

Prayers & Novena

Prayer is the fundamental cornerstone of this ministry. Without Jesus' grace, we can do nothing. Pray as you prepare for this mission. Especially, give your fundraising to God's care. Prayer & action, you need both.

Well-known prayers like the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and others are great tools. If you're feeling anxious about raising your partnership, even just repeat the phrase from the Chaplet:

Jesus, I trust in You.

Commit all aspects of your preparations to God, through various forms of prayer. Here are some short/longer ideas:

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you.

My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you.

~ St. Nicholas of Flue

Novena to Our Lady of Good Remedy

Eight hundred years ago Christians were being captured and sold into slavery by the thousands, and nobody knew what to do about it. Then, in the year 1198, a man had an idea. St. John of Matha founded the Trinitarians to go to the slave markets, buy the Christian slaves and set them free. To carry out this plan, the Trinitarians needed large amounts of money. So, they placed their fund-raising efforts under the patronage of Mary. They were so successful that, over the centuries, the Trinitarians were able to free thousands and thousands of people from slavery and return them safely home.

In gratitude for her miraculous assistance, St. John of Matha honored Mary with the title of "Our Lady of Good Remedy." Devotion to Mary under this ancient title is widely known in Europe and Latin America, and the Church celebrates her feast day on October 8. Our Lady of Good Remedy is often depicted as the Virgin Mary handing a bag of money to St. John of Matha. When in need - for whatever reason, but especially where you have had difficulty obtaining help - invoke the aid of Our Lady of Good Remedy, and you will surely experience the power of her intercession.

In a similar manner, we are trying to "set the captives free" from the slavery of secularism. Pray for your partnership efforts and for the people you're asking for help, that their hearts will be moved to support this mission. As you're working hard in your fundraising activities, perhaps preparing for an event or making a series of phone calls/meetings, consider praying this novena every day for 9 days like the Apostles did between the Ascension and Pentecost.

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O QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, Most Holy Virgin, I venerate thee. Thou art the beloved Daughter of the Most High God, the chosen Mother of the Incarnate Word, the Immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Sacred Vessel of the Most Holy Trinity. O Mother of the Divine Redeemer, who under the title of Our Lady of Good Remedy comes to the aid of all who call upon thee, extend thy maternal protection to me. I depend on thee, Dear Mother, as helpless and needy children depend on a tender and caring mother.

Hail, Mary....

O LADY OF GOOD REMEDY, source of unfailing help, grant that I may draw from thy treasury of graces in my time of need. Touch the hearts of sinners, that they may seek reconciliation and forgiveness. Bring comfort to the afflicted and the lonely; help the lost and the hopeless; especially the youth of Canada.

Hail, Mary....

DEAR LADY OF GOOD REMEDY, source of unfailing help, thy compassionate heart knows a remedy for every affliction I encounter in life. Help me with thy prayers and intercession to find a remedy for my needs, especially for my fundraising efforts as I prepare to serve Christ by bringing the Gospel to the young people of Canada.

On my part, O loving Mother, I pledge myself to a more intensely Christian lifestyle, to a more careful observance of the laws of God and to strive to be a source of healing in this broken world.

Hail, Mary.....

V. Pray for me, O Holy Mother of Good Remedy,

R. That I may deepen my dedication to thy Son, and make the world alive with His Spirit.