

NOVENA TO THE VIRGIN OF PEÑAFRANCIA

SIGN OF THE CROSS: In the name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING SONG: Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth (2x)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul.
Oh Lord my God, you are great indeed.
How manifold are Your works, oh Lord!
The earth is full of Your creatures.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My Lord, Jesus Christ, true God and true man,
in whom I believe, in whom I hope and in whom I love above all things,
I am deeply sorry for having offended You, because You are infinite goodness.
And through the powerful intercession of the blessed Mother,
the Holy Virgin Mary, whom I would like to honor all days of my life,
but most particularly during this novena
which I dedicate to the glory of her most holy name.
I promise never more to offend You with the help of Your divine grace.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Kneel)*

O most lovable Queen and Mother Mary,
whose sweet name gladdens heavens,
consoles the earth and daunts hell!
O peerless greatness granted to you
by Him who is omnipotent,
that all might share in the benefits of the plenitude, namely:
the sick their cure; the sorrowful their consolation;
the sinner their forgiveness; the angels their joy, and
the Blessed Trinity untold glory!
I have recourse in this novena to you as an armour for my defense,
as a medicine for my health, as a consolation to my grief,
as an effective relief for my burdens,
as a help unto the remission of my sins and as a universal remedy for my needs.
Therefore, I beseech You time and again and frequently repeat these sweet words:

✠ *Virgin of Peñafrancia* ✠ *Pray for us. (3x)*

FIVE HAIL MARY IN HONOR OF THE FIVE LETTERS OF THE MOST SWEET NAME OF MARY

Mother, most beloved, in all occasions of my life
remember me, a miserable sinner.

✠ Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus;

✠ Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Aqueduct of divine graces, grant me abundant tears
toward the forgiveness of my sins.

✠ Hail Mary...; ✠ Holy Mary...

Royal Queen of heaven and earth, be my help and defense
against the assaults of my enemies.

✠ Hail Mary...; ✠ Holy Mary...

Illustrious and beloved daughter of Joaquim and Anne,
pray to your divine Son to grant me the grace I need for my salvation.

✠ Hail Mary...; ✠ Holy Mary...

Advocate and refuge of sinners, be at my bedside at the hour of my death
and open for me the portals of heaven.

✠ Hail Mary...; ✠ Holy Mary...

CONCLUDING PRAYER FOR EACH DAY OF THE NOVENA

First Day:

O sovereign Queen and Mother, Mary,
I humbly beseech You,
to give me light and knowledge
of the noble origin of my soul
whose only Creator and Father is God himself,
who made it fully capable to enjoy
the essence of the Holy Trinity.
Make my soul restless amidst the earthly things
until it possesses the infinite goodness.

Help me, Virgin of Peñafrancia,
Queen of the Bicol Region,
that I may not degenerate
from such a noble and sublime origin
nor may I tarnish with ingratitude
the honor of having a soul line unto God,
but, on the contrary, that with a generous spirit
I may live so as to enjoy
the possession of my God and Lord.
Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for us. Amen.

Second Day:

O Most wise Queen and Mother Mary,
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafrancia,
in your plenitude, have mercy on our ignorance,
a consequence of original sin
which allows us to commit errors
and to lose the clear insight into your perfections.

Grant me enlightenment by your grace
in the election of the state of life that I should lead
and of the profession that I should take
that I may, without odds or difficulties,
attain the ultimate end
for which I ought to offer all the things of this life:
the eternal beatitude,
where I may bless and enjoy God for all eternity.
Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for us. Amen.

Third Day:

O most fortunate Lady and Blessed Creature, Mary,
whose most sweet name is interpreted
“God from my lineage”!

Through the intercession of your sublime name,
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafrancia,
to instill in me a deep gratitude towards God
for the privilege granted to us mortals
to become brethren of our Lord and God,
who created us to make us live faithful
to the Maker of such great mysteries and favors.
Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for us. Amen.

Fourth Day:

O most benign Mother, Mary,
whose most sweet name means “Star of the Sea”.
You are the most secure refuge of our souls
amidst the tempestuous sea of life
until we anchor on the shores of glory.
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafrancia,
through the intercession of your holy name
to protect me from the many pitfalls
and abysses of temptations that surround me
and that seek to deviate my steps
from the path that leads to heaven.

Through the intercession of your holy name,
protect me from the precipices
towards which my passions blindly grope
and, as a luminous star, be my guide
that I may not err in such an important voyage
towards the eternity that awaits me
that I may finally have the pleasure
of seeing You in the eternal glory.
Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for us. Amen.

Fifth Day:

O most patient and dolorous Mary,
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafrancia,
that as it was amidst such bitterness
and on the recommendation of Jesus
that you willingly adopted us,
though sinners, as your sons in the person of John,
may your sweet name be so impressed in my heart,
as a keepsake of your woes on the summit of Calvary,
that I may from time to time
think of the high price paid for my redemption
and that I may appreciate it deeply,
seeing to it that the fruits are not spoiled by my vices.

Grant finally that the memory of your sorrows
and those of your Holy Son,
may give me strength and fortitude
to carry willingly the cross of this life
that I may afterwards attain felicity
and beatitude in the other life.

Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for us. Amen.

Sixth Day:

O most perfect Queen and Mother Mary,
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafrancia,
to make me a faithful imitator of our merciful Lord,
who makes the sun rise for the good and the wicked,
who makes the rain fall for the just and unjust,
who does good even to those who do Him evil,
that we may likewise tolerate
the wrongs of our fellowmen,
that we may bear patiently their offenses
wishing them the salvation of their souls,
that the Lord may also have compassion on me,
forgiving my sins and leading me on the way to eternity
where I may bless and enjoy Him forever.

Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for us. Amen.

Seventh Day:

O most gracious Queen and Lady,
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafrancia,
to stretch them out mercifully
to give me all the graces that I need
to fulfill the obligations
of the state of life that I have chosen,
that I may live pleasing to the eyes of God.
Pray, most merciful Patroness of Bicolandia,
for all your children but, in a special manner,
for me the most unworthy of them all.
Help me, oh lovable Mother,
to atone for all my sins
and to have the courage to confess them all
at the foot of the ministers of your holy Son.

Make me prefer to lose life
rather than the friendship of God
and that after death
I may bless and enjoy Him with you for all eternity.
Virgin of Peñafancia, pray for us. Amen.

Eighth Day:

O sovereign Queen and Lady, Mary,
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafancia,
through the intercession of such a powerful name,
to grant me all the temporal graces
I need to lead a peaceful life
and to spend my day in charitable deeds.
Deeply obliged to God for those blessings,
may I not use them foolishly
in loathsome vanities and mundane pleasures,
but rather do good to my neighbors
and give honor to our Lord
who has destined me for the riches of heaven
which I hope to attain
through the help of your sublime name.
Virgin of Peñafancia, pray for us. Amen.

Ninth Day:

O most lovable Queen and Mother, Mary,
whose most sweet name gladdens the heart
and consoles the souls in all tribulations:
I humbly beseech you, O Virgin of Peñafancia
to instill in those of us
who venerate your sacred name which means “hope”,
this most important virtue
with which we may strengthen our spirit
amidst the innumerable perils in which we live.
As strangers in this vale of tears and deprived still
of the clear vision of our God and Creator
and confiding in the power of our Lord
for whom nothing is impossible in this life,
we hope to refrain from the impulses of our passions
and tread peacefully that path that leads to eternal life,
and through piety and devotion, we may attain,
after conquering our enemies,
the beatitude for which we were created
and wherein we shall live eternally grateful
to your all powerful intercession.
Virgin of Peñafancia, pray for us. Amen.

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RESPONSORY:

✠ O VIRGIN MARY, MOST BELOVED
OF PEÑAFRANCIA THEE WE CALL:
TO THINE PROTECTION IS ENTRUSTED
OUR LAND OF BICOL AND OF ALL.

✠ In you we trust, we fully rest
bring us safely to heavenly bliss.
Abandon us not in this earthly test,
and never forsake, so we will be blessed. ✠

✠ We kneel before you now, to God, implore us now,
The forgiveness of our sins;
To you, O Mother, we ask from thee
That sin we reject, now and through all eternity. ✠

✠ Heed, O Blessed Mary, the trustful voice of pleadings,
of your entire children and devoted pilgrims.
O beloved Mother, hear us we beseech thee,
All our humble prayers, to heaven Thou bring. ✠

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN OF PEÑAFRANCIA

Turn to me thine eyes, oh most loving Virgin of Peñafrancia
and have mercy on my soul
that comes to Thee, full of repentance.

Protect my family, relatives, my friends and benefactors.
Intercede for your devotees, both the living and the dead,
specially for those whom I am most obliged to help.

Pray for me, console me, save me.
In my hours of peril, adversity and afflictions,
above all, in the hour of my death,
appear before your Divine Son to help me and defend me.

Tell Him that I am your devotee,
that having complete trust in your protection
I kneel before your miraculous image
to ask for your powerful intercession.

Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for me, help me, console me,
and deliver me from all evil.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: *(Stand)*

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. *(3x)*

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

HIMNO A LA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE PEÑAFRANCIA (Fr. Maximo Joguera, CM)

Coro:

Resuene vibrante el himno de'amor
que'entona tu pueblo con grata'emocion. *(2x)*
*Patrona del Bicol, gran Madre de Dios,
se siempre la Reina de nuestra region. *(2x*)*

1a Estrofa

Los rios murmuran tu nombre al correr.
Los montes proclaman tu gloria'y poder.
*El pueblo creyente con gozo te ve,
te canta'amoroso y besa tu pie. *(2x*) Al coro*

2a Estrofa

Patrona del Bicol, altar del amor,
reliquia bendita que el cielo nos dio.
Escucha benigna del pueblo'el clamor,
que'acude'a tu templo con fe'y devocion. *(2x) Al coro*

3a Estrofa

Los pobres y tristes te buscan con fe.
Te miran llorando les miras tambien.
Al punto sus lagrimas se truecan en bien,
y'a casa gozosos les vemos volver. *(2x) Al coro*