

NOVENA TO BLESSED
ANTONIO
ROSMINI



HOLY YEAR
22 – 30 JUNE 2025



How to pray the Novena:

The proposed texts can be used in various ways: during Holy Mass or in the Liturgy of the Hours (Lauds or Vespers).

If a special liturgy of the Word or a moment of prayer is organised, we propose the following structure.

- a) Start with the sign of the cross and prayer for each day;
- b) Introduction to the prayer intention of the day;
- c) Listening to the Word of God and the Word of Blessed Rosmini with a brief reflection or a moment of silence for personal reflection;
- d) Prayer of spontaneous intercession or a dozen Hail Marys or Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.
- e) Conclusion with prayer for vocations.

Hymns may be included, such as the Jubilee Hymn at the beginning and a hymn to Blessed Antonio Rosmini at the end.

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HOLY YEAR - PEREGRINANTES IN SPEM

22 – 30 JUNE

INTRODUCTION

Let us live together the moment of this Novena as preparation for the feast of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, in this holy year 2025 as pilgrims of hope.

It is a spiritual pilgrimage to live out in the Church our vocation to charity: to bear witness to the charism of charity and to be brothers and sisters in fulfilling the Father's will.

We will begin our Rosminian Vocation Month with Blessed Antonio Rosmini, invoking his intercession for vocations in the Church and in our Institute: for the religious life of our brothers and sisters, for the family life of those who live according to the spirituality of the Maxims, and for the priestly life — all called to be missionaries in charity.



PRAYER FOR EACH DAY OF THE NOVENA

Lord Jesus, you are the reason for our hope and your resurrection is proof that those who trust in you will never be disappointed. Teach us to live with a serene and trusting heart, so that by abandoning ourselves fearlessly to your divine Will we may be a sign of hope and faithful witnesses of your presence. *Lord, only you have the words of eternal life*, only in you can our restless heart rest. May the intercession of Blessed Antonio Rosmini and his example of baptismal life help us to follow you: the light of truth, the fire of charity. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus,

Eternal Shepherd of your flock, you are among us so that we may have life in abundance: animate our hope, sustain our waiting, nourish our joy!

Jesus, you are for us and with us a pilgrim of hope:
we hope in you and in your promises, we wish to bear witness to you in the world.

Holy Spirit, give again to the Rosminian family sisters and brothers who may live the charism of charity as humble workers in the Church.

From the charism of one - Blessed Antonio Rosmini - the charism of all:
adscribed members and consecrated, religious men and women, priests and Christian families.

Father, grant us to walk in unity and to promote fraternity in our daily life,
because in the one Christ we are one.

Holy Mary of Hope accompany us, pilgrims in hope with you.

Amen.

DAY 1

JUNE 22, SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

THE HOPE OF PEACE, IN FRATERNITY

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. (Spes non confundit, 1)

Prayer intention:

For fraternity among all peoples and for peace in the world: may Jesus in the Eucharist shape our lives – minds and hearts – and our daily choices to live as brothers and sisters.

Word of God:

Hope does not disappoint us because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. So it is proof of God's own love for us, that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. How much more can we be sure, therefore, that, now that we have been justified by his death, we shall be saved through him from the retribution of God. (Rm 5: 5-6.8-9)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

We must hope in the Lord. This is undoubtedly sound reasoning which cannot deceive us. Only confidence in God can see us through many things in which, without this trust, we should find ourselves always uncertain and wavering. In our journey through this world we do not know whether we are going to meet with dangers and difficulties or whether our way will be easy and straightforward. It is only our trust in God that can keep us tranquil amid the constant uncertainties and dangers. (letter, 4/5/1827)



DAY 2

23 JUNE, MONDAY

THE HOPE OF BEING A LIGHT FOR OTHERS

Hope does not disappoint. By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. (Spes non confundit, 3)

Prayer intention:

So that each of us may become united to Christ, the light of hope and give hope to others.

