

Novena to St. Francis de Sales

(To be prayed for nine days)

O blessed Francis de Sales, who on earth did excel in a life of virtue, especially in the love of God and neighbor, I earnestly ask you to take me under your compassionate care and protection. Obtain for me conversion of mind and heart. Grant that all people, especially *(names of those whom you wish to include)* may experience the depth of God's redeeming and healing love.

Teach me to fix my eyes on the things of heaven even as I walk each day with my feet planted firmly on the earth. Help me, through the practice of virtue and the pursuit of devotion, to avoid anything that would otherwise cause me to stumble in my attempt to follow Christ and to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit.

Encouraged by your prayers and example, help me to live fully my sacred dignity with the hope of experiencing my sacred destiny: eternal life with God. Receive also this particular need or concern that I now lift up in prayer. *(mention your particular need)*.

O God, for the salvation of all, you desired that St. Francis de Sales—preacher, missionary, confessor, bishop and founder—should befriend many along the road to salvation. Mercifully grant that we, infused with the humility and gentleness of his charity, guided by his wisdom and sharing in his spirit may experience eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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V.—God, the Father of heaven,
R.—*have mercy on us.*

V.—God, the Son, redeemer of all,
R.—*have mercy on us.*

V.—God, the Holy Spirit,
R.—*have mercy on us.*

V.—Holy Trinity, one God,
R.—*have mercy on us.*

V.—Francis, loved by God,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, lover of God,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, imitator of Christ,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, lover of the Cross,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, companion of the saints,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, imitator of the Apostles,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, glory of confessors,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, light of the Church,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, founder of Visitation,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, good shepherd,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, teacher of the faith,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, patron of devotion,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, distinguished preacher,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, great missionary,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, gentle confessor,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, spiritual director,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, patron of the deaf,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, patron of the press,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, salt of the earth,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, model of humility,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, model of gentleness,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, man of compassion,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, courageous reformer,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, companion and guide,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Francis, lover of beauty,
R.—*pray for us.*

V.—Pray for us, St. Francis de Sales,
R.—*make us worthy of the promises
of Christ.*

V.—Let us pray.....

Loving God, you gave St. Francis de Sales the spirit of compassion, enabling him to befriend many along the road to salvation. Through his inspiration and example, help us to embody your humble, gentle and passionate love in the service of our brothers and sisters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*