

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS NOVENA



Holy Cross Catholic Church
Saturday, September 5th

(Adapted from the EWTN Holy Cross Novena. For private parish use only)

Day 1:

Leader: Jesus, who because of Your burning love for us willed to embrace the Holy Cross, to be crucified, and to shed Your Most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us as we venerate the triumph of Your Holy Cross and grant the petition we ask:

All: For the Conversion of Hearts - That those who have wandered from the Faith may return to Your Holy Catholic Church, those who reject You may come to know and love You, those who have grown lukewarm may be renewed in zeal for the Gospel, and those who faithfully follow You may persevere and grow in holiness.

All: We trust completely in Your Mercy.

Leader: Through the saving power of Your Holy Cross, cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that by faithfully taking up our own crosses and obeying Your Commandments, we may come at last to the glory of Heaven, where the victory of Your Cross is eternal.

All: Amen.

Leader: Our Father. . .

All: Give us this day our daily bread. . .

Leader: Hail Mary full of grace. . .

All: Holy Mary Mother of God. . .

All: Amen.

Day 2:

Leader: Jesus, who because of Your burning love for us willed to embrace the Holy Cross, to be crucified, and to shed Your Most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us as we venerate the triumph of Your Holy Cross and grant the petition we ask:

All: For Repentance and Reconciliation - That we may receive the grace of sincere repentance, recognize the peace, beauty, and mercy found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and that those who rarely approach the confessional may be lovingly drawn to receive Your healing forgiveness more frequently.

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All: For a life of prayer - That we and Your people throughout the world may grow in faithful daily prayer and unwavering trust in Your Divine Providence, recognizing the power of prayer to transform hearts, strengthen families, renew our parish and the Church, and bring many souls to salvation.

All: We trust completely in Your Mercy.

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All: For an increased love of the Most Holy Eucharist - That we may grow in a deeper love for the Holy Eucharist, a profound reverence for Your Real Presence in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and an ever-increasing devotion to Eucharistic Adoration.

All: We trust completely in Your Mercy.

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All: For Families - That our families may become ever more faithful domestic churches where Christ is known, loved, and served; where daily prayer flourishes, the Catholic Faith is faithfully handed on to each generation, the crosses of ordinary life are embraced with hope, and each member is strengthened to grow in holiness and lead one another toward Heaven.

All: We trust completely in Your Mercy.

Leader: Through the saving power of Your Holy Cross, cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that by faithfully taking up our own crosses and obeying Your Commandments, we may come at last to the glory of Heaven, where the victory of Your Cross is eternal.

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All: For Vocations - That an abundance of holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life come from among our parish families, and that our priests and religious be protected and strengthened in their ministry, comforted in their trials, and filled with the grace and perseverance to faithfully serve You all the days of their lives.

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All: For Evangelization - That you grant us the grace to bear faithful witness to the Gospel and, through our words and example, draw many souls to know, love, and faithfully follow You in Your Holy Catholic Church. Raise up from among our parishioners generous and faithful godparents and sponsors to accompany those entering the Church, guiding them with wisdom, prayer, and holy example.

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Leader: Through the saving power of Your Holy Cross, cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that by faithfully taking up our own crosses and obeying Your Commandments, we may come at last to the glory of Heaven, where the victory of Your Cross is eternal.

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All: For Perseverance - That we may faithfully carry each of our crosses, persevering to the end, and when trials become heavy, find courage in Your Passion and refuge beneath the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross, so that we may never be separated from You by mortal sin and may attain the glory of Heaven.

All: We trust completely in Your Mercy.

Leader: Through the saving power of Your Holy Cross, cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that by faithfully taking up our own crosses and obeying Your Commandments, we may come at last to the glory of Heaven, where the victory of Your Cross is eternal.

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All: For the Salvation of Souls - Especially those who are farthest from You and most in need of Your Mercy; that every heart may be opened to Your grace, every sinner brought to repentance, and many souls led to the eternal joy of Heaven.

All: We trust completely in Your Mercy.

Leader: Through the saving power of Your Holy Cross, cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that by faithfully taking up our own crosses and obeying Your Commandments, we may come at last to the glory of Heaven, where the victory of Your Cross is eternal.

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