

NINE DAY NOVENA

Day One (2633)

When we share in God's saving love, we understand that every need can become the object of petition. Christ, who assumed all things in order to redeem all things, is glorified by what we ask the Father in his name. (John 14:13) It is with this CONFIDENCE that St. James and St. Paul exhort us to pray at all times. (James 1:5-8)

Point to Ponder: How confidently do we pray? Ask for the gift of a deep and meaningful prayer life.

Day Two (2758)

Our Father: at this name love is aroused in us... and the CONFIDENCE of obtaining what we are about to ask. What would he not give to his children who ask, since he has already granted them the gift of being his children? (St. Augustine)

Point to Ponder: Do we really believe that what we ask for, we will receive? Our Father is generous.

Day Three (Hebrews 3:13-15)

For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end,... (Hebrews 4:15-17) Let us then with CONFIDENCE draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Point to Ponder: What Christ has, we share in. Let us turn to Jesus, for all we need can be found in him!

Day Four (1 John 2:27-29)

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we have CONFIDENCE and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

Point to Ponder: Reflect on what it means to 'abide' in God. Pray for the grace of understanding.

Day Five (736)

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of Heaven, adopted as children, given CONFIDENCE to call God 'Father' and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory. (St. Basil)

Point to Ponder: Feel weak? Turn to the Holy Spirit for strength.

Day Six (991)

Belief in the resurrection of the dead has been an essential element of the Christian faith from its beginnings. The CONFIDENCE of Christians is the resurrection of the dead. Believing this we live.

Point to Ponder: Our confidence comes from the POWER of the resurrection!

Day Seven (1 Peter 1:20-22)

Through him you have CONFIDENCE in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Point to Ponder: The more we are aware of what God did for us through the resurrection, the more confident in our faith we become.

Day Eight (1 John 5:13-15)

And this is the CONFIDENCE we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Point to Ponder: God hears us!

Day Nine (2620)

The prayer of Jesus involves a loving adherence to the will of the Father even to the Cross, and an absolute CONFIDENCE in being heard.

Point to Ponder: Mary lived daily with a loving adherence to the will of the Father. She was and is a woman of great confidence, one to whom we can turn for help.