

About St. Jude

Saint Jude was one of Jesus' twelve original apostles, so we can conclude that he was also at the Last Supper. Saint Jude is also known by the name Thaddeus, which means sweetness and gentleness of character. He is not the traitor Judas Iscariot.

Saint Jude, followed Jesus faithfully until His crucifixion, and then later worked on evangelization. Very little is known about his life, but we do know he died as a martyr — some say around 65AD, giving his life to Jesus Christ. He is now one of the most invoked saints because of his New Testament letter which stressed the importance of a faithful person persevering in harsh circumstances.

Very often in our lives, we encounter difficult situations, where we are at a loss as to how to proceed, we cannot see the road ahead, but we know that somehow we must go on. As a community moving towards unity, pray these novena prayers to Saint Jude with confidence, that he will intercede for us before God, and assist us as we heal at St. Joseph's.

Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father, pour our Your grace on the priests You have made. Let them remember that in performing their tasks, they are never alone.

Relying on Your almighty power and believing in Christ who called them to share in His priesthood, may they devote themselves to their ministry with complete trust.

Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help them to serve the people of God. Through them, may Your Word be truly proclaimed, and may Your Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, be faithfully administered and devoutly received.

Amen.

St. Jude Novena Prayers

O St. Jude, holy Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, you are honoured and petitioned by the universal Church, as the patron of desperate causes. Pray for us...

Intercede for us that Almighty God may bring swift aid where it is needed most. Come to our assistance in our time of need!

Pray for us that we may be given the comfort and help of Jesus. Most importantly, we ask that you pray that we may strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, peace, unity and reconciliation in our Christian Community, so wounded by discord.

We will remember your prayers, O Holy St. Jude, and we will honour you as so many have before us because of the graces God deigns to give freely at your request.

Amen

St. Jude Novena – DAY ONE

O blessed Apostle St. Jude, who laboured zealously among the Gentiles in many lands, and performed numerous miracles in needy and despairing cases, we ask you to take interest in our needs. We know that you understand us, and so please hear our prayers and petitions. Please take before the throne of Almighty God our deepest needs.

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

We pray that we will be patient in learning God's holy will for us and then courageously carry it out in life.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...

Amen.

Novena Closing Prayers

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, and loved in all the tabernacles until the end of time. — **Amen.**

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever. — **Amen.**

St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. — **Amen.**

- Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Blessed be St. Jude Thaddeus, in all the world and for all Eternity.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Amen.

DAY NINE

O righteous Saint Jude, apostle, martyr and companion of Christ, grant that we may grow constantly in a loving relationship with God. In working out our salvation in this life we have infinite needs and desires that God placed within us. Today we turn to you, asking you to intercede for us.

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

Saint Jude, we have specific requests of God that may only partially fill the infinite needs and desires that are in our hearts. We ask that you pray not only for those requests but also for a greater reliance on God to satisfy the needs and desires that we all, as a community of faith, carry. May we seek God with a sincere heart and so see God's good and gracious purpose in all our trials.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...

DAY TWO

O blessed Apostle Jude, who answers hopeless causes, grant that we will always serve Jesus Christ with fervour and zeal. Grant that we may give our best efforts in living his will every day. Please pray that we will turn our hearts and minds such that God will always be first in our lives. May our love of God be first above all things, all desires and even all our intentions this day, and all the days henceforth.

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

St. Jude, please grant that we may be enlightened as to what is best for us, and our Christian community! Pray for our intentions today and especially pray for us to receive the grace to love God more than what we seek from Him.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...

DAY THREE

O holy St. Jude, Apostle of Jesus Christ, you who have so faithfully spread Jesus' Gospel of Light and Love, we ask and beg you to remember us and our deepest needs. St. Jude, please especially pray for...

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

Grant that we may always pray with fervour and devotion, resigning ourselves and our needs humbly to our loving God. Grant that we may see God's purpose in all our trials and that we may be open to God's answers to these, our sincere prayers.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...

DAY EIGHT

O gracious Saint Jude, apostle of our Lord, pray that we may always be open to God's love and live according to His holy will. May we never fail to cooperate with the grace of God, especially when we are in such great need. St. Jude, please intercede with great intensity on our behalf for these intentions...

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

May we forever be deeply and truly thankful to God for the blessings we have received in the past, especially for the blessing of each other, of our faith, and of our community. Help us to understand that we are totally dependent on God and His love and mercy. When we feel alone, as you surely did when you suffered martyrdom, pray that we will take it as an opportunity to rely on God's grace and love.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...

DAY SEVEN

Holy apostle Saint Jude, may we never forget that our blessed Lord Jesus Christ called you to be one of His holy Apostles. May we never forget the martyr's death you suffered out of love for Jesus. May we never forget how close a friend of God you are now for all eternity. Therefore, we do not hesitate to ask you to pray to Him for our needs...

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

We ask with great humility that you beg God to bring us as close to each other, and to Him as you are in heaven. We desire to submit fully to the will of God, as you did, trusting fully in the midst of suffering and trials. Pray that we will receive and accept such a great grace from God!

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...

DAY FOUR

Saint Jude, Jesus called you to be one of His chosen and beloved apostles. With God's calling, you laboured to bring men to a knowledge and love of God. Please listen with compassion to these our prayers and grant your intercession.

In this broken world we have many trials, difficulties, and temptations. We suffer many assaults upon our faith, and the unity in our communities is tested, sometimes to breaking point. Please pray for us, and our communities, that these petitions for unity, strength, healing and endurance may be looked upon with favour in God's presence. St. Jude, beg God that these our most urgent prayers may be answered.

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

May God answer our prayers and give us the grace to see His purpose in all things.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for me!

DAY FIVE

Most holy St. Jude – apostle, martyr and friend of Jesus, today I ask that you pray for us and our intentions!

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

You are the patron of difficulties. O St. Jude, pray that God's grace and mercy will cover all our intentions. Pray for us in these difficult times, that we may be reconciled as it is surely God's will.

Pray that we may have the grace to accept God's Holy Will for us, even if it is painful and difficult at times.

O St. Jude, pray for us that we may grow in faith, hope and love and in the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray for these intentions, but most of all pray that we may join you in heaven with God for all eternity.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

DAY SIX

Dearest St. Jude, friend and Apostle of Christ and expert in despairing cases, hear our prayers. In all our needs and desires may we only seek what is pleasing to God and what is best for our salvation and the salvation of the world. Saint Jude, please beg God for help with our requests...

For Parish HEALING and RECONCILIATION

We submit these our prayers to you with great confidence in your intercession. We know that you will pray fervently at the feet of God that we may receive His greatest blessings. We know that our good and gracious Lord leaves no sincere prayer unanswered in some way. Help us to see His answers and praise Him even if they are not what we expect.

Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us...