

THE THIRD DAY: O Lord and Vivifier of Souls, who to promote our progress in goodness, didst enlighten us in Baptism and strengthen us in Confirmation, be pleased to receive our unworthy prayers: that through the intercession of Thy faithful servant, St. Francis, all those obstacles which lie in the path of our salvation might be removed, that we might be able to receive what we humbly ask Thee to grant us in this novena. Amen.

THE FOURTH DAY: O God of Might and Power, who were present to Creation before Thou didst bestow life unto all, and who does rule with unswerving power all spirits, mercifully hear us in this world of darkness, so that through the intercession of Thy obedient servant, St. Francis, Thou might deign to constrain the evil spirits which habitually afflict us; so that thus delivered we might efficaciously and fruitfully receive what we ask of Thee in this novena. Amen.

THE FIFTH DAY: O Lord and Father of the Wise, who doest illumine the humble and repel the proud, deign to look upon us, that through the intercession of Thy devoted servant, St. Francis, who was wiser than the wisest of this world, Thou might be pleased to instruct us in the way of salvation and all virtue. Amen.

THE SIXTH DAY: O Incarnate Wisdom of the Father, who didst reveal to the Apostles all that the Father had made known to Thee, graciously hear our prayer: so that through the intercession of Thy zealous servant, St.

Francis, to whom Thou didst entrust so many heavenly secrets, we might be enlightened to know the most precious secret of all: Thy will for us in the present hour. Amen.

THE SEVENTH DAY: O Eternal and Everlasting Father, who hast predestined us in Thy Son, before the world began, hear us poor sinners in the fullness of Thy compassion, so that through the intercession of Thy penitent servant, St. Francis, we might obtain the consolation which we seek from Thee in this novena, if it please Thee. Amen.

THE EIGHTH DAY: O Lord of Providence and all goodness, who doest provide us with our daily bread in all our necessities, with the grace to overcome all difficulties in the performance of Thy will and in the observance of Thy mandates, graciously hear us, so that through the intercession of Thy poor servant, St. Francis, we might be strengthened in all righteousness, to win the victory in the trials Thou has chosen for us. Amen.

THE NINTH DAY: O Eternal Ruler of Heaven and Earth, from whom all judgments come and before whom all mankind shall stand in judgment, mercifully hearken to our prayers, so that through the intercession of Thy just servant, St. Francis we might obtain that which we seek from Thee in this novena, and use it in conformity to Thy will; and if it does not please Thee to grant what we now seek, deign mercifully to bestow upon us the grace to humbly accept this, Thy will for us, knowing that in this

from Thee, what we ask in this novena. Amen.
and thus with purified souls, be worthy to obtain
might be loosed of the bonds of our sins and vices,
the merits of Thy humble confessor, St. Francis, we
en race in all its miseries, graciously hear us: that by
Throne in the Heaven of Heavens, to succor our fall-
who didst deign to condescend from Thy August
THE SECOND DAY: O Most Merciful and Kind Lord,
(finish each day with the final prayer on back).

obtain what we seek of Thee in this novena. Amen.
worthy confession, and thereby be made worthy to
worthy of our love, repent with a contrite heart and
eternal damnation and of offending Thee, who art alone
sins as Thou doest see them, and, overcome by fear of
bearer, St. Francis, we might be made worthy to see our
Thy grace at the intercession of Thy glorious standard-
Thee, be merciful to us in this hour, that enlightened by
shall come to judge the living and the dead, we beseech
THE FIRST DAY: O Most High and Splendid Lord, who

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of Italy, and of all God's humble creatures*

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R. Amen.
where Thou doest live and reign forever and ever.
the fruits of virtue and penance unto the Kingdom,
mayest deign to grant us in this Novena, and thus bear
cross, strengthened by whatever consolation Thou
that by his merits and prayers, we may bear with Thee our
me our hearts by Thy love: propitiously grant unto us,
Francis the sacred stigmata of Thy own Passion, to infla-
cold, didst renew in the flesh of our blessed Father St.
Lord Jesus Christ, who when the world was growing

Let us Pray.

V. Thou has marked, O Lord, Thy servant Francis,
R. With the signs of our redemption.

**Prayer to Our Seraphic Father,
Saint Francis of Assisi**

decision of Thine, we shall find something better, if we
seek for it with humility and patience. Amen.