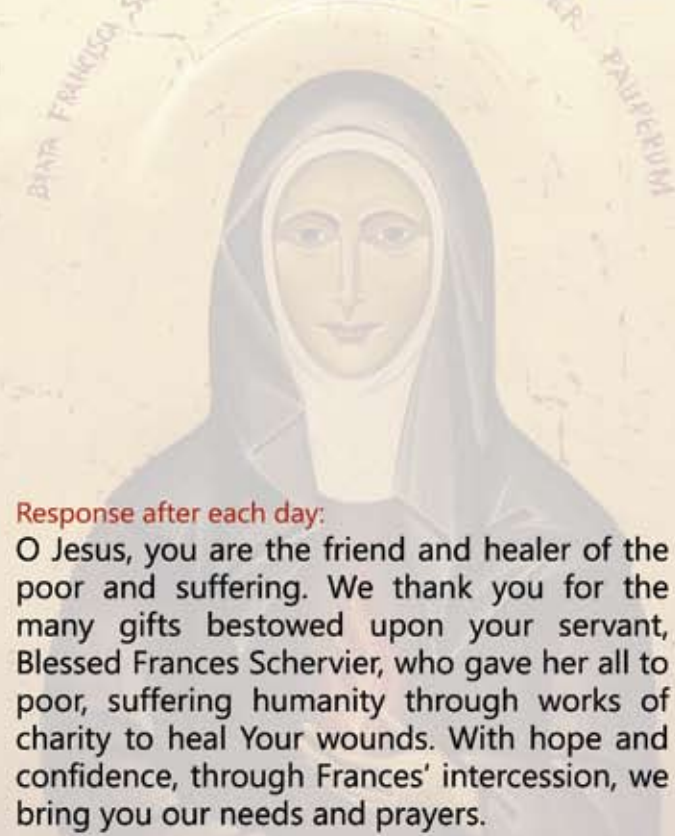


Novena through the Intercession of Blessed Frances Schervier



From childhood, Frances Schervier had tender compassion and active charity toward the poor and the suffering. She had a great love of God, which was evident in her constant dedication to the needs of others.

These two desires led her to found a religious Congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, who heal the wounds of Christ by undertaking works of charity toward the suffering and most vulnerable in the United States, Italy, Brazil, Senegal and the Philippines. Frances died in her native Aachen, Germany, on December 14, 1876.

Numerous favors have been granted through her intercession. Frances Schervier was beatified on April 28, 1974, by Pope Paul VI and the Cause of her Canonization is proceeding.

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Day 1

Good and Gracious God, you filled your servant Blessed Frances Schervier with generous faith, hope and compassionate love, which she gave freely to those in need. Increase my faith and help me always grow in love for you. Through the intercession of Blessed Frances, grant me the favor for which I pray. (After each petition, pause to ask for what you need)

O Jesus.....

Day 2

Jesus, our Redeemer, you chose your servant, Blessed Frances, to witness to all humanity your great mercy. Through your grace, Frances addressed the needs of the most vulnerable through works of mercy, even as you had done during your life here on earth. Look kindly upon me in my needs, O loving Redeemer, and through the intercession of your servant, Blessed Frances, hear my prayer and grant my petition.

O Jesus.....

Day 3

God, our Comforter and Guide, you poured forth abundantly upon Blessed Frances Your Gifts: Counsel, Fortitude, Wisdom, Holiness, Knowledge and Love and Reverence for God. You blessed Frances with these graces so that she might care and comfort the abandoned and suffering, the alienated and the forgotten. Through her intercession, hear my prayer.

O Jesus....

Day 4

God of all creation, through Christ our Lord and in your Holy Spirit, I thank you for calling me in faith to be one with the People of God in the Church with your holy saints, prophets and martyrs. Through the intercession of Blessed Frances, you have comforted those with spiritual and physical needs. Hear my prayer and if it is what you desire, provide me the grace for which I ask.

O Jesus....

Day 5

Mary, Mother of God, Blessed Frances loved and honored you with tenderness and affection, inspiring many to place their confidence in you. Intercede for me with your Son. Help me, through Blessed Frances, in my need. Grant me the assistance for which I ask.

O Jesus...

Day 6

Good and Gracious God, you kindled in Blessed Frances a holy love for you and all humanity as she worked to comfort you in the poor. Grant me a burning love for you and a desire to love your people. Through the intercession of Blessed Frances, hear the prayer I make in my need.

O Jesus...

Day 7

Jesus, our Liberator, in reflecting on your sacred life, death and resurrection, Blessed Frances came to trust completely in your love. Frances carried the cross by healing the wounds of the poor. She rejoiced in the resurrection by witnessing to compassion and hope. Through the intercession of Blessed Frances, free me to serve you more faithfully and grant me the grace for which I ask.

O Jesus...

Day 8

Jesus, Lamb of God, you nourish, forgive and console us throughout our lives. Blessed Frances loved you totally and had complete trust in your mercy. Through her intercession, grant me peace and hear the prayer I make in my need.

O Jesus...

Day 9

Good and Gracious God, Frances Schervier is tenderly called the Mother of the Poor because of the boundless love she had for the suffering and abused. In them, Frances beheld the face of Christ whom she loved and served. Through the intercession of Blessed Frances, grant me the favor for which I ask, if it be in harmony with your desires for me.

O Jesus.....