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NOVENA SAINT MARY MACKILLOP OF THE CROSS

For Provision and Global Expansion of IMPACTERS

*We are a missionary people, formed in Christ's likeness,
proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.*

IMPACTERS - WHO WE ARE

A Novena is a nine-day period of prayer in the Catholic tradition, prayed with a specific intention, often asking for God's help, grace, or guidance, or invoking the intercession of a saint. The word "Novena" comes from the Latin novem, meaning "nine." It recalls the nine days that the Apostles and Mary spent in prayer between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:12–14), making it one of the earliest forms of Christian communal prayer.

Novenas can be prayed individually or in groups, and they are often directed toward particular spiritual needs, such as healing, discernment, provision, protection, or personal conversion. They may also be prayed in preparation for a feast day or in thanksgiving for answered prayer.

At the heart of a Novena is persevering prayer. It teaches us to be consistent, expectant, and surrendered, returning to God daily and opening our hearts in faith. It's not a magic formula, but a spiritual posture: one of trust, hope, and attentiveness to God's will.

When a Novena is connected to a saint, as with the Novena to Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross, it means we are asking that saint to join us in prayer, to intercede for us before God. Just as we would ask a trusted friend to pray with us, we turn to the saints as part of the communion of believers across heaven and earth.

A Novena reminds us that prayer is a journey, and that some things are worth praying for again and again. It forms our hearts to listen, wait, and believe, knowing that God is always working, even in the silence.

SPIRITUAL PATRON

St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

A Spiritual Patron is a saint in heaven whom individuals, communities, or movements look to as a heavenly intercessor, model of holiness, and spiritual companion. A patron is not just a symbolic figure; they are an active presence, praying for us, guiding us by their example, and helping us live faithfully in the mission God has entrusted to us. Just as earthly mentors support and guide us, spiritual patrons walk with us from the communion of saints, drawing us deeper into Christ.

To have Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross as the spiritual patron of IMPACTERS means more than honoring her legacy. It means we see her life and witness as prophetic for our own. Like Mary, we desire to live boldly and humbly, to go where the need is great, and to trust God completely for provision, direction, and strength. Her love for the poor, her passion for forming others in faith, her courage in the face of opposition, and her deep prayer life all mirror what we long to be as a global Proclamation Community.

Mary MacKillop once said, *"We are but instruments in the hands of God."* This concept is also echoed in Mary MacKillop's life and work. As our spiritual patron, she teaches us to be exactly that, willing, courageous, joyful instruments of the Lord in a world hungry for His presence. She reminds us that true mission flows from intimacy with God, that obstacles can be holy, and that God will provide for every step of the journey.

Importantly, Mary saw not only material poverty but a deep spiritual poverty in the hearts of people. She was compelled to do something about it. In a time of indifference and neglect, she brought the love of God to those who had been forgotten. As IMPACTERS, we carry that same fire.

Having her as our spiritual patron means she intercedes for us, cheers us on from heaven, and continues the work she began, now through us. We walk in her footsteps: faithful to the Church, formed in the Trinity, and on mission to the ends of the earth.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

How to Pray This Novena

There are many different ways of praying a Novena.
The following is how we are going to pray together.

1. Prepare Your Heart

- Choose a consistent time each day - morning, evening, or another quiet time.
- Find a place, if possible, free from distraction - a favourite chair, even outdoors.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray with faith and focus.

2. The Novena

1. **Sign of the Cross** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. **Daily Intention** Read and reflect on the title for that day.
3. **Scripture** Read the Scripture for the day and allow it to speak to your heart.
4. **Reflection** Read the reflection for the day and allow it to speak to your heart.
5. **Prayer** Pray the Prayer for that day slowly.
6. **Personal Prayer** Speak to God in your own words about the intention and any personal needs you have.
7. **Traditional Prayers** Our Father... Hail Mary...Glory Be...
See Pages 17-19 for explanation of prayers.
8. **Community Prayer** Pray The Catholic Guy/IMPACTERS Community Prayer. See Pages 20-21 for explanation.
9. **Prayer to St Mary MacKillop** Ask for her intercession.
10. **Sign of the Cross** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. Be Faithful to the Nine Days

- Pray each day without skipping, if possible. If you miss a day, pray it the next day, but keep the sequence unbroken.
- Aim for the same time each day to build a rhythm of prayer.

