

Novena Prayers

Presider O God our Father, we thank you for all of Creation and for each one of us. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus through whom we share your life and love. He shared in our human nature. He suffered and died, but you raised him from the grave, and is now at your right hand interceding for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he is with us always, and we come to you for all our needs in the name of Jesus.

Reader Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask You to ...

... give hope to those who have lost hope in God, and who simply don't know what to believe.

All **Let them hope again.**

Reader ... give hope to the sick and all who cannot live their lives as they would like to.

All **May they receive hope and healing.**

Reader ... give hope to parents and teachers who are entrusted with the care of the young.

All **May they never lose heart even when their best efforts meet failure.**

Reader ... give hope to all who have been hurt, abused and let down by our Church.

All **May we be blessed with forgiveness and guidance for God's Holy Spirit.**

Reader ... give hope to sinners.

All **Bring them through repentance to a new way of looking at things.**

Reader ... give hope to the bereaved who are face to face with death.

All **Let them entrust their loved ones to Your care**

Reader ... hear and answer our own particular Novena intention [*pause*].

All **Fill us with a joyful hope. Our Lady of Hope, pray for us.**

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be in honour of Our Lady of Holy Hope.

Novena of Hope for God's People

- in a time of Pandemic -

19 March '21 Hope ... is in Jesus, "friend of sinners..." [Mt 11.19]

20 March '21 Hope ... is in "neither do I condemn you." [Jn 8:11]

21 March '21 Hope ... is in "I desire mercy not sacrifice." [Mt 9.19]

22 March '21 Hope ... is mercy for a "Samaritan woman who came to draw water." [Jn 4:7]

23 March '21 Hope ... is "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents." [Lk 15:17]

24 March '21 Hope ... is, "He himself bore our sin in his body on the cross." [1 Pet 2:24]

25 March '21 Hope ... is "here is your mother." [Jn 19:27]

26 March '21 Hope ... is "He was raised for our justification." [Rom 4.25]

27 March '21 Hope ... is "with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" [Is 12:3]

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Service of Light

Presider From many locations and with diverse needs, we gather Lord this evening in prayer and petition, but also in praise and thanksgiving. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we your church come together, here in this chapel and online, to make our Novena of Hope.

We are grateful for all our brothers and sisters in Christ praying with us, and we remember your blessed assurance that, "where two or three are gathered in your Name, you are in our midst."

We thank you also for the gift of your Blessed Mother, and we call upon her powerful and persuasive presence this evening to accompany us in prayer, as she did with the church in Jerusalem awaiting the day of Pentecost.

As candles light up the evening, we ask you, Spirit of the Risen Lord, to light up our hearts and to kindle in us the fire of your love.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT NOW AROUND THE ICON OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Presider The light of Christ has come into the world.

All **The light of Christ has come into the world.**

Presider Let us give thanks always and for everything to the Lord our God. He led our ancestors in the faith, by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, and prepared a lamp for his anointed.

All **The light of Christ has come into the world.**

All **O Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, by your cross you have overcome all darkness that oppresses. Come and shine upon us here in Tobar Mhuire and all our friends online... that we may grow and live together in your love, which makes all one with humanity. Amen**

All **Oh, help me, Mary. Be a mother to me. Pray for me. Stay by me. Help me to see your son Jesus among us and with us; for he is, and shows us, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen**

[The Pilgrims Community - adapted]

SCRIPTURE READING AND REFLECTION

God's Healing Hand

All **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Reader For our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus disease, we pray that God's healing hand may support you. **All** **May your love be upon us ...**

For medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against Covid-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion. **All** **May your love be upon us ...**

For all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we reach out in sympathy. **All** **May your love be upon us ...**

We pray for all who have died, that their souls may rest in eternal peace. **All** **May your love be upon us ...**

We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

All **May your love be upon us ...**

We pray for a quick end to the spread of the virus and the rapid deployment of the vaccine to all the members of the human family, who are all equally deserving in the eyes of the Lord God. **All** **May your love be upon us ...**

The Cross

Reader The cross
The bread
The pain
The joy
The Gospel
The love
The light
The darkness

All **We will take it
We will share it
We will bear it
We will spread it
We will live it
We will give it
We will cherish it
God shall perish it**

