

NOVENA OF THE TWENTY FOUR GLORY BE TO ST. THERESE AND THE HOLY FACE



Recommended to be said between the 9th and 17th of any month but can be said at any time

Novena

The word Novena derives it name from the Latin word "novem" meaning "nine." A novena can be either a private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces.

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THE STORY BEHIND THIS NOVENA:

Father Putigan, a Jesuit, began the Novena to Saint Therese of the Child Jesus on December 3, 1925, asking the glorious Saint for one great favor. He did recite the "Glory Be" twenty-four times, thanking the Holy Trinity for the favors and graces showered on St Therese during the twenty-four years of her life on earth. The priest asked St Therese that as a sign that his Novena was heard, he would receive from someone a freshly plucked rose. On the third day of the Novena, an unknown person sought out Father Putigan and presented him with a beautiful rose.

Father Putigan began the second Novena on December 24th of the same year, and as a sign, asked for a white rose. On the fourth day of this Novena, one of the Sister – Nurses brought him a white rose, saying: "Saint Therese sent you this." Amazed, the priest asked: "Where did you get this?" "I was in the chapel", said the Sister, "and as I was leaving I passed the altar, above which hangs the beautiful picture of Saint Therese. This rose fell at my feet. I wanted to put it back into the bouquet, but a thought came to me that I should bring it to you."

Father Putigan received the favors he had petitioned of the Little Flower of Jesus, and promised to spread the "24 Glory Be Novena to St Therese and the Holy Face" to increase devotion to, and bring her more honor.

In this fashion, from the 9th to the 17th of each month, those who want to participate in the "24 Glory Be's", should add to those of their own, the intentions of all who are at the time making the Novena, thus forming one great prayer in common.

THE 'GLORY BE':

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end." Amen.

HOW TO PRAY THIS NOVENA:

The twenty-four "Glory Be's" are recited to thank the Holy Trinity for the favors and graces showered on St Therese of the Child Jesus (the Little Flower) during the twenty-four years of her life on earth. The Novena is said over a time-span of nine days; the 9th to the 17th of any given month are particularly recommended. Between the "Glory Be's",

say this short prayer:

"St Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us".