4. Pray with Expectation

- A Novena is not magic, it is relationship.
- God answers in His way and timing, sometimes directly, sometimes by changing our hearts or opening unexpected doors.
- Be open to God making you part of the answer.

5. Remember You Are Part of a Family

- Across cities and nations, other members of IMPACTERS and friends of The Catholic Guy Ministry are praying with you.
- Our unity in prayer is powerful. It is the Church living as one Body.

6. After the Novena Ends

- Thank God for hearing your prayers, even before you see the answer.
- Reflect on any changes in your heart or faith.
- Keep living the Novena's intentions. Be a builder, carry the vision and walk in mission.

Final Encouragement

If this is your first Novena, you are stepping into a centuries-old tradition.

The apostles prayed this way. The saints prayed this way.

Now we pray this way, trusting God's grace through the prayers of St Mary MacKillop for the mission He has entrusted to us.

Day 1 – Daily Intention:

God, Be Our Provider

Philippians 4:19

My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Reflection:

God has not given us a small task. He has given us a great Commission to proclaim the glory of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. And He has called us together as IMPACTERS, a global Proclamation Ministry and Community. Our purpose is not to build platforms or personalities, but to proclaim Christ, to ignite hearts, and to raise up communities of faith and formation across the world. We are being asked to do what seems impossible, but not without help.

Mary MacKillop once said, *“God will provide for the future. Trust in God.”* She walked into unknown towns with no money and no promise of support, only the conviction that God had called her, and that was enough. As IMPACTERS, we take the same step. We do not look at what is in our hands; we look to the One whose hands hold all things.

Today, we come together as a global community to cry out for provision, not for comfort, but for mission. We ask for what is needed to build, expand, plant, serve, and proclaim the gospel. We ask for provision in the form of finances, facilities, staff, technology, housing, and formation centers. We ask for the growth of teams, the resources to establish new locations, and the wisdom to use what we have with integrity and faith.

- ◆ We believe that what God has called us to do, He will supply.
- ◆ We believe provision is not the goal, it is the tool.
- ◆ We believe this is His mission and that we are His people.
- ◆ We believe in building what will outlast us.

IMPACTERS is a response to God's movement in our time. And where God calls, He provides. Today we cry out, not begging, but believing. With Saint Mary MacKillop, we say again: *“God will provide.”*

Prayer:

*Lord God, this is your work, not ours.
We do not ask so that we may be comfortable,
but so that we may be sent.
Open the windows of heaven, and pour out what is needed,
that we might build centers of formation,
plant new communities,
and bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
Let provision flow like a river through this mission,
not to make us proud, but to make Jesus known.
We ask boldly, expectantly, and together.
Amen.*

Personal Prayer: Speak to God in your own words about the intention and any personal needs you have.

Traditional Prayers: Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Community Prayer:

Lord Jesus, give me and every member of our Church Community a hunger today to see all people encounter You as their personal Lord and Savior.

Almighty God, three persons in one, send Your Holy Spirit upon me, upon us, upon the Church, upon the earth.

Lord God, we are desperate for Your presence. Increase our influence and show us Your favor and mercy.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Amen

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Day 2 – Daily Intention:

Provision for the Vision

Habakkuk 2:2–3

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it... For the vision still has its time; it hastens to the end, it will not lie.”

