closeness of God.

Prayer:

Merciful Lord, be near to all who suffer today—those in hospitals, nursing homes, and places of isolation. May they know they are never alone. Comfort them with the peace that surpasses understanding. Let Pope Francis' example of gentle presence inspire us to accompany those in pain, offering not just care, but love. And for those near death, grant them serenity, forgiveness, and hope in Your promise of eternal life. Amen.

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# Day 7 - For Forgiveness and Mercy in the World

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Again and again, Pope Francis declared that the name of God is mercy. He opened wide the doors of reconciliation and taught us that no one is beyond redemption. Mercy was not just a theme of his pontificate—it was its beating heart.

Prayer:

God of boundless mercy, soften our hearts to forgive as we have been forgiven. Heal the wounds of our families, our communities, and our world. As Pope Francis reminded us, may we never tire of extending mercy to others. Help us to choose understanding over judgment, and healing over division. Through the power of Your mercy, make us new. Amen.

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# Day 8 - For Creation and the Beauty of the Earth

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In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis called the Church to care for our common home. He taught us to listen to both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. He showed us that caring for creation is a spiritual duty, flowing from our love of God and neighbor.

Prayer:

Creator of all, we thank You for the beauty of the world. Forgive us for the ways we have misused it. Inspire us, as Pope Francis did, to live simply, to protect life in all its forms, and to walk gently on the Earth. May we honor Your creation as a sacred gift. May our stewardship reflect our love for You. Amen.

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# Day 9 - For the Eternal Repose of Pope Francis

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With hearts full of gratitude and sorrow, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the Father's hands. He lived for Christ, served His Church, and died in faith. May the Shepherd now meet the Good Shepherd and hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Prayer:

Eternal God, we entrust to You Your faithful servant Francis. Receive him into the glory prepared for those who love You. May he rejoice in the company of the saints, and may his prayers from heaven strengthen us on earth. Let his legacy endure in every act of love, every word of mercy, and every heart that turns to You. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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