

THE MIRACULOUS 54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

On March 3, 1884 (in the same year Pope Leo XIII wrote the prayer to St. Michael, and exactly 33 years before the Fatima apparitions), a young girl named Fortuna Agrelli was graced with an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary and given this special devotion which she passed onto others.

At the time, young Fortuna was ill with 3 separate incurable diseases and her doctors had given up on her case saying it was hopeless. In desperation, the young girl and her family began a novena of Rosaries.

Our Lady appeared to the girl, sitting upon a high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, holding the Divine Child on Her lap, and in Her hand a Rosary.

The sick girl greeted the Blessed Virgin with the following words: ‘Queen of the Holy Rosary’, be gracious to me, restore me to health! I have already prayed to Thee in a novena, O Mary, but have not yet experienced Thy aid. I am so anxious to be cured!”

“Child,” responded the Blessed Virgin, “you have invoked Me by various titles and have always obtained favors from Me. Now, since you have called Me by that title so pleasing to Me, “Queen of the Most Holy Rosary”, I can no longer refuse the favor you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to Me. Make three novenas, and you shall obtain all.”

Once more, the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to the young girl and said, “Whoever desires to obtain favors from Me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving.”

Obeying Our Lady’s instructions, the young girl was healed and restored to perfect health.

54-Day Rosary Novena – how to pray

Traditionally a novena is nine days. Thus, Our Lady’s words to young Fortuna — make **three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary in petition, and three novenas in thanksgiving.**

The novena consists of five decades of the Rosary (one set of mysteries) each day for **twenty-seven days in petition**; then immediately five decades each day for an additional **twenty seven days in thanksgiving**, regardless of whether or not the request has been granted yet.

So began **six novenas of Rosaries — which became known as the 54-day Rosary Novena.**

To do the novena properly, one must **pray the Rosary for 54 consecutive days**, without missing a day, and must pray the particular Mystery indicated for that day following the correct sequence.

That is, the first day of the novena always begins with the Joyful Mysteries (regardless of what day of the week the novena is started); the second day, the Sorrowful Mysteries are prayed; and the third day of the novena, the Glorious Mysteries are prayed.

The fourth day of the novena begins again with the Joyful Mysteries and continues on in that sequence throughout the 54 days of the novena (see chart below).

People have asked over time about the Luminous Mysteries — this novena was given by Our Lady as noted above in 1884 and only allows for the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

In the 27 days of petition pray:

O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces and mother of all who invoke your holy name. Do not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As you graciously receive my gift, I humbly implore you to receive my petition; from your bounty I rest assured that you will grant me the favour I so trustingly seek.

In the 27 days of thanksgiving pray:

O Holy Queen, dispenser of God's graces and mother of all who invoke your holy name. Do not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As you graciously receive my gift, I kindly implore you to receive my thanksgiving; from your bounty you have granted me the favour I so trustingly sought.

The Holy Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation
 The Visitation
 The Nativity
 The Presentation
 The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden
 The Scourging at the Pillar
 The Crowning With Thorns
 The Carrying of the Cross
 The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection
 The Ascension
 The Coming of the Holy Spirit
 The Assumption of Mary
 The Coronation of Mary

Fatima prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of Your mercy. Amen.

Novena record:

First 27 Days in Petition

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	S	G	J	S	G	J	S	G
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
J	S	G	J	S	G	J	S	G
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
J	S	G	J	S	G	J	S	G

Last 27 Days in Thanksgiving

28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
J	S	G	J	S	G	J	S	G
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
J	S	G	J	S	G	J	S	G
46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
J	S	G	J	S	G	J	S	G

J=Joyful S=Sorrowful G=Glorious

Hail Holy Queen,

Mother of Mercy,
 our life our sweetness and our hope.
 To thee do we cry,
 poor banished children of Eve;
 To thee do we send up our sighs,
 mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
 Turn then, most gracious advocate,
 thine eyes of mercy toward us
 and after this our exile show unto us
 the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!