Reflection:

The vision of IMPACTERS is not our own. It is a call entrusted by the Lord, a holy invitation to shape a people formed by the Habitation of God, proclaiming His Name through the witness of our lives. It is a vision of deep Catholic renewal, rooted in fidelity to the Church, driven by prayer, expressed through mission, and carried out in daily obedience. It began in prayer. It has been refined through suffering. And it is sustained by grace.

This vision is not just an idea, it is a life. A life lived from the indwelling Trinity, from transformation of the heart, and from mission to the world. We are called to form disciples who live from Presence, know their Identity and walk in Mission. We are called to build centers, raise leaders, send missionaries, create spiritual homes, and reignite the heart of the Church.

St Mary MacKillop once wrote, *“God gives me strength for what is necessary.”* She believed in walking one faithful step at a time. She was not afraid of the impossible. She was only afraid of being unfaithful to God’s dream. We must be the same. We must carry the vision even when it seems delayed, even when the path seems hidden, even when the resources seem lacking. For the vision awaits its time and its time is coming.

Today we pray not just for an idea, but for provision to become action. For land to be secured. For venues to open. For staff to be hired. For systems to be formed. For teams to multiply. For partnerships to emerge. For the heavenly supply to meet the earthly assignment. Not so that we may boast, but so that the world may know: Christ is alive. The Church is radiant. The Spirit is moving.

Prayer:

*Father, you gave us this vision. Now give us all that is needed to walk it out.
Provide us with the people, wisdom, timing, and funding required.
Let what was whispered in prayer rise in the earth.
Let this vision burn in us and shine in the world.
Give us courage to wait. Strength to act. Faith to persevere.
We offer it back to you because it was always yours.
Amen.*

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Day 3 – Daily Intention:

A People Called to Help

Luke 10:2

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Reflection:

The vision God has given us through IMPACTERS is too great to carry alone. We were never meant to. From the beginning, The Catholic Guy Ministry has grown not by the power of one person, but through the grace of God calling forth many people, each offering what they have, each bringing their gift to the table. The mission is shared. The burden is shared. The glory belongs to God alone.

Saint Mary MacKillop understood this deeply. She was aware that we are but instruments in the hands of God, and it is our duty to place ourselves at His disposal. She knew that the success of any holy work required the response of others, not just the founder or leaders, but the entire community. She invited others into the call and equipped them to serve. She did not do it alone.

Neither can we. We need more than agreement; we need action. We need people of faith, generosity, and courage who will say, *“This mission is mine too.”* In every city where IMPACTERS is taking root, there are people whom God is already calling: individuals with the time, finances, skills, prayer, and availability to make a difference. Some are waiting to be asked. Some are watching and wondering. Some are ready now.

Today we pray that God would draw them forward. That the Holy Spirit would awaken a new wave of co-builders: hosts and helpers, donors and drivers, intercessors and administrators, media producers and pastoral carers, mentors and helpers, young and old. That people would see the need and respond with Mary MacKillop’s words: *“Never see a need without doing something about it.”*

This movement is not a platform. It is a body. And every part is needed. As we pray today, let us ask boldly for the people God has appointed for this time to join hands, carry weight, and release this vision into reality.

Prayer:

*Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of the harvest.
We ask you now: send out laborers into your fields.
Call the builders. Stir the givers. Inspire the intercessors.
Let those who are watching rise up and join.
Let every part of the Body be awakened and take its place.
Send us not just volunteers, but vision-bearers.
May this family grow, not just in numbers, but in faithfulness.
Amen.*

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Day 4 – Daily Intention:

Expansion Rooted in Habitation

John 14:23

“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

Reflection:

At the heart of IMPACTERS is not a project, a place, or a program. It is a person: the Living God. Everything begins in Him. We do not expand from pressure or ambition. We expand from Presence. From Habitation. From the Trinity dwelling in us and among us. We are not just sent by God; we are first indwelt by God.

Saint Mary MacKillop understood this. She never ran ahead of grace. Her expansion into rural towns, cities, schools, and communities was birthed from an interior place of trust. She encouraged her Sisters to be faithful in little things, for by them the heart is trained to love and to listen. This is our call too. We must become deeply attentive to the dwelling God within us before we can build anything around us.

