

## Miraculous Medal Novena

**Day 1:** The first apparition of the Most Holy Virgin to St. Catherine Laboure was during the night of July 18-19, 1830. St. Catherine was lead from her bed to the chapel by her guardian angel. She wrote later: “The Virgin lighted the steps of the altar. Our Lady sat in an arm chair and I flung myself to her. My hands rested upon her knees. That was the sweetest moment of my life.”

Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 2:** “The Holy Virgin then looked very distressed”, St. Catherine wrote. The Virgin spoke of many misfortunes to overwhelm the world, yet she promised, “But I shall be with you and anyone who comes to the foot of the altar and asks for graces with confidence, shall obtain the graces.” Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 3:** O Most Holy Virgin, O my Mother, obtain for me the grace to live in union with thee, with thy Divine Son and the Church at this crucial moment in history as tragic as the Passion, when all humanity chooses sides for or against Jesus Christ. Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 4:** On November 27, 1830 as St. Catherine was praying in the chapel, the Holy Virgin appeared to her for the second time. This time Mary was standing to the right of the main altar. St. Catherine wrote: “Her face was too beautiful to describe. Her head was covered with a white veil that extended to her feet which rested on a half sphere, with her heel crushing the head of a serpent.” Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 5:** St. Catherine’s apparition continues, “My holy Mother wears rings on her fingers, bearing precious stones that shed rays, one more beautiful than the next, symbolizing the graces that the Holy Virgin pours out on those who ask for them. Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 6:** St. Catherine’s apparition continues, “At this point, a frame formed around Our Lady, like an oval, bearing the following words in gold letters: ‘O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee’” Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 7:** “Then a voice was heard, saying, “Have a medal struck after this model. Those who wear it, blessed, will receive great graces.” O Most Holy Virgin, I pray for the graces that you most want for me. Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 8:** St. Catherine then saw the image of the medal turn to display the back. There she saw an “M” surmounted by a small cross and below it, the hearts of Jesus and Mary, the first surrounded with thorns and the latter pierced with a sword. Twelve stars surrounded the hearts and the monogram. Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Day 9:** St. Catherine says that the Most Holy Virgin will be proclaimed Queen of the Universe! At the time of St. Catherine’s death the distribution of the medal in the world had surpassed the one billion mark. Cures and extraordinary protection, quickly lead to its being called the “Miraculous Medal”. Let us pray: Our Father...Hail Mary & Glory Be... O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!