

Novena to St. Martha



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, Johannes Vermeer, c. 1655

St. Martha, I resort to thy protection and aid, and as a proof of my affection and faith I offer this light, which I shall burn every Tuesday. Comfort me in all my difficulties, and through the great favor thou didst enjoy when the Savior was lodged in thy house, intercede for my family, that we may always hold God in our hearts, and that we may be provided for in all our necessities. I ask, St. Martha, to overcome all difficulties, as thou didst overcome the dragon at thy feet. Amen.

As a novena, this may be said for nine Tuesdays with the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. If you cannot burn a candle, you may say instead: "as a proof of my affection and faith I promise faithfully to complete this novena."

Collect of St. Martha

Hearken unto us, O God, our Savior, that as we rejoice in the festival of blessed Martha, Thy Virgin, so we may be instructed by the affection of pious devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

St. Martha, pray for us. Feast: July 29.