We are not asking God to bless our plans. We are asking Him to dwell in our people. That every Group, every Host, every gathering would be filled not with strategy but with the Holy Spirit. That the Trinity would be the architect. That we would grow not from systems but from surrender.

IMPACTERS cannot multiply unless it remains anchored in intimacy. We are a community formed by prayer, Eucharist, Scripture, silence, and spiritual desire. From these wells we draw everything we need to grow. We do not rush. We do not copy. We do not perform. We listen, we respond, we dwell.

Today, we pray that as we grow, we will never lose our source of strength. That every new place would become a tabernacle of His presence, not a display of our gifts. We ask that IMPACTERS would expand through encounter and that those who come would say, not *“What a great group,”* but *“Surely, God is in this place.”*

Prayer:

*God of indwelling love,
Make your home in us again.
Let every Impacter, in every place,
become a resting place for your Presence.
Let our expansion flow from intimacy.
Let our growth be rooted in your voice.
May we never outgrow our dependence on you.
Make our meetings holy.
Make our spaces yours.
And dwell within us until the world encounters you through us.
Amen.*

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Day 5 – Daily Intention:

Global Provision for Global Reach

Psalm 2:8

*“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,
and the ends of the earth your possession.”*

Reflection:

We are not dreaming small. We are not building for one region, one age group, or one kind of person. The call upon IMPACTERS is global and urgent. We are being drawn by the Spirit into something far beyond our current reach, not to create our own empire, but to proclaim the Kingdom of God to every nation, language, and culture where the Spirit leads.

We believe in the local Church. And yet we also know there are many who have not yet encountered the living Christ, even within the reach of Church buildings. IMPACTERS has been entrusted with a mission to reignite hearts with faith and to serve the Church from within. This mission is not bound by geography. It belongs to the Spirit who moves where He wills.

Saint Mary MacKillop carried this same expansive heart. Though her life began in obscurity, her impact extended across the nation and beyond. She once said, *“There where you are, you will find God,”* reminding us that every field is fertile for mission when God is already present. She had no global budget, but she had global faith. And God provided.

Today, we ask for global provision. Not just more, but mission-aligned, God-ordained provision: partnerships across nations, funding for cross-cultural ministry, platforms to translate and distribute teaching, and teams equipped to carry the same spirit into new languages and landscapes.

We pray that God would prepare hearts in nations we’ve never stepped into, priests, leaders, families, and individuals already sensing that something new is coming. We ask that as the Spirit moves, nothing would hold us back, not fear, not limitation, not lack.

Prayer:

*Father of all nations,
You are not confined to one country, one language, one people.
You are drawing hearts across the globe.
Today we ask boldly: provide for this global call.
Open international doors. Raise up leaders on every continent.
Give us translators, communicators, formators, and financial
supporters who believe in what you are doing.
Let IMPACTERS become a sign of your Spirit
moving across the Church, from young to old, from East to
West, from city to village.
We are ready, Lord. Just say the word.
Amen.*

Personal Prayer: Speak to God in your own words about the
intention and any personal needs you have.

Traditional Prayers: Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Community Prayer:

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Day 6 – Daily Intention:

Hospitality for the Mission

Hebrews 13:2

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”*

Reflection:

Hospitality is not a small gesture in the kingdom of God; it is a sacred act. It is the doorway through which grace walks in. For IMPACTERS, hospitality is not an add-on. It is foundational to our identity. We do not simply create programs. We form places of welcome, holy spaces where people encounter Christ through presence, warmth, listening, and shared life. Whether it's a living room, a parish hall, a digital gathering, or a rural community center, the hospitality we extend becomes the very space in which God dwells.

