

Mirror of justice,  
 Seat of wisdom,  
 Cause of our joy,  
 Spiritual Vessel,  
 Vessel of honour,  
 Vessel of singular devotion,  
 Mystical Rose,  
 Tower of David,  
 Tower of ivory,  
 House of gold,  
 Ark of the covenant,  
 Gate of heaven,  
 Morning star,  
 Health of the sick,  
 Refuge of sinners,  
 Comforter of the afflicted,  
 Help of Christians,  
 Queen of Angels,  
 Queen of Patriarchs,  
 Queen of Prophets,  
 Queen of Apostles,  
 Queen of Martyrs,  
 Queen of Confessors,  
 Queen of Virgins,  
 Queen of all Saints,  
 Queen conceived without original sin,  
 Queen assumed into heaven,  
 Queen of the most holy rosary,  
 Queen of peace,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

V. Christ hear us.  
 R. *Christ graciously hear us.*

*Ant.* We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver

*us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
 R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray.  
 Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion + and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*  
 V. May the divine assistance remain always with us. *R. Amen.*

V. Simeon received answer from the Holy Spirit.  
 R. *That he should not see death till he had seen the Christ of God.*

Almighty, everlasting God, we humbly pray thy Majesty, that as thine only-begotten Son was presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so thou would enable us to present ourselves before thee with, clean hearts. Through, &c.

O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, graciously look down upon thy servant Benedict, whom thou has chosen to be the pastor of thy Church; and grant him, we beseech thee, both by word and example, so to direct those over whom thou has placed him, that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may attain eternal life.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all holiness, listen to the pious prayers of thy Church, and grant that what we ask in faith we may effectually obtain. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**PATH TO HEAVEN: JANUARY II**

## **NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION**

(Beginning Jan. 24.)

*Veni Sancte Spiritus—Come Holy Ghost*

Holy Spirit! Lord of light!  
 From thy clear celestial height,  
 Thy pure beaming radiance give:

Come, thou father of the poor!  
 Come, with treasures which endure!  
 Come, thou light of all that live

Thou, of all consolers best,  
 Visiting the troubled breast,  
 Do refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal! light divine!  
Visit thou these hearts of thine.  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turn'd to ill.

Heal our wounds—our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away;

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on those who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
In thy sevenfold gifts, descend:

Give them comfort when they die;  
Give them life with thee on high;  
Give them joys which never end. Amen

1. Most holy Mary, bright mirror of all virtues, the forty days after thy delivery were no sooner past than thou, though the purest of all virgins, did will to be presented in the Temple to be purified; oh, help us, then, by imitating thee, to keep our hearts unstained by sin, that so we too may be made worthy one day to be presented to our God in heaven. Hail Mary.

2. Virgin most obedient, at thy Presentation in the Temple thou did willingly offer the accustomed sacrifice of women; enable us so to follow thy example, that we may make ourselves a living sacrifice to God, by practising every virtue. Hail Mary.

3. Virgin most pure, thou did despise the reproach of men whilst observing the precept of the law; ask for us grace always to keep our hearts pure, whatever the world may think us. Hail Mary.

4. Virgin most holy, by offering thy Son, the Divine Word, to his eternal Father, thou did make heaven glad; present our poor hearts to God, that by his grace they may be kept free from mortal sin. Hail Mary.

5. Virgin most humble, in consigning Jesus into the arms of the holy old man Simeon, thou did fill his sight full of heavenly joy; consign our hearts to God, that he may fill them full of his Holy Spirit. Hail Mary.

6. Virgin most diligent, in ransoming thy Son Jesus according to the law, thou did cooperate in the salvation of the world; ransom our poor hearts from the slavery of sin, that they may be ever pure in the sight of God. Hail Mary.

7. Virgin most meek, on hearing the prophecy of Simeon foretelling thy woes, thou did humbly resign thyself to the good pleasure of thy God; make us always resigned to the dispositions of his Providence, and enable us to bear all troubles with patience. Hail Mary.

8. Virgin most compassionate, when thou did fill the soul of Anna the prophetess with light, by means of thy Divine Son, thou did make her magnify the mercies of God in that she recognized Jesus for the Redeemer of the world; enrich our spirit too with heavenly grace, that we may joyfully reap in full measure the fruits of our Lord's redemption. Hail Mary.

9. Virgin most resigned, although thou did feel thine own soul transfixed with sorrow, foreseeing

all the bitter Passion of thy Son, yet knowing the grief of Joseph thy spouse for all thy sufferings, thou did console him with holy words; pierce through and through our souls with true sorrow for our sins, that we may one day come to rejoice with thee in everlasting bliss, partakers of thy glory. Hail Mary.

### ***Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

*We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*  
Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*  
Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*  
Christ hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*  
God the Father of heaven, ***Have mercy on us.***  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, ***Pray for us.***  
Holy Mother of God,  
Holy Virgin of virgins,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of divine grace,  
Mother most pure,  
Mother most chaste,  
Mother inviolate,  
Mother undefiled,  
Mother most amiable,  
Mother most admirable,  
Mother of our Creator,  
Mother of our Saviour,  
Virgin most prudent,  
Virgin most venerable,  
Virgin most renowned,  
Virgin most powerful,  
Virgin most merciful,  
Virgin most faithful,