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POPULAR NOVENAS CAREFULLY ARRANGED
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN ACCORD WITH THE
LITURGICAL YEAR ON THE FEASTS OF
JESUS AND MARY AS WELL AS
FAVORITE SAINTS

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**With a Short Helpful Meditation
Before Each Novena**

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—SACRED HEART OF JESUS—

10. SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEDITATION

DEVOTION to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh; He asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First

THE WORD OF GOD

“This is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will put My law within them, and I will inscribe it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” —*Jer 31:33*

“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart.”

—*Mt 11:28*

“I have come to spread fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

—*Lk 12:49*

“When they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs but one of the soldiers thrust a lance into His side, and immediately a flow of Blood and water came forth.”

—*Jn 19:33-34*

NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena Prayer

DIVINE Jesus, You have said,
“Ask and you shall receive;
seek and you shall find; knock



—JANUARY—

13. MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(January 1)

MEDITATION

THE most sublime of Mary's privileges is her Divine Maternity. Without that Maternity, her other privileges would not exist; she herself would not exist, for she was created only to be the Mother of God.

Mary's Divine Maternity is great also because this privilege is the reason for her other privileges—her Immaculate Conception, miraculous virginity, fullness of grace, Assumption, and the spiritual maternity of all mankind. The Divine

Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” —*Jn 1:14*

“[Mary] brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.” —*Lk 2:7*

NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena Prayer

I GREET you, ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, throne of grace, miracle of almighty power! I greet you, sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of mercy and refuge of sinners!

Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, and beg of you to obtain for me of your dear Son the favor I request in this novena: (*Mention your request*).



19. THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

(December 8)

MEDITATION

THE medal of the Immaculate Conception, commonly called the Miraculous Medal, was manifested to a spiritual daughter of Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Catherine Labouré. This took place in the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity, 140 rue du Bac, Paris, France.

Sister Catherine, during her novitiate days, received extraordinary favors from God, such as visions of the heart of Saint Vincent and manifestations of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. In 1830 she was

sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER

IMMACULATE Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for which we pray: (*Mention your request*).

You know, Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of