Saint Mary MacKillop understood this deeply. She not only built schools and ministries, but she also created homes for those in need. She created spaces where the forgotten were seen, the poor were dignified, the young were formed, and the searching were loved. She once said, *“There is no occasion when charity should not prevail.”* For her, hospitality was not simply kindness. It was mission. Every open door, every shared meal, every warm welcome was an extension of Christ Himself.

We pray today for a renewal of hospitality, not only as individuals but across our whole movement. That IMPACTERS would be known as a people who make space for the Spirit and for others. We pray that God would raise up hosts and homes, priests and parishes, leaders and locations who would say, *“IMPACTERS are welcome here. Christ is welcome here.”*

We also pray for courage for those of us who feel too busy, too shy, or too uncertain to host. That we would overcome the lie that our space or our offering isn't good enough. What matters is not polish, but presence. A simple meal, a clean room, a joyful heart, this is more than enough for God to work with.

When hospitality is extended, the Kingdom expands. When hospitality is shared, the Trinity is revealed. When we say, *“Come in,”* heaven draws near.

Prayer:

*Lord Jesus, you made your home among us.
You welcomed the sinner, the seeker, the lost.
May we do the same.
Raise up people of welcome, across every location.
Let homes open for Groups. Let churches open for worship.
Let hearts open for mission.
Make us generous, joyful, and free.
Let hospitality be the heartbeat of this movement,
as we prepare the world to receive you.
Amen.*

Personal Prayer: Speak to God in your own words about the intention and any personal needs you have.

Traditional Prayers: Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

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Day 7 – Daily Intention:

Multiply the Builders

Psalm 127:1

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

Reflection:

God is building something extraordinary through IMPACTERS. But He does not build alone and neither can we. Every mission of God in history required many hands: Moses had Aaron and Hur, Jesus sent out the seventy-two, the early Church was built through a communion of apostles, prophets, pastors, and lay leaders. Today is no different. For what God desires to build through IMPACTERS across the globe, we need builders and many of them.

Saint Mary MacKillop knew this deeply. She once wrote, *“Do all you can with the means at your disposal and leave all the rest calmly to God.”* She gave her life to forming a congregation of women builders, sisters who taught, served, nursed, prayed, travelled, and labored across harsh conditions. She never believed she was meant to carry the work alone, and neither should we.

In every location, IMPACTERS needs builders, those who carry the vision with integrity and passion. Builders of Groups, of locations, of online hubs. Builders of culture, of prayer, of strategy. Builders who are lay and ordained, old and young, contemplative and practical. We do not need celebrity leaders; we need faithful laborers. Those who will work quietly and boldly, with their eyes fixed on Jesus.

These builders may not yet see themselves that way. Some are sitting in pews waiting for someone to ask. Some are praying in silence, sensing God wants more. Some have gifts of administration, finance, leadership, creativity, or formation, waiting to be released. Today, we pray that they would hear the call and rise.

And we pray, too, that we would be ready, not just to see the harvest, but to carry the bricks, to take ownership, to become the hands that help construct the house of the Lord in our cities.

Prayer:

Lord, multiply the builders.

Raise up men and women of faith, prayer, wisdom, and endurance.

Let no one sit back and assume the call is for someone else.

Let every gift rise.

Let every leader emerge, not to dominate, but to serve.

Let this movement be built not by strength, but by surrender.

Give us builders who walk with clean hands and burning hearts.

And establish this house in every place you desire.

Amen.

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Day 8 – Daily Intention:

Wisdom to Steward Growth

James 1:5

“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given.”

Reflection:

The kind of growth God is entrusting to IMPACTERS cannot be managed by human strength alone. Expansion brings momentum, but it also brings weight. Decisions multiply. Opportunities increase. Resources stretch. What begins as a move of God must be protected by discernment. If we grow without wisdom, we risk losing what makes us different; our interiority, our fidelity, our prayerful posture and our surrender.

