

Novena for Fathers

November 16-November 24

How to Pray the Daily Novena for Fathers

Each day follow this structure:

1. **Opening Prayer** (Begin with the Sign of the Cross)
2. **Daily Scripture & Reflection**
3. **Daily Intentions**
4. **Closing Prayer to St. Joseph**

Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, You are the source of all fatherhood in heaven and on earth. We come before You in prayer to ask Your blessings upon all fathers. Give them the grace, strength, and love necessary to shepherd their families according to Your holy will. Amen.

Daily Intentions & Scripture
Day 1: For Wisdom and Spiritual Leadership

- **Scripture:** "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15
- **Prayer:** Lord, give all fathers the wisdom to lead their families in faith, truth, and prayer. Help them model holiness and integrity in their daily lives.

Day 2: For Patience and Gentleness

- **Scripture:** "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." — Ephesians 6:4
- **Prayer:** Lord, grant fathers the gift of patience during times of frustration, stress, and noise. May their discipline always be rooted in compassion and understanding.

Day 3: For Protection and Provision

- **Scripture:** "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." — James 1:5
- **Prayer:** Lord, protect all fathers in their daily labor. Grant them the means to provide for their families' physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Day 4: For Faithfulness and Love for Their Spouses

- **Scripture:** "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." — Ephesians 5:25
- **Prayer:** Lord, strengthen the holy bond of marriage. Give fathers deep, self-sacrificing love and loyalty toward their spouses so their children see a model of true love.

Day 5: For Healing and Reconciled Relationships

- **Scripture:** "He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents." — Malachi 4:6
- **Prayer:** Lord, bring healing to strained, broken, or distant relationships between fathers and their children. Soften hardened hearts with Your mercy.

Day 6: For Courage in Hardship

- **Scripture:** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9
- **Prayer:** Lord, sustain fathers who face unemployment, illness, grief, or exhaustion. Grant them the courage of St. Joseph to trust in Your divine providence.

Day 7: For Single and Adoptive Fathers

- **Scripture:** "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." — James 1:27
- **Prayer:** Lord, bless single fathers navigating parenthood alone, as well as adoptive and foster fathers who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need.

Day 8: For Grandfathers and Spiritual Fathers

- **Scripture:** "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers." — Proverbs 17:6
- **Prayer:** Lord, reward grandfathers for their lifelong guidance, and bless priests, mentors, and spiritual fathers who nurture souls in Your Church.

Day 9: For Deceased Fathers

- **Scripture:** "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." — John 11:25
- **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, grant eternal rest to all fathers who have passed from this life. Welcome them into the joy of Your heavenly kingdom.

Closing Prayer to St. Joseph

O St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and guardian of the Holy Family, pray for all fathers today. Teach them to protect their families as you protected the Child Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Obtain for them the grace to be patient, loving, faithful, and humble providers. We entrust all fathers into your loving care.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

