

# Novena of prayers

## to Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis

### INTRODUCTION

*During this novena through the intercession of Mother Marie-Leonie, I ask God for the graces of faith, abandonment, trust, love and humility as well as personal favors.*

*By meditating on the words of Mother Marie-Leonie, I unite myself to her intimacy with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Looking at Mother Marie-Leonie's exemplary life, I ask her to put in my heart the burning love she had for God and for all those who surrounded her because I, in turn, want to be a witness of God the Father's love to all those around me.*

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## 1st day

Grace to ask for:  
**Lord increase my faith**

Mother Marie-Leonie wrote: "My faith came from the presence of God that I felt within me. He always had the first place in my life. I was convinced that the soul that did not lose the presence of God found a treasure that no one could take away."

Matthew 8, 5-13

As Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him with this request: "Sir, my serving boy is at home in bed paralyzed, suffering painfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him."

“Sir,” the centurion said in reply, “I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will get better. I am a man under authority myself and I have troops assigned to me. If I give one man the order, ‘Dismissed,’ off he goes. If I say to another, ‘Come here,’ he comes. If I tell my slave, ‘Do this,’ he does it.” Jesus showed amazement on hearing this and remarked to his followers, “I assure you, I have never found this much faith in Israel. Mark what I say! Many will come from the east and the west and will find a place at the banquet in the kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, while the natural heirs of the kingdom will be driven out into the dark. Wailing will be heard there, and the grinding of teeth.” To the centurion Jesus said, “Go home. It shall be done because you trusted.” That very moment the boy got better.

### ***Prayer to obtain a favor***

*O God, who are admirable in your saints, we beseech you, grant us, through the intercession of Mother Marie-Leonie, the faithful servant of the Holy Family, the favor we solicit... that she may be glorified in the Church and that we be inclined to imitate her virtues. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Recite a **Our Father, Hail Mary**  
and **Glory be to the Father**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
Lord, teach me to pray

Mother Marie-Leonie taught: “You cannot say and repeat enough during the day the Our Father, while coming and going, while working, constantly, because God is for us the most tender of fathers and we will never be able to express enough to him our profound gratitude.”

Luke 11, 1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples asked him: “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins for we too forgive all who do us wrong; and subject us not to the trial.”

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
Lord, give me a merciful heart

Mother Marie-Leonie prayed: “Most sweet Heart of Jesus, I consecrate today and forever: my mind to meditate on your commandments and your advice, my heart to love them, my body and all my willpower to put them into practice. My Jesus, mercy.”

Matthew 9, 10-13

Now it happened that, while Jesus was at table in Matthew’s home, many tax collectors and those known as sinners came to join Jesus and his disciples at dinner. The Pharisees saw this and complained to his disciples, “What reason can the Teacher have for eating with tax collectors and those who disregard the law?” Overhearing the remark, he said: “People who are in good health do not need a doctor; sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice.’ I have come to call, not the self-righteous, but sinners.”

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 4<sup>th</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
Lord, intensify my love

Mother Marie-Leonie will repeat: “You know, Lord, that I love you... everything for you, my God; everything for the love of you. All that I ask is that every moment of my life, all the palpitations of my heart be acts of love.”

John 15, 9-13

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this; to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 5<sup>th</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
**Lord strengthen my trust**

Mother Marie-Leonie wrote: “Have confidence in God as a good Father. Don’t you ever believe that God will lose you, if you put your confidence in him. Stay in peace, whatever happens!”

Matthew 14, 27-29

Jesus hastened to reassure them: “Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!” Peter spoke up and said, “Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.” “Come!” he said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water, moving towards Jesus.

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 6<sup>th</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
Lord support my abandonment

Mother Marie-Leonie often repeated:  
“Providence will provide” or “God will provide!”

“Let us have confidence in the great goodness and marvellous Providence of God, who will draw his glory from all those events.”

Matthew 6, 25-26

Do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body more valuable than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 7<sup>th</sup> day

Grace to ask for:

**Lord help me to acquire simplicity**

Mother Marie-Leonie recommended: “I hope that all my little sisters will never seek riches, neither luxury in their houses, but simplicity, and make do with the useful and the necessary.”

Acts of the Apostles 2, 44-46

Those who believed shared all things in common; they would sell their property and goods, dividing everything on the basis of each one's needs. They went to the temple area together every day, while in their homes, they broke bread. With exultant and sincere hearts they took their meals in common.

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 8<sup>th</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
**Lord, make me humble**

Mother Marie-Leonie recommended: “I don’t ask for perfection, it is not of this world, but constant efforts to fulfill our duties as we should, practice above all the great virtues: charity, humility, without which there is no happiness possible on earth; it’s our bruised pride that is the cause of all our sorrows, of all our tears.”

Luke 18, 9-14

Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men – grasping, crooked, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on all I possess.’ The other man, however, kept his distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All he did was beat his breast and say, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ Believe me, this man went home from the temple justified but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled while he who humbles himself shall be exalted.”

Prayer to obtain a favor. (See first day of the novena)

## 9<sup>th</sup> day

Grace to ask for:  
**Lord, help me to do your will**

Mother Marie-Leonie recommended: “Pray, trust in God our good Father. If we know how to abandon ourselves in the good Lord, he will take care of us. Yes, my God! Whatever you want and as you want. Your holy will in everything and everywhere.”

Mark 3, 33-35

He said in reply, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And gazing around him at those seated in the circle he continued. “These are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.”

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