Saint Mary MacKillop lived this truth. As her ministry grew, she faced opposition, misunderstandings, and even excommunication. Yet she never stopped seeking God. Mary is credited as saying, *“God’s will be done... I cannot see what He is doing, but I trust Him.”* Mary learned how to carry authority without ego, to lead without exerting control, and to make decisions without fear. That is the kind of wisdom we need.

We are building something that must endure beyond personalities, platforms, or popularity. And so, we ask today for supernatural wisdom: the wisdom to discern what God is truly asking of us, and the humility to act only when He speaks. Not everything that is possible is profitable. Not every opportunity is ours. We are not chasing success; we are stewarding a call from heaven.

We pray for wisdom in growth: when to wait and when to go, when to build and when to pause. We ask for wisdom in finances: to never waste, to never fear, and to always trust in God’s provision. We ask for wisdom in people: to raise leaders with integrity, to release without fear, and to correct with love. We ask for wisdom in structure: that our systems serve our mission and never replace our spirituality.

Most of all, we pray for a discerning spirit among us. That IMPACTERS would be led by the Holy Spirit, not by pressure, not by trend, not by performance. As the movement expands, may our interior stillness deepen.

Prayer:

*Holy Spirit, be our wisdom.
Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.
Let us not be driven by ambition, but led by discernment.
Show us how to grow wisely, walk humbly, and decide
faithfully.
Let your voice guide every step we take.
Grant us clarity, courage, and peace.
And make this movement one that reflects the mind of Christ.
Amen.*

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Day 9 – Daily Intention:

A Global Proclamation Family

Matthew 28:19

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

Reflection:

IMPACTERS is not just a ministry. It is a global proclamation family, a body of believers across nations, cultures, and states of life, joined together by a singular fire: to proclaim Jesus Christ, live from His indwelling presence, and go to the ends of the earth. We are not just participants in a movement; we are sons and daughters of God, co-heirs in His mission, and witnesses to His love.

From the very beginning, The Catholic Guy Ministry has believed that this is not about building something “beside” the Church, but something within it, something that calls the disconnected home, strengthens parishes and raises missionary disciples in fidelity to the Gospel and the Sacraments. Now, through IMPACTERS, this call is finding expression in homes, parishes, retreat spaces, and digital platforms around the world.

We are not building a crowd. We are cultivating a family, marked by shared values, spiritual formation, deep belonging, and sacrificial mission. Our commitments root us: to be people of the presence, the word, the sacraments, mission, and authenticity. As the Church, we do not grow through marketing; we grow by living Christ crucified and risen and proclaiming Him with our whole lives.

Saint Mary MacKillop lived this way. A paraphrase of what Mary lived was, *“We are all but travelers here. Let us be kind and help one another on our journey.”* Her heart burned to raise up others, not just to follow, but to lead. And that is our call too. To be a family who forms, sends, and surrounds each other in grace.

Today, we pray that IMPACTERS would grow into its full stature, that what began in hiddenness would shine for the world. That our unity would be a witness. That our proclamation would be bold. That our love would be visible. And that together, from every corner of the earth, we would rise as a family proclaiming: Christ lives in me, and I will go.

Prayer:

Father, make us one.

Unite every Impacter across cities and nations.

Let us walk together in love, rooted in truth, ignited by the Spirit.

Make us a holy family, proclaiming your Son,

living from your Presence,

and going where you send us.

Let the world see Christ in us.

And may this movement bring your name to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

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EXPLAINING THE PRAYERS

The Our Father

The Scriptural Roots of the Lord's Prayer

The '*Our Father*' is the prayer Jesus Himself taught His disciples when they asked Him, "*Lord, teach us to pray*" Luke 11:1–4; Matthew 6:9–13. Every line is rooted in His words:

- ***Our Father who art in Heaven*** - We pray as children of God, addressing Him with the intimacy Jesus revealed - Matthew 6:9.
- **Hallowed be Thy name** - We honour God's holiness - Luke 11:2; Psalm 111:9.
- ***Thy Kingdom come*** - We long for God's reign to be fully revealed on earth - Matthew 6:10.
- ***Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*** - We submit our plans to His will - Matthew 26:39.
- ***Give us this day our daily bread*** We trust Him for our needs, both physical and spiritual - Exodus 16:4; John 6:35.
- **And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us** We ask for mercy and commit to forgive others - Matthew 6:12; Ephesians 4:32.
- ***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*** We seek His protection from the power of sin and the enemy - Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13.

