



St. John of God Novena

Patron of heart problems, alcoholics, hospitals & the dying.

These prayers are to be said for nine consecutive days, beginning on February 28th and ending on March 7th, the vigil of the feast of St. John of God.

Day 1

Dear God, your mercy worked a great conversion in St. John of God's life, and I too seek a further conversion of heart. Please help me to amend my ways as St. John of God did, so that others might say that I am Yours first and foremost.

I praise you Lord, for your kindness and mercy knows no limits. Your greatness inspired St. John of God to live a life of deep humility and prayer, and I ask for a share of that grace.

St John of God please pray for *(State your intentions here)*.

St. John of God you possessed a holy zeal that led you to follow God with a heart brimming with love. You were quick to serve others and follow God's promptings in your life.

Help me to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit without hesitation. Pray that I too may have a zeal for the things of God and be quick to serve others. Amen.

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Your charity has inspired many to follow in your footsteps, St. John. I thank God for your dedication to serving the poor and proclaiming the kingdom of God.

Please help me to respond to the needs of those most immediate in my life. Let my work speak to the greatness and generosity of God. Help me to step out of my comfort zone to do what God is calling me to do even when it may seem out of the ordinary or cost me the approval of my peers. Amen.

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St. John of God, when you heard the message of the gospel, you gave up a life of sin and converted to a life in Christ. Pray for me that I may abandon the things in my life that are keeping me from God.

Please pray for those who have fallen away from the faith that they may come to know the saving love of Christ. Please pray for those trapped in a life of sin that they may be freed from the bondage of sin. Amen.

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You lived a life begging and caring for the outcasts of society, St. John of God. You gave freely, even to the point of having no clothes.

Please pray that I may give freely the best of what I have to those who need it most. Help me to be compassionate and see Jesus in every person I meet. Help me to give even when it stretches me. Amen.

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You followed the spiritual direction of wise counsel for your life, St John. Help me to seek the wisdom of others when I am in the process of discerning God's will.

Help me to accept my shortcomings and strengths and let my life be transformed by Christ. Help me to turn to prayer in times of doubt and hardships. Amen.

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You were considered by many in your community to have experienced mental illness and to have served those with mental illness. Please pray for my own mental health, that I may seek support from my community and health care professionals when necessary.

I pray for those who live with mental illness that they may have the strength for the suffering that they endure and receive the support that they need. Amen.

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You are the patron of hospitals and firefighters, St. John. You ran into a burning building to save the lives of those within!

Please pray for those who have dedicated their lives to serving those in their community and their families whose lives are also greatly affected by this noble work. Help them when faced with adverse situations. Amen.

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You begged on behalf of those you served, St. John. Please help me to comfort those around me who are suffering. Please help me to seek to build a community that cares for the outcasts and vulnerable people around me.

Help me to serve those closest to me in my daily interactions. I pray that I may love my family well and help my friends grow in holiness. Amen.

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St. John of God, your humility saved your ministry. Please pray that I may not seek rewards or praise here on earth, but that all I do may be pleasing to God.

Help me to consider others and their needs first. Amen.