



NOVENA PRAYERS TO SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and our hearts will be renewed.

All: *And you will renew the face of the earth.*

Leader: O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the hearts of the faithful; grant us, by the same Holy Spirit, a love and desire for what is right and just, and the constant enjoyment of His consolation, through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

LITANY OF SAINT RITA

Leader:

Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us.
God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Immaculate Mary, Mother of God,
Holy Mary, Mother of pure love, ...
Holy Mary, Comforter of the afflicted, ...

All:

Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Holy Mary, Queen of all the saints, ...
Holy Mary, Model of life for Saint Rita, ...
St. Rita, our advocate and protectress, ...
St. Rita, beloved by the Lord, ...
St. Rita, given special grace from heaven, ...
St. Rita, remarkable in childhood, ...
St. Rita, model of obedience to God's Will, ...
St. Rita, of untiring patience, ...
St. Rita, model of Christian mothers, ...
St. Rita, mirror for Christian spouses, ...
St. Rita, heroic in sacrifice, ...
St. Rita, generous in forgiving, ...
St. Rita, martyr in penitence, ...
St. Rita, embracing humility & poverty, ...
St. Rita, exemplary as a widow, ...
St. Rita, prompt to answer the divine call, ...
St. Rita, patient in suffering, ...
St. Rita, mirror of religious observance,
St. Rita, mystical rose of every virtue, ...
St. Rita, enamored of the Passion of Christ, ...
St. Rita, pierced with a thorn, ...
St. Rita, in ecstasy before the Blessed Sacrament, ...
St. Rita, consumed with Divine Love, ...
St. Rita, received into heaven with joy, ...
St. Rita, incorrupt in your chaste body, ...
St. Rita, advocate of impossible cases, ...
St. Rita, persevering in prayer, ...
St. Rita, help of those in need, ...

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lord, you have signed your servant Rita

With the marks of Your love and Passion.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, Who bestowed on St. Rita such grace that she loved her enemies, and bore in her heart and on her forehead the mark of Your love and Passion, grant us, we beseech You, through her merits and intercession, a love for our enemies. Through our contemplation of Your sufferings and Passion, may we merit the reward promised to the meek and the suffering. You live and reign forever.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF PETITION

All: Glorious Saint Rita, patroness of those in need, your intercession with our Lord is most powerful. Through the favors obtained by your prayers you have been called "Advocate of hopeless and even impossible cases." Saint Rita, humble and pure; patient and compassionate lover of Christ Crucified! We have confidence that everyone who has recourse to you will find comfort and relief. Listen to our petitions and show your power with God in our behalf. Obtain our petitions for us if they are for the greater honor of God, and for our good. We promise, if our petitions are granted, to make known your favor, and to glorify God for His gift. Relying on your power with the merciful Savior, we ask of you...(mention your request in silence)

Leader:

By the singular merits of your childhood,
By your perfect union with the Divine Will, ...
By your acceptance of troubles in your married life,..
By the anguish felt at the murder of your husband,...
By the surrender of your children, rather than have them offend God,
By your miraculous entrance into the convent, ...
By your daily penance and fasting, ...
By your courage and joy in bearing the mark of the Crucified Savior,...
By the Divine Love which consumed your life, ...
By your devotion in receiving the Blessed Sacrament, ...
By the happiness you felt in leaving this life for union with Christ, ...

By the example you have given to people of every state of life, ...

Pray for us, St. Rita,

All: *That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Leader: Let us pray.

All: *Heavenly Father! In Your infinite love and mercy, You heed the prayer of Your beloved servant, Rita. You graciously grant favors through her intercession, which are considered impossible to human skill and effort. Relying on her compassionate love, we ask You to assist us in our trials and difficulties. Let unbelievers know that you are the helper of the humble, the defender of the weak, and the strength of those who trust in You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*