When we pray the '*Our Father*' in the Novena, we are praying with the very words of Jesus, uniting ourselves with His heart and His mission.

The Hail Mary

The Scriptural Roots of the Hail Mary Prayer

The '*Hail Mary*' prayer is deeply rooted in Scripture and in the Church's reflection on the life of Mary in salvation history.

It's made up of two main biblical quotations and a final petition developed by the Church over centuries.

- ***Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you*** - These are the angel Gabriel's words to Mary at the Annunciation. "*Hail*" (chaire in Greek) is a greeting meaning "*Rejoice!*" or "*Greetings!*" "*Full of grace*" (kecharitōmenē) indicates a completed, enduring state of grace given by God. "*The Lord is with you*" is a covenant expression in Scripture, always linked to God's presence and favour - Luke 1:28
- ***Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb*** - These are Elizabeth's Spirit-inspired words to Mary when she visits her. Luke tells us Elizabeth was "*filled with the Holy Spirit*" when she spoke them, which means these words are divinely inspired praise - Luke 1:41.
- ***Holy Mary, Mother of God***, - The title "*Mother of God*" (Theotokos) was formally affirmed at the Council of Ephesus (AD 431), based on the truth that Jesus is both fully God and fully man from the moment of His conception.
- ***Pray for us*** - Asking Mary to "*pray for us*" reflects the Church's understanding of the Communion of Saints - Hebrews 12:1; Revelation 5:8 - that those in Heaven can intercede for those on earth.
- ***Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*** - is a petition for perseverance in grace and a holy death.

When we pray the '*Hail Mary*' in our Novena, we are not worshipping Mary. We are joining with the angel Gabriel, with Elizabeth, and with all generations who "*call her blessed*" - Luke 1:48. We are asking her to pray with us and for us, so that our petitions rise before God with the prayers of His saints.

The Glory Be

The Scriptural Roots of the Glory Be Prayer

- ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*** - This is a Trinitarian profession of faith and praise.
 - Jesus commands baptism "*in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*" - Matthew 28:19.
 - The Son is eternal with the Father - John 1:1–2, 14.
 - The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father and the Son, sharing fully in the divine life - 14:16–17, 26.
 - "*For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen*" - Romans 11:36.

- ***As it was in the beginning*** - This points to God's eternity, He is without beginning or end.
 - *"In the beginning, God created..."* - Genesis 1:1.
 - *"In the beginning was the Word..."* - John 1:1.
 - *"From everlasting to everlasting, you are God"* - Psalm 90:2.
- ***Is now*** - God's glory is present and active today.
 - *"Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength... ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name"* - Psalm 96:7–8.
 - We are *"being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory"* - 2 Corinthians 3:18.
- ***And ever shall be*** God's glory is eternal; it will never fade.
 - *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"* - Hebrews 13:8.
 - *"I am the Alpha and the Omega... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty"* - Revelation 1:8.
 - *"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away"* - Daniel 7:14.
- ***World without end*** - This is a traditional English rendering of the Latin (in saecula saeculorum) - literally *"unto the ages of ages"* a phrase used throughout Scripture to describe the unending praise of God.
 - *"To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever"* - Ephesians 3:21.
 - *"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen"* - Revelation 7:12.

Early Church Use

The '*Glory Be*' comes from the earliest centuries of Christian worship. It is found in early liturgies and the writings of the Church Fathers as a short doxology, a burst of praise to the Trinity. Its purpose is to end a time of prayer by returning all glory to God.

