

Our Lady of Lourdes



February 11
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Patroness of Our School
Milltown, New Jersey

Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O Immaculate Virgin, mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look upon us in mercy.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes to Saint Bernadette, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, where you dispense your favors, and many have already obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

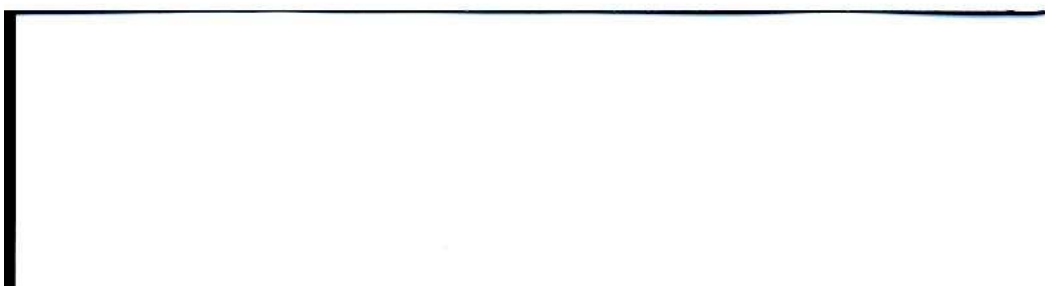
Obtain for me, O loving Mother, what I request (mention your request). Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your divine Son while upon earth. You have the same influence now in heaven.

Pray for me; obtain for me from your divine Son my special request if it be divine will. Amen.

Decade of the Rosary

Our Father
Hail Mary (10)
Glory Be



O God, who by the

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary did prepare a worthy dwelling place for your Son: we humbly pray to You, that, celebrating the Appearance of the same Virgin, we may obtain health of mind and body.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary! that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; to you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

1 decade of the rosary...

Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.

We pray for our Mother, the Church up on earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Refrain

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette

Marie Bernard Soubirous was born in a simple French peasant home on January 7, 1844. When she was fourteen years old, the Blessed Virgin appeared to her on eighteen different occasions between February and July of 1858.

The beautiful lady instructed Bernadette to pray for sinners and do penance for them. On another occasion, Our Lady told the child where to dig to find a spring; the water from this miraculous spring has been instrumental in effecting numerous cures, although, according to scientists, it possesses no natural healing properties. Another time, when Bernadette asked her name, Mary replied; "I am the Immaculate Conception".

On July 4, 1866, Bernadette entered the Sisters of Charity and Christian Instruction of Nevers. She died on April 16, 1879. Pope Pius XI canonized her on December 8, 1933.

Those who are not able to go to Lourdes express their love for the Immaculate Mother of God and Saint Bernadette, and seek their powerful intercession at home by making the novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette. Each year, on the 11th of February, the Church celebrates a special feast commemorating the apparitions of Lourdes, and it is in preparation for this feast that the Novena is held.

