

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Novena for Members

This novena is based on the Objects of the League. The Hail Mary can be prayed using the more common language or more contemporary language such as that used in the hymn "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman."

Day 1

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to achieve individual and collective spiritual development through the sisterhood of membership in the organization. Let the many avenues for prayer, spiritual enrichment and witness of faith that the League offers be fruitful. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, for guidance and discernment to overcome the challenges of spiritual development.

Daily novena prayer:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dearest Mother of God, please pray for me and for these my intentions... (state your intentions)

Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, please pray for me and today's intention for the League that continues to plan its future and evolution in keeping with its mission, calling "its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service." Mother of the Divine Son, pray that I may have the grace and humility by your example to accept God's will for my life. With the Holy Spirit, pray that I may grow in faith, hope and love through the graces of the Holy Trinity. Mother of the Church, pray for these intentions and for my League sisters who are sharing this novena with me. May we be worthy of God's mercy and love and one day be welcomed by God into heaven for all eternity.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Day 2

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to promote the teachings of the Catholic church through the witness of their lives and in sharing the scriptures with others. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that women continue to contribute to the life and mission of the church through their leadership skills and unique gifts, empowered as messengers of the good news through their baptism and confirmation.

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Day 3

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life where God is at the centre. Through prayer and reflection on God's word, family members are called to live God's law of love by serving one another through the example given by Christ. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that we model a Christ-centred life in our home and family and that we will be strengthened by the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Daily novena prayer

Day 4

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to protect the sanctity of life. All life is sacred and should be respected and valued. Catholic women are called to defend the vulnerable, voiceless and every life from conception to natural death. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that all people are treated with dignity, that governments make laws to protect the right to life and that there is improved care for the dying through access to hospice and palliative care.

Daily novena prayer

Day 5

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to enhance the role of women in church and society. Through vocations, ministry, advocacy, community engagement and leadership, Catholic women contribute to the life of the church. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, that by outreach to women, the church and society will create an inclusive and empowering space for women.

Daily novena prayer

Day 6

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere. Catholic women believe in the inherent dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God. This motivates their concern for the well-being of every person in every dimension of life. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that the love of neighbour helps us prioritize the good of the human family in keeping with the principles of Catholic social teaching to further God's kingdom on earth.

Daily novena prayer

Day 7

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world. Through example, parents are called to be the first educators of their children in the Christian faith. Through baptism, Catholic women are called to grow in knowledge through adult faith education so that they may uphold and defend Christian values. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel and with the help of the Holy Spirit, to faithfully live the law of love, to defend and advocate for Christian values, and to intentionally live the corporal works of mercy so that Christian values will permeate the modern world.

Daily novena prayer

Day 8

Peace be with you! Today, let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony. Catholic women strive for this through their respect for other's beliefs, their commitment to building relationships and community through ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, and their support of social justice initiatives. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that those on the periphery of society are welcomed and that channels of peace and harmony will be opened by the examples of lives lived in imitation of Christ through the virtues of faith, hope and love.

Daily novena prayer

Day 9

Peace be with you! Let us pray that the League unites Catholic women in Canada by growing in faith and in giving witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel that we imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary by responding to God's call with full and generous hearts in order that we may be instruments in building the kingdom of God on earth through faith, service and social justice.

Daily novena prayer

Closing Prayer:

Prayer for Ongoing Renewal

God of new beginnings, ever faithful God,
we thank you for your constant care for
the women of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
We have sought to serve you in faith by service to your people.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel,

we continue to discern your call to seek justice
and build your kingdom on earth each day.

We ask your guidance as we continue the ongoing work of renewing The Catholic Women's
League of Canada.

Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength.

May each of us open her heart and mind to your will and welcome the new life you bring to the
League.

We ask this through Jesus, your beloved Son and our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.