

Novena Prayer for Our Lady of Mount Carmel

To commence on July 7 and conclude on July 15.

As we come closer to our Parish feast for Our Lady of Mount Carmel we take time to celebrate Mary as our patron and ask her to intercede for the needs of our Parish.

The Vision of our Parish has been incorporated into these prayers. Of course, individual requests can be made as well.

In this way we join with our brothers and sisters in the Parish and to pray for the needs of the Parish.

This format can be incorporated into your regular prayer time at morning/and or night. You may also like to include a hymn at the beginning and/or end.

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The format for praying the novena is as follows:

- ⇒Opening Prayer
- ⇒Prayer for Intercession
- ⇒Prayers for Specific Days
- ⇒Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be
- ⇒Parish Prayer.

Opening prayer:

O God, you have given us Mary as our Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

May we imitate her goodness and faith and example as a disciple.

May we learn to be grateful for all you have done in us and for us.

May Mary watch over and protect us on our pilgrim way with the support of our brothers and sisters.

We make our prayer through the same Christ out Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for intercession:

Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel,

We place ourselves under you patronage, and ask you to intercede for us so that we may grow as your Son's disciples and become stronger as a community.

Prayers for Specific Days

Day 1: For our Parish as a whole

We pray for all groups, families, and individuals in our Parish that we may find ways to grow in holiness.

Day 2: For home life in our Parish

We pray for everyone in our Parish that they will live homes where faith is cherished and expressed.

Day 3: Community: Loving and Caring for One Another

We pray that we may be alert to the needs of others and help them for assistance when in need.

Day 4: Discipleship: Learning and Growing Together in Faith.

We pray for all members of our community that they be open to opportunities to grow as disciples.

Day 5: Worship: Celebrating and Praising God's Presence

We pray that all who attend our liturgies may make intentional commitment to their participation.

Day 6: Ministry/Service: Giving of Ourselves

We pray for all those in ministry that they will cooperate with God in bringing out the mystery of his great love for us.

Day 7: Leadership: Guiding and Inspiring Others to Grow as Missionary Disciples

We pray that we will all encourage others to use their gifts and live a life of example to others.

Day 8: For those who are sick in the Parish

We pray for those who are physically sick, those who are living with mental illness, those who are frail, those who are facing death that they will always sense the presence of God.

Day 9: For those who have died from our Parish

For all those who have died from this Parish that they will receive eternal life.

Parish Prayer

Creator God, Life is Your gift to me.
Through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift
of my life in service to others.

Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call.

I pray especially for those who serve you in ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. May we bear the "Good News" to those in need. Keep us close to you.

Open the minds and hearts of many other men, women and young people that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom in our parish.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Flower of Carmel

The link for this hymn is on our website varroville.dow.org.au

Flos Carmeli	Flower of Carmel
Flos Carmeli,	Flower of Carmel,
vitis florigera,	blossoming, bearing one;
splendor caeli,	light of heaven,
virgo puerpera	Mother of God's dear son.
singularis.	Vine and virgin.

Mater mitis	Gentle parent
sed viri nescia	pure beyond human love,
Carmelitis	bless your children,
esto propitia	star shining far above.
Stella Maris.	this world's ocean.