Word of God:

Therefore, brothers, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have "a great priest over the house of God," let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy. We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near. (Hebrews 10, 19-25)

Words of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

Let's place our trust in the Lord. Christian hope which does not deceive, provides the healing balm for all ills, because we believe in a wise and kindly creator of all things. Thus, we can certainly expect that events, which seem distressing and counter-productive, will eventually redound to the greater good of God's kingdom, and to the greater glory of that king who reigns over this everlasting kingdom. (letter, April 16, 1850)

DAY 3

24 JUNE, TUESDAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOPE, IN DESPAIR

Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love. (Spes non confundit, 3)

Prayer intention:

For all the sisters and brothers who no longer hope, and for whom there is darkness in daily life: without plans, without ideals, without aspirations, without desire for holiness.

Word of God:

It is for us who are strong to bear with the susceptibilities of the weaker ones, and not please ourselves... And all these things which were written so long ago were written so that we, learning perseverance and the encouragement which the scriptures give, should have hope. Now the God of perseverance and encouragement give you all the same purpose, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that you may together give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one heart. Accept one another, then, for the sake of God's glory, as Christ accepted you. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope. (Rom 15:1-7.13)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

It seems to me that when it comes to how much we may hope, we cannot raise questions about this or make any estimate of it. This is because God's mercy is infinite, and the basis of our hope is to be found not in ourselves but in that boundless goodness. Therefore our hope must also be unlimited, however good or wicked we are...and our Lord is the more glorified when he is liberal towards the wicked. So let us hope as much as we can. (letter, 31/7/1843)



DAY 4

25 JUNE, WEDNESDAY

HOPE, IN SUFFERING

This is why this hope does not yield in difficulties: it is founded on faith and is nourished by charity, and thus allows us to go forward in life. (Spes non confundit, 3)

Prayer intention:

So that we may all have hope in the hour of trial, in the time of suffering, in facing the problems of life: following the example of the Saints, may Christ be our only hope.

Word of God:

Let us exult, too, in our hardships, understanding that hardship develops perseverance, and perseverance develops a tested character, something that gives us hope. (Rm5:3-4)

Be joyful in hope, persevere in hardship; keep praying regularly; share with any of God's holy people who are in need; look for opportunities to be hospitable. Bless your persecutors; never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with others when they rejoice, and be sad with those in sorrow. Give the same consideration to all others alike. (Rm12:12-16)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

When I consider the wisdom and goodness of God, I regain perfect calm. How great a comfort is our faith in him who sees everything and disposes everything, so that even among human tribulations he causes green shoots of hope to flower! This is the only way to remain not only tranquil but even joyful amidst our very afflictions. (letters, 9/12/1847)

DAY 5

JUNE 26, THURSDAY

ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ DE BALAGUER

HOPE IN ETERNAL LIFE

“I believe in life everlasting”. So our faith professes. Christian hope finds in these words an essential foundation. (Spes non confundit, 19)

Prayer intention:

For all of us, cultivating the hope of eternal life, live the present time in communion with Christ, in the joy of the Holy Spirit, with the desire to do the will of God the Father.

Word of God:

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into a heritage that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you who are being kept safe by God's power through faith until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the final point of time. (1Pt 1:3-5)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

We need courage and trust in our journey through this world, and God has made hope a divine virtue. We equally need tranquillity and peace of soul, and we find these in Christian hope, because it is more than mere hope. Jesus Christ has offered us his peace; let us rest in him. (letters, January 6, 1851)



DAY 6

27 JUNE, FRIDAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

HOPE, WHEN WE PRAY

Mary, At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her “fiat”, never abandoning her hope and trust in God. (...) In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope. (Spes non confundit, 24)

Prayer intention:

So that like a flame our hope may be rekindled when we pray, the hope of being saved, the light in prayer that always directs our life in communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, as good children of the Church.

Word of God:

We too, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we are groaning inside ourselves, waiting with eagerness for our bodies to be set free. In hope, we already have salvation; in hope, not visibly present, or we should not be hoping -- nobody goes on hoping for something which is already visible. But having this hope for what we cannot yet see, we are able to wait for it with persevering confidence.

And as well as this, the Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness, for, when we do not know how to pray properly, then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us in groans that cannot be put into words; and he who can see into all hearts knows what the Spirit means because the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God. (Rm 8: 23-27)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

We have guarded ourselves carefully against wronging God by not trusting to his infinite goodness and mercy, which overcomes all the obstacles to his abundant graces which we create by our shortcomings and sins. He will do this if we HOPE and PRAY.