Why We Pray It in the Novena

When we finish a set of prayers like the '*Hail Mary*' or '*Our Father*' with the '*Glory Be*,' we acknowledge that all prayer leads to the praise of God Himself, honor the Trinity, the source and goal of all Christian life and join the worship of Heaven, where God is glorified *"forever and ever"* - Revelation 5:13.

IMPACTERS Community Prayer

The Scriptural Roots of the IMPACTERS Community Prayer

- ***Lord Jesus, give me and every member of our Church Community a hunger today to see all people encounter You as their personal Lord and Savior.***

Scripture & Tradition

- The Great Commission to make disciples of all nations - Matthew 28:19–20.
 - Jesus' "food" is to do the will of the Father and bring others to Him - John 4:34
 - God "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" - 1 Timothy 2:3–4.
 - Evangelisation is at the heart of the Church's mission (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] 849). This petition reflects the Church's call for every member to be missionary disciples (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* §120).
- ***Almighty God, three persons in one, send Your Holy Spirit upon me, upon us, upon the Church, upon the earth.***

Scripture & Tradition

- God revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Matthew 28:19.
 - "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you... to the ends of the earth" - Acts 1:8.
 - God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh - Joel 2:28 / Acts 2:17.
 - Invoking the Trinity is central to Catholic prayer. Calling for the Spirit upon the Church and the whole earth reflects Pentecost and the missionary expansion of the Church.
- ***Lord God, we are desperate for Your presence.***

Scripture & Tradition

- Moses says, "If Your presence will not go with us, do not bring us up from here" - Exodus 33:15.
- "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" - Psalm 42:1–2.
- The saints model a holy desperation for God's presence. St Augustine prayed, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."

- ***Increase our influence and show us Your favor and mercy.***

Scripture & Tradition

- Enlarge the place of your tent; spread out to the right and left
- Isaiah - 54:2–3.
- *“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands”* - Psalm 90:17.
- Jesus grew in favor with God and man - Luke 2:52.
- Influence in the Church is never about domination, but about being salt and light - shaping the world through witness, charity, and truth - Matthew 5:13–16.

- ***Come Holy Spirit***

Scripture & Tradition

- *“When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth”* - Psalm 104:30.
- *“The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come’”* - Revelation 22:17.
- The Church has prayed *Veni Sancte Spiritus, “Come, Holy Spirit”* since the earliest centuries, especially before preaching, mission, and decision-making.

- ***Amen***

Scripture & Tradition

- All God’s promises are “Yes” in Christ; we speak the “Amen” through Him - 2 Corinthians 1:20.
- *“Amen”* is the Church’s way of sealing prayer, meaning *“So be it”* or *“Truly.”* It is an act of trust in God’s faithfulness.

Summary of IMPACTERS Community Prayer

Form: Personal and communal → Trinitarian → Desperation for God’s presence → Petition for mission → Invocation of the Spirit → Seal of faith.

Biblical Roots: The prayer weaves together the Great Commission, Pentecost, the Psalms’ thirst for God, and the Church’s call to mission.

Catholic Tradition: This prayer stands in continuity with centuries of missionary and renewal prayers, yet expresses the IMPACTERS’ unique charism and urgency.

WHO WE ARE

WHY IMPACTERS EXIST

To proclaim the glory of
Jesus Christ
to the Ends of the Earth.

WHAT IS IMPACTERS MISSION

To reach those who
do not connect with the Church
whether attending or not,
so that they come into an ever deepening
relationship with Jesus Christ.

WHO IMPACTERS ARE

IMPACTERS are a growing community of people,
anywhere in the world
committed to living the fullness of life found in Jesus Christ,
both personally and together.

Everything
an IMPACTER 'does' and who an IMPACTER 'is'
flows from this ever-deepening,
personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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It is ONE Ecclesial (Church) Community
proclaiming Jesus Christ
in multiple locations around the world that
SHARES the SAME VISION, MISSION & CORE VALUES.