

2009  
LENTEN  
NOVENA

From  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
to April 4<sup>th</sup>

*Way  
of the  
Cross,  
Way  
of Life  
with  
Saint Paul*

**Dear friends of Saint Jude,  
Dear pilgrims of the heart,**

**O**n June 29<sup>th</sup> 2007, Benedict XVI announced the creation of a Jubilee Year devoted to Saint Paul on the occasion of the two thousandth anniversary of his birth. Together with this Apostle of fire we will move forth during this novena. Inspired by his words, we will discover how, day by day, he “experienced” Christ in his life, despite the risks, the difficulties and the persecutions. Through his teaching, we will let ourselves be changed so that we, like him, can declare: “Neither death nor life – he wrote to the Romans – nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rm 8, 38-39).

**FIRST DAY: FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>**

*“You have surely heard how I lived in the past, within Judaism, and how there was simply no limit to the way I persecuted the Church of God in my attempts to destroy it;” (Galatians 1, 13),*

**Forgive me, Lord, for having “persecuted” You by my many sins. I beseech you infinite mercy. Amen.**

**SECOND DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*“But God, being rich in faithful love, through the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2, 4-6),*

**Lord, thank you for forgiving my trespasses and to call upon me to be a witness to your mercy surrounding me. Amen.**

**THIRD DAY: SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

*“After all, brothers, you were called to be free; do not use your freedom as an opening for self-indulgence, but be servants to one another in love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in the one commandment: You must love your neighbour as yourself.” (Galatians 5,13-14),*

**Lord, teach me to see you in my brothers and sisters so that I may share of Your love. Amen.**

**FOURTH DAY: MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

*“This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every fatherhood, in heaven or on earth, takes its name. In the abundance of his glory may he, through his Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love.” (Ephesians 3,14-17),*

**Lord, thank You for revealing yourself to us as Father, through Jesus, your Son and in the Spirit so that we may love as You love us. Amen.**

**FIFTH DAY: TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*“For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the principalities and the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in this world, the spirits of evil in the heavens. That is why you must take up all God's armour, or you will not be able to put up any resistance on the evil day, or stand your ground even though you exert yourselves to the full.” (Ephesians 6,12-13),*

**Lord, may Your grace help us to remain faithful to the sacraments of life, left to us by Your Son, as well as to prayer. Amen.**

**SIXTH DAY: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*“I have learnt to manage with whatever I have. I know how to live modestly, and I know how to live luxuriously too: in every way now I have mastered the secret of all conditions: full stomach and empty stomach, plenty and poverty There is nothing I cannot do in the One who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4, 11b-13),*

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Lord, thank you for your Providence towards me, in the difficult times as well as in the moments of joy. You are truly our Father. Amen.

**SEVENTH DAY: THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

*"It is on account of this that I have to put up with suffering, even to being chained like a criminal. But God's message cannot be chained up. So I persevere for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they, too, may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (2 Timothy 2, 9-10),*

Lord, give me the strength to bear the ordeals that I encounter on my way. May your Word and your Sacraments always comfort me. Amen.

**EIGHTH DAY: FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*"As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4,6-7),*

Lord, thank You for giving me the perseverance in the tribulations so that I may remain faithful to Your Word and to Your Love. Amen.

**NINTH DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

*"But as for me, it is out of the question that I should boast at all, except of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6, 14),*

Lord, help me bear my cross to the end, like Yourself and Saint Paul, so that I may be with You, one day, in Your Kingdom. Amen.

**PRAYERS TO RECITE ALL THE DAYS OF THE NOVENA**

**PRAYER TO SAINT PAUL**

**Glorious Saint Paul, most zealous Apostle, martyr for the love of Christ, obtain for us a deep faith, a firm hope, a burning love for the Lord so that we may say, like you: "And it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." Help us become Apostles that serve the Church with a pure conscience, witnesses to its greatness and beauty in the midst of the darkness of our times. With you, we praise God our Father: to Him the Glory, in the Church and in Christ for ever and ever. Amen.**

**PRAYER TO SAINT JUDE**

**O glorious Apostle Saint Jude, faithful servant and cousin of Jesus, the Church invokes you as Patron of hopeless cases. We humbly beseech you to eagerly greet those who, in their distress, put their trust in you.**

**Come to the help of those who invoke you. Answer their prayers. Grant them, along with eternal life, the favour they beg of from your powerful intercession...**

**In return, we promise to forever remember your favours and to make you known as the Patron of hopeless cases. Saint Jude, pray God for us.**

*(three times)*

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Do not hesitate to send them to us before the novena to Saint Jude:

- Either by regular mail at our new address:  
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During the novena, a huge urn is placed in the sanctuary of the Saint Jude oratory, located in our convent. In it we will put all your intentions and we will pray for all those who ask for our prayers.

*We thank you for your generosity and ask the Lord that you may be rewarded a hundredfold !*

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