Oh, how beautiful is the hope that comes from the Lord, and never deceives anyone; and how powerful is prayer. I do not want you to let the enemy close up your heart, when God rather wishes us to be great and generous of heart.

So what I chiefly urge on you is to be more large-hearted. We are sinful, but God is INFINITELY good. How little we stop to think about that word, 'INFINITELY'. If we did, all our fears would vanish: we should be confident of victory over all our enemies.

Our compunction must always be combined with UNLIMITED HOPE, because this is something reasonable, and because God delights to see this in his creatures. We must always beware of putting our trust in ourselves! One who hopes is strong, and can do all things. Hope is an unshakeable anchor; it is our invincible weapon. (letter, 20/12/1842)



DAY 7

SATURDAY 28 JUNE

IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOPE IN OUR WORK

The most convincing testimony to this hope is provided by the martyrs. Steadfast in their faith in the risen Christ, they renounced life itself here below, rather than betray their Lord. (...) The martyrs, coming as they do from different Christian traditions, are also seeds of unity, expressions of the ecumenism of blood. (Spes non confundit, 20)

Prayer intention:

For the hope of building the Kingdom of God in all our works and actions, of building a better world as God pleases, of becoming together every day builders of the civilisation of truth and love, may be the light and enthusiasm of our daily work.

Word of God:

I, urge you to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you were called. Take every care to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as one hope is the goal of your calling by God. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, over all, through all and within all. On each one of us God's favour has been bestowed in whatever way Christ allotted it...to knit God's holy people together for the work of service to build up the Body of Christ, until we all reach unity in faith and knowledge of the Son of God and form the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself. Then we shall no longer be children, or tossed one way and another, and carried hither and thither by every new gust of teaching. If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow completely into Christ, who is the head, by whom the whole Body is fitted and joined together... so the body grows until it has built itself up in love. (Eph 4: 1.4-7.12-16)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

We have to increase our faith, and stand firm, trusting in God. He is our rock; and we have faith in his infinite goodness and Providence. Let us put ourselves under his wing, work cheerfully, without being humiliated or disheartened, for his glory and for the good of our brethren. We must ask him fervently for this confidence and holy courage, for he will grant it to us. (letter, 25/9/1849)



DAY 8

29 JUNE, SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

HOPE IN EVANGELIZING

Surely we need to “abound in hope” (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic. (Spes non confundit, 18)

Prayer intention:

That the Holy Spirit may lead the Church and each one of us – missionary disciples – in the proclamation of the Word, in the Sacraments and in Charity, through the witness of a life according to the Gospel.

Word of God:

That very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus. Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but their eyes were prevented from recognising him. He said to them: 'What are all these things that you are discussing as you walk along?' They stopped, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' He asked, 'What things?' They answered, 'All about Jesus of Nazareth, how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And two whole days have now gone by since it all happened.' Then Jesus said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe all that the prophets have said!' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay. So, he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, then they told their story of what had happened on the road. (Lk 24:13-35)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

Since we have a secure anchor, are we then to have doubts? And what is this anchor? It is Christian hope. And this hope belongs not only to the saints but to us sinners too. We must all have hope, and then we can never perish. We know that God's goodness is infinite: he has created us; his generosity is boundless; and so pleasing to him is our confidence in him that it moves him to save us, to make us holy, to bless us in every way. (letters, 21/6/1835)



DAY 9

30 JUNE, MONDAY

HOPE IN LOVE

Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross. (Spes non confundit, n. 3)

Prayer intention:

For by living the charism of charity we grow in hope, so that our brothers and sisters may be witnesses of communion, so that we always seek unity in love, so that God's love in our lives may be hope, so that we may become more and more pilgrims every day in the hope that is Jesus like Blessed Antonio Rosmini.

Word of God:

Who then will be able to separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulations, distresses, persecution, famine, nakedness, perils, the sword? But in all these things we have the overwhelming victory through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor spiritual powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8: 35.37-39)

Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini:

Rejoice in his mercy, and build up an unlimited hope in him. For our hope ought to be boundless - but placed entirely in God, not in ourselves, not in men or human means. Ask God to give you the infinite treasure of this hope in him. And then, encouraged and strengthened in this way, you will not worry about the future or the past. (letters, 6/1/1843)

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

