

SHORTER PRAYER

O Saint Philomena, virgin and martyr, pray for us, that through thy powerful intercession we may obtain that purity of mind and heart which leads to the perfect love of God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

O glorious Saint Philomena, who, animated by a burning love for Jesus our Saviour, didst shine in Holy Church by the splendor of perfect virginity and the practice of the most heroic virtues, obtain for us of thy Divine Spouse the grace to keep ever unstained the precious treasure of chastity and to practice with generosity the virtues of our state, that having walked in His footsteps after thine example during our life on earth, we may rejoice in His glory with thee through all eternity.

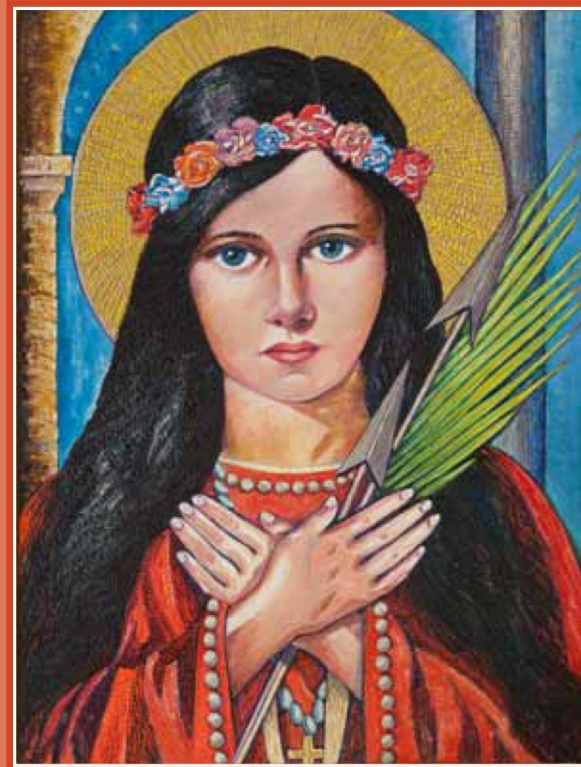
Saint Philomena, happy virgin, adorned with all the charm of innocence, and beautified, besides, with the purple of martyrdom, obtain for us the grace to know how to suffer all and to sacrifice all in order to be faithful to God till death and possess Him eternally in Paradise. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. PHILOMENA

O faithful virgin and glorious martyr, Saint Philomena, who works so many miracles on behalf of the poor and sorrowing, have pity on me. Thou knowest the multitude and diversity of my needs. Behold me at thy feet, full of misery, but full of hope. I entreat thy charity, O great saint! Graciously hear me and obtain from God a favorable answer to the request which I now humbly lay before thee: the spiritual and temporal welfare of Saint Michael's parish & school. I am firmly convinced that through thy merits, through the scorn, the sufferings, the death thou didst endure, united to the merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus, thy Spouse, I shall obtain what I ask of thee, and in the joy of my heart I will bless God, who is admirable in His Saints. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO WEAR THE CORD OF ST. PHILOMENA

O most pure virgin, glorious martyr, Saint Philomena, whom God in His eternal power seems to have revealed to the world in these disastrous days of ours in order to revive the faith, sustain the hope, and to inflame the charity of Christian hearts, I kneel at thy feet. Deign, O kindest virgin, to receive my humble prayers, and to obtain for me that strength of soul which made thee resist the most terrible attacks of tribulation and suffering: that ardent love for Jesus which the most fearful sufferings could not extinguish in thy heart. Protect me in all the events of my life, from all dangers, spiritual and temporal. Be present with me also in my last hour, which I commend to thy loving charity with confidence, since in life I love thee and wear thy holy cord as a mark of my special devotion toward thee, the beloved of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Litany of St. Philomena

Composed by St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars.
(For private use only.)

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, Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, filled with abundant graces
from your birth, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, faithful imitator of Mary,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, model of virginity,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, temple of perfect humility,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, inflamed with zeal for the
glory of God, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, victim of love for Jesus,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, example of strength and
perseverance, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, invincible champion of
chastity, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, mirror of most heroic virtue,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, firm and intrepid in the face
of torments, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, scourged like your
Divine Spouse, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, pierced by a rain of arrows,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, consoled in chains by the
Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, miraculously healed in
prison, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, comforted by the Angels in
your torments, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, who preferred torments to
the splendors of a throne, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, who converted witnesses by
your martyrdom, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, who wore out the fury of
your tormentors, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, protectress of the innocent,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, patroness of youth,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, refuge of the unfortunate,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, health of the sick and infirm,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, new light of the Church
Militant, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, who confounds the impiety
of the world, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, who rejuvenates the faith
and courage of the faithful, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, whose name is glorious in
Heaven and feared in Hell, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, made illustrious by the most
splendid miracles, *pray for us.*

Saint Philomena, powerful with God,
pray for us.

Saint Philomena, who reigns in glory,
pray for us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world; *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world; *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world; *have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O Worker of Wonders,
Saint Philomena,

R. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, through the intercession of Saint
Philomena, Virgin and Martyr, whose eminent
purity and practice of every virtue was most
pleasing to you, pardon our sins and help our
parish and school, through the same Christ
Our Lord. Amen.

