



NOVENA PRAYERS TO SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI - August, 2018

(Dear Brothers and sisters, please make the novena to St. Clare effective with creative ways. The model prayers may be used. But one is free to make it better...All the members of the fraternity are gathered around the statue or image of St. Clare. The celebrant of the day lights the candles in silence and then begins the prayer)

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OPENING PRAYER

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Leader: The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus and the Communion of the Holy Spirit Be with you all

All: And with your spirit

Leader: Let us make our humble appeal to the Lord to make us committed to our personal Call to follow the Gospel through the Franciscan life and mission forever and ever.

All: Amen

A Franciscan Hymn is sung

Invocation to Novena

O most Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we praise your Holy Name
and the wonders of grace
you worked in your servant, Saint Clare.
Make us faithful to the Gospel way of life
as lived by our Holy Mother Clare.
Through her powerful intercession, help us
to live
an effective evangelical life
Lets our personal and communitarian life
and mission make us to imbibe the spirit of
St. Clare. - Amen.

Reading from the Writings of St. Clare:

(Daily one passage is read followed by a short message.. After a brief pause, the prayer of that specific Novena day is offered.)

CLOSING PRAYER

V. Pray for us, Saint Clare of Assisi

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray:

*We Pray You, Lord,
Grant us Your servants
who celebrate the festival of Blessed Clare
your Virgin,
by her intercession,
to be partakers of the joys of heaven
and coheirs with Your only-begotten Son,
Who being God,
lives and reigns forever and ever. - Amen.*

L: Lets Bless The Lord!

A: Thanks Be To God



FIRST DAY

O Seraphic Saint Clare,
 first disciple of the Poor Man of Assisi,
 who hast abandoned all riches and honours
 for a life of sacrifice
 and of highest poverty,
 obtain from God for us the grace we ask
(State your intention here...),
 that of always submitting to the Divine Will
 and of living confidently
 in the providence of our Heavenly Father. - Amen.

SECOND DAY

O Seraphic Saint Clare who,
 notwithstanding living separated from the world
 hast not forgotten the poor and the afflicted,
 but hast become a mother to them,
 sacrificing for them your riches
 and working for them innumerable miracles;
 obtain from God for us the grace we implore
(State your intention here...),
 Christian charity towards our brethren
 in all their spiritual and temporal needs. - Amen.

**THIRD DAY**

O Seraphic Saint Clare,
 light of your country,
 who hast delivered Italy from barbarous invaders;
 obtain from God for us the grace we implore
(State your intention here...),
 that of overcoming all attacks of the world
 against faith and morals
 thus preserving in our families
 true Christian peace
 with a holy fear of God
 and a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament - Amen.

FOURTH DAY

Blessed Saint Clare,
 whose very name means light,
 illumine the darkness of our minds and hearts
 so that we might see what God wishes us to do
 and perform it with a willing and joyful heart.

(State your intention here...),

Before your birth,
 a Heavenly voice foretold
 that you would be a light illuminating the world.

Be a light to us in the sorrows
 and anxieties of this earthly life,
 and lead us into the eternal light
 of our home in Heaven. - Amen.

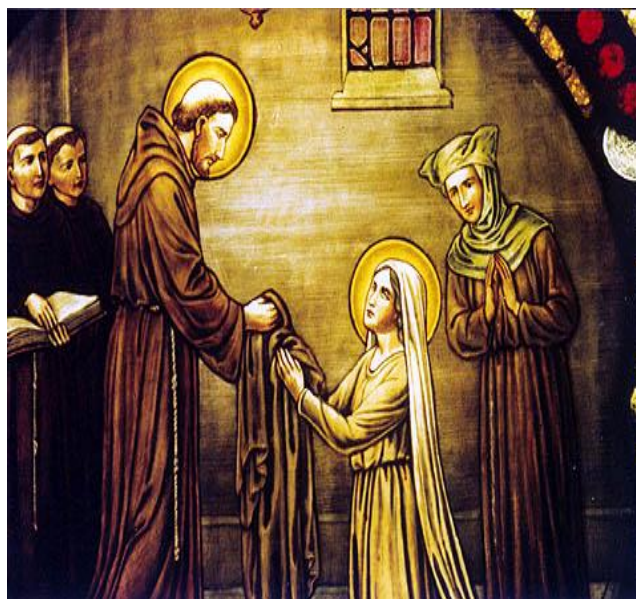
FIFTH DAY

O Seraphic Saint Clare,
 whose virginal heart was great enough
 to love the whole world,
 take our petitions into your pure hands
 and present them to God.
 Pray for us that we may one day
 enter joyously before the throne of God.

(State your intention here...),

Let the light of your perfect purity
 consume the shadows of sin
 and corruption that darkens the world.
 Intercede by your innocence for our youth.

Safeguard the peace of our homes
 and the unity of our family.
 Plead with your chaste love for all in peril. - Amen.

**SIXTH DAY**

Generous Saint Clare,
 who left wealth and pleasure
 and all earthly goods
 to become the first spiritual daughter of Saint Francis
 and to serve God in the cloister,
 help us to commit our lives to God
 without limit or measure
 so that He may live in us
 and shine forth from us
 to all whose lives touch ours.

(State your intention here...),

You who loved souls so much
 as to make your life a continual sacrifice for them,
 obtain for us the graces we now implore
 and win for us the strength to praise God
 in suffering as well as in joy. - Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

Faithful Saint Clare,
 loyal daughter of the Church,
 friend and confidante of popes,
 intercede for the holy Church
 and look graciously from Heaven
 on our holy Father Pope.
 Enlighten us to remove from our souls
 all that hinders the progress of the Church on earth.

(State your intention here...),

Grant that we may share
 your great love for the church of God
 and spread His kingdom on earth
 by a holy life. You, who worked miracles
 in the presence of the pope on earth,
 obtain for us the graces we need,
 now that you stand
 in the presence of the most high God in Heaven. - Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

Valiant Saint Clare,
 who fearlessly stood alone
 against the barbarous Saracens,
 trusting in the Blessed Sacrament
 as your only protection,
 enkindle in us a tender love for Jesus Christ;
 help us to live Eucharistic lives.

(State your intention here...),

You who saved your city of Assisi
 from plunder and ruin,
 protect our city and all priests and nuns in our diocese,
 plead for our beloved country
 and the suffering world.

A voice from the Sacred Host
 rewarded your trust with a promise:

"I will always take care of you."

Glorious Saint Clare,
 from your high place in Heaven,
 take care of us now
 in our earthly needs
 and guide us by your light to Heaven. - Amen.



NINTH DAY

Gracious Saint Clare,
 who fulfilled your womanhood
 by a life of love in prayer and penance,
 help us to fulfill our destiny
 that we may one day greet you in Heaven.
 You who were consoled at your death
 by a vision of Christ and His Mother,
 obtain for us the grace that we may die
 under the special protection of God
 and enter into the life
 and bliss you now enjoy.

(State your intention here...),

Have pity on us who struggle,
 on us who mourn,
 and win for us the favours of God
 so that after this life
 we may come home to Him
 who lives and reigns forever and ever. - Amen.



**Happy Feast of
 our Holy Mother St. Clare of Assisi
 to each of you and all the members of your communities.
 - Br. Nithiya OFM.Cap (For AFFI Team)**