

**Prayers
for Everyday of the Week
in Honour of
Saint Philip Neri**

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SUNDAY

A prayer to obtain the virtue of humility

O my glorious patron St. Philip, thou who wast so humble as to consider thyself a useless servant and unworthy of human praise but deserving of the contempt of all, to such a degree as to renounce by every means the honours offered thee on numerous occasions by the Supreme Pontiffs themselves, thou seest what an exaggerated esteem I have for myself, how readily I judge and think ill of others, how ambitious I am even in well-doing, and how much I allow myself to be disturbed and influenced by the good or bad opinion which others entertain of me. Dear Saint, obtain for me a truly humble heart, so that I may rejoice at being despised, may feel no resentment at being overlooked, nor unduly elated by praise, but rather let me seek to be great in the eyes of God alone.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lowly St. Philip, make intercession to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God for me.

MONDAY

A prayer to obtain the virtue of patience

My holy advocate, St. Philip, thou whose heart was so serene in the midst of adversity, whose spirit was so devoted to suffering, thou who when thou was persecuted by the envious, or calumniated by the wicked who sought to discredit thee, or sorely tried by Our Lord with many persistent and painful maladies, didst endure it with an admirable tranquility of heart and mind; obtain for me also the spirit of fortitude in all the tribulations of this life. Thou seest how perturbed and indignant I become at every light affliction, how angry and resentful at every insignificant contradiction, and how unable I am to remember that the Cross is the only way to paradise. Obtain for me perfect patience and readiness like thine in carrying the crosses which our Lord daily gives me to carry, so that I may be made worthy to rejoice with thee in our eternal reward in heaven.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lowly St. Philip, make intercession to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God for me.

TUESDAY

A prayer to obtain the virtue of purity

O glorious Saint Philip, thou who didst ever preserve intact the lily of chastity to such a degree that the splendour of this virtue shone forth in thy eyes, and so transformed thy whole body that it gave forth a delightful fragrance that consoled and inspired to devotion everyone who came into thy presence, obtain for me from the Holy Spirit that grace which thou didst obtain for so many of thy spiritual children, the grace of defending, preserving and increasing within me that virtue which is so great, so fair, so necessary.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lowly St. Philip, make intercession to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God for me.

WEDNESDAY

A prayer to obtain the love of God

Saint Philip, I am filled with admiration at the great miracle wrought in thee by the Holy Spirit, when he poured forth His charity so abundantly into thy heart that it was dilated, even physically, to such an extent that two of thy ribs were broken. I marvel, too, at the pure and glowing love of God, which fired thy soul to such warmth that thy countenance was illumined with heavenly light and thou wast caught up into an ecstasy so as to be desirous of shedding thy blood to make him known and loved by the heathen nations. What shame I feel when I observe the coldness of my heart towards God, whom nevertheless I know to be the supreme and infinite Good. I love the world, which attracts me but cannot make me happy; I love the flesh, which tempts me but cannot satisfy my heart; I love riches, which I cannot enjoy, save for a few fleeting moments. When shall I learn from thee to love nothing else except God, the only and incomprehensible Good? Make me, O holy patron, through thy intercession, begin to love God this day forth at least, with all my mind, with all my strength, even until that happy hour when I shall love Him in a blessed eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lowly St. Philip, make intercession to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God for me.

THURSDAY

A prayer to obtain the love of one's neighbour

O glorious Saint Philip, who didst employ thyself wholly in favour of thy neighbour, esteeming, sympathizing with, and assisting everyone; who in the whole of thy lifetime didst make everyone's salvation thy special care, never refusing the labour involved nor reserving for thyself either time or convenience, in order to win all to God; obtain for me, I pray thee, a like charity towards my neighbour, even such as thou didst entertain for thy many devoted clients, in order that I too may love everyone with a charity that is pure and disinterested, giving a helping hand to everyone, sympathizing with everyone, and treating everyone, even my enemies, with that sweetness of manner, and that eager desire for their good, with which thou wast able to overcome and convert thy very persecutors.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Lowly St. Philip, make intercession to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God for me.

FRIDAY

A prayer to obtain detachment from worldly goods

Great Saint, thou who didst prefer a life of poverty and obscurity to the life of ease and comfort which was thine inheritance, attain for me the grace of never attaching my heart to the fleeting goods of this life. Do thou, who didst desire to become so poor as to be reduced to beggary and not to find anyone willing to give thee even the barest means of livelihood, obtain for me also a love of poverty, so that I may turn all my thoughts to the things that are eternal. Thou who didst wish to live in a lowly station rather than to be advanced to the highest dignities of the Church, intercede for me that I may never seek after honours, but may be content with that station in life in which it has pleased Our Lord to place me. My heart is too preoccupied with the vain and passing things of earth; but do thou, who didst ever inculcate this great maxim, "And Then?", which brought about so many wonderful conversions, obtain for me that this saying may ever remain so firmly fixed in my mind that I may despise the nothingness of this world, and may make God the only object of my affections and my thoughts.

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SATURDAY

A prayer to obtain the grace of perseverance

O my holy patron, Philip, thou who didst always persevere in well-doing, who didst preach the need of perseverance and didst admonish us to pray for perseverance continually from Almighty God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin; thou who didst desire that thy spiritual children should not overload themselves with devotional practices, but rather that they should persevere in those which they had already undertaken, thou seest how easily I grow weary of the good works that I have begun and forget my good resolutions so often repeated. I have recourse to thee, in order that thou mayest obtain for me the great grace of never forsaking my God again, of never losing again his grace, of being faithful to my religious exercises, of dying in the embrace of my Lord, fortified with the Holy Sacraments and rich in merits for eternal life.

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