

Devotions to Saint Philomena

WE praise thee Philomena
Blest martyr and blest maid!
Since Christ through thee works wonders

We come to thee for aid.
Red Rose of sweetest fragrance
Glowing with charity.
Yet white with lily whiteness
Of angels' purity.

(Refrain)

ALL Hail Saint Philomena
Thou virgin of the Lord
Help us to love and praise Him
And make His Name adored.

BE thou the guide of pilgrims
Restore the steps that stray.
Bring health to those who suffer
Be thou their gladsome ray.
Cheer those whose hope is waning
And warm the hearts grown cold.
Console the sad and lonely,
Strengthen the weak and old.

THOU well-beloved maiden,
All girt with Heaven's might.
Help those who sit in darkness,
Thou daughter of the Light.
Make us who now implore Thee
Loving and brave and wise.
May we one day behold thee,
Princess of Paradise.



Litanies of Saint Philomena

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Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity one God,

Holy Mary, Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, *pray for us.*
Saint Philomena, filled with abundant graces from thy birth,
Saint Philomena, faithful imitator of Mary,
Saint Philomena, model of virginity,
Saint Philomena, temple of perfect humility,
Saint Philomena, inflamed with zeal for the Glory of God,
Saint Philomena, victim of love for Jesus,
Saint Philomena, example of strength and perseverance,
Saint Philomena, invincible champion of chastity,
Saint Philomena, mirror of the most heroic virtues,
Saint Philomena, firm and intrepid in the face of torments,
Saint Philomena, scourged like thy Divine Spouse,
Saint Philomena, pierced by a rain of arrows,
Saint Philomena, consoled in chains by the Mother of God,
Saint Philomena, miraculously healed in prison,
Saint Philomena, comforted by Angels in thy torments,
Saint Philomena, who preferred torments and the agonies of
death to the splendors of the throne,

Saint Philomena, who converted witnesses of thy Martyrdom,
Saint Philomena, who wore out the fury of thy executioners,
Saint Philomena, protectress of the innocent,
Saint Philomena, patroness of youth,
Saint Philomena, refuge of the unfortunate,
Saint Philomena, health of the sick and infirm,
Saint Philomena, new light of the Church Militant,
Saint Philomena, who confounds the impiety of the world,
Saint Philomena, who rejuvenates the faith and courage of
the faithful,
Saint Philomena, whose name is glorious in Heaven and
feared in Hell,
Saint Philomena, made illustrious by the most splendid
miracles,
Saint Philomena, powerful with God,
Saint Philomena, who reigns in glory,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O Worker of Wonders, Saint Philomena,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, through the intercession of Saint Philomena, Virgin
and Martyr, whose eminent purity and practice of every
virtue was ever most pleasing to Thee, pardon us our sins and
grant us all the graces we need, through the same Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Novena prayer to Saint Philomena

O GREAT St. Philomena, glorious Virgin and Martyr, wonder-worker of our age, I return most fervent thanks to God for the miraculous gifts bestowed on thee, and beseech thee to impart to me a share in the graces and blessings of which thou hast been the channel to so many souls. Through the heroic fortitude with which thou didst confront the fury of tyrants and brave the frowns of the mighty rather than swerve from thy allegiance to the King of Heaven, obtain for me purity of body and soul, purity of heart and desire, purity of thought and affection.

THROUGH thy patience under multiplied sufferings, obtain for me a submissive acceptance of all the afflictions it may please God to send me and as thou didst miraculously escape unhurt from the waters of the Tiber, into which thou wert cast by order of thy persecutor, so may I pass through the waters of tribulation without detriment to my soul. In addition to these favors, obtain for me, O faithful spouse of Jesus, the particular intention I earnestly recommend to thee at this moment.

O PURE Virgin and holy Martyr, deign to cast a look of pity from Heaven on thy devoted servant, comfort me in affliction, assist me in danger, above all come to my aid in the hour of death. Watch over the interests of the Church of God, pray for its exaltation and prosperity, the extension of the Faith, for the Sovereign Pontiff, for the clergy, for the perseverance of the just, the conversion of sinners, and the relief of the souls in Purgatory, especially those dear to me. O great Saint, whose triumph we celebrate on earth, intercede for me, that I may one day behold the crown of glory bestowed on thee in Heaven, and eternally bless Him who so liberally rewards for all eternity the sufferings endured for His love during this short life. Amen.