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NOVENA TO SAINT WALBURGA

Recited from: February 16th through February 24th (Latin Calendar)



Feast Day: February 25th (Latin Calendar)

Novena

The word Novena derives its 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.

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT WALBURGA

Holy Walburga,
you dwell in the glory of heaven,
gazing upon the face of the Triune God
in the company of all the saints.

I turn to you,
full of trust in the words of Jesus Christ,
"Amen, amen I say to you,
the one who has faith in me will do the works I do,
and greater far than these" (John 14:12).
God has granted you the gift of healing;
help me in my need,
which I bring before you

(Mention your intention here...).

Beg God to grant healing,
consolation and strength to me
and to all those for whom I pray.
Implore Him to let me recognize His love
and know His presence,
whatever He may have in store for me.
Ask this for me through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns in the unity of the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Saint Walburga, Virgin (Feast day - February 25)
Walburga was born in Devonshire England, around 710. She was the daughter of a West Saxon chieftain and the sister of Saints Willibald and Winebald. Walburga was educated at Wimborne Monastery in Dorset, where she became a nun. In 748, she was sent with Saint Lioba to Germany to help Saint Boniface in his missionary work. She spent two years at Bishofsheim, after which she became Abbess of the double monastery at Heidenheim founded by her brother Winebald. At the death of Winebald, Saint Walburga was appointed Abbess of both monasteries by her brother Willibald, who was then Bishop of Eichstadt. She remained superior of both men and women until her death in 779. She was buried first at Heidenheim, but later her body was interred next to that of her brother, Saint Winebald, at Eichstadt. at a small church called Holy Cross around which a group of canonesses were gathered.

Walburga is the patroness of Eichstadt, Oudenarde, Furnes, Antwerp, Weilburg, and Zutphen, and is invoked as special patroness against hydrophobia, and in storms, and also by sailors..