

Litany to St. Isidore

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.

St. Isidore, pray for us.
St. Isidore, patron of farmers, pray for us.
St. Isidore, illustrious tiller of the soil, pray for us.
St. Isidore, model of laborers, pray for us.
St. Isidore, devoted to duty, pray for us.
St. Isidore, loaded down with labors of the field,
pray for us.
St. Isidore, model of filial piety, pray for us.
St. Isidore, support family life, pray for us.
St. Isidore, confessor the faith, pray for us.
St. Isidore, example mortification, pray for us.
St. Isidore, assisted by angels, pray for us.
St. Isidore, possessor of the gift of miracles,
pray for us.
St. Isidore, burning with lively faith, pray for us.
St. Isidore, zealous in prayer, pray for us.
St. Isidore, ardent lover of the Blessed Sacrament,
pray for us.
St. Isidore, lover of God's earth, pray for us.
St. Isidore, lover of poverty, pray for us.
St. Isidore, lover of fellowmen, pray for us.
St. Isidore, most patient, pray for us.
St. Isidore, most humble, pray for us.
St. Isidore, most pure, pray for us.

Jesus, our Lord, We beg of You, hear us.
That You would protect all tillers of the soil,
We beg of You, hear us.
That You would bring to all a true knowledge of the
stewardship of the land,
We beg of You, hear us.
That You would preserve and increase our fields
and flocks,
We beg of You, hear us.
That You would give and preserve the fruits of
the earth,
We beg of You, hear us.
That You would bless our fields,
We beg of You, hear us.
That You would preserve all rural pastors,
We beg of You, hear us.

Be merciful, spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord.

From lightning and tempest, deliver us, O Lord.
From pestilence and floods, deliver us, O Lord.
From winds and drought, deliver us, O Lord.
From hail and storm, deliver us, O Lord.
From the scourge of insects, deliver us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.
Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that through the intercession of
blessed Isidore, the husbandman, we may follow his
example of patience and humility, and so walk
faithfully in his footsteps that in the evening of life
we may be able to present to You an abundant
harvest of merit and good works, who live and are
King world without end. Amen.

St. Isidore Novena

Condensed Version



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE

Daily Prayer Structure

Each day of the condensed novena follows the same pattern:

1.) Sign of the Cross

2.) Prayer to St. Isidore (repeated everyday)

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

3.) Prayer for the Day

The prayer for each day is provided on the following pages.

4.) Prayers for the Holy Father's Intentions: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

5.) Sign of the Cross

The final day includes the Litany to St. Isidore.

FIRST DAY

Partnership with God

Grant, we beg of You, O Merciful Lord, that through the intercession of blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, we may forego the pride of worldly wisdom, and that, through his merits and exemplary life, we may, with all humility, ever perform works pleasing to You, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and is King and God with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

SECOND DAY

Family Life in Christ

We offer You the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of Saint Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace, through the same Christ our Lord.

THIRD DAY

Love of Neighbor

O God, You make all things work together unto good for those who love You. Give to our hearts an abiding love for You, so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation, through Christ Our Lord.

FOURTH DAY

Dignity of Work

O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works, through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH DAY

Walking in the Presence of God

Breathe into our hearts, we beg You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may come, bearing in Our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory, through Christ our Lord.



SIXTH DAY

Stewardship of the Soil

Pour down Your blessing, we beg of You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

SEVENTH DAY

Rural Works of Mercy

May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beg You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity, through Christ our Lord.

EIGHTH DAY

Trust in Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Grant, we beg of You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You, who live and are King world without end.

NINTH DAY

Sacrifice of Praise

Protect us, O Lord; who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice, through Christ our Lord.