

Novena on Blessed Adolph Kolping

GENERAL PRAESES MSGR. CHRISTOPH HUBER RECOMMENDS THIS
NOVENA TO TURN TO BLESSED ADOLPH KOLPING FOR HELP AND
INTERCESSION IN A SPECIAL MATTER.



Prayers of intercession

Praying for nine days

A novena is a specified petitionary prayer that is prayed on nine successive days and is addressed to God, to the Mother of God, a saint or a blessed person. This form of prayer has a long tradition in the Catholic Church. It is modelled on the prayers of the Apostles and Mary during the nine days between the Ascension of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Novenas can be prayed in general, but normally they are based on an important personal request. They can be recited alone or in a private group, for example with the family or the Kolping Family.

Novena to Blessed Adolph Kolping

This novena is intended to be a source of inspiration and help for all people throughout the world who look to blessed Adolph Kolping as a role model and trust in his intercession. The series of nine days of prayer may be used to ask God through the intercession of Adolph Kolping for strength and support before major events, before hard decisions, in the case of illness, worries and hardships. At the beginning of each prayer, it is good to state specifically the petition you would like to pray for - such as the healing of a loved one from an illness.



Aids for devotion

I prepare a place for prayer by lighting a candle. I recall the intention/the persons.

I focus on God.

I try to leave everything behind for a moment. I start to pray.

Day 1



Day 1: Prayer for strength

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, you give us strength again and again, You want us to use this strength to accomplish our mission in this world. We ask you to strengthen us with your power, following the example of Adolph Kolping, who was tirelessly there for You and his fellow human beings in difficult times. Let us also find new strength in You whenever our strength fades away.

I/We offer you my/our request through the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
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and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Closure: We ask You to bless us, the Kolping community and the whole world in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Day 2

Day 2: Prayer for courage

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, we often lose courage because we see no way out, because we feel lonely and abandoned. Give us the courage that Adolph Kolping showed in his work. Encourage us to work in Your spirit in the great community of the International Kolping Society, to trust in you anew and so to walk courageously along our path of life and faith.

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Day 3

Day 3: Prayer for Trusting God

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, so many times we doubt You and Your abilities. We ask You to renew the trust in You that Adolph Kolping never lost. Grant us a generous trust in God, for You are the One who accomplishes everything.

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Day 4

Day 4: Prayer for Joy

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, You have given us the great gift of your Creation to celebrate it. We ask you to help us rejoice in your gifts, in the life and goodness that surrounds us.

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Day 5

Day 5: Prayer for Healing

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, you heal those who feel sick, imperfect or anxious. We ask You to help all those who appeal to You to be healed from an illness, from emotional distress or a relationship.

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Day 6

Day 6: Prayer for Deliverance

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, many people suffer oppression and a lack of freedom in various forms. Deliver them from this burden and lead them to the freedom of God's children.

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Day 7

Day 7: Prayer for Peace

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, You want people to live in peace and that Your disciples may bear in them the peace You have promised us. We ask You for peace in the world, that all of us help to create and maintain it.

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Day 8

Day 8: Prayer for Creation

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, You have given us this world as a place to live. We ask You to protect what You have given, to call upon humanity to work consistently for the preservation and protection of our earth.

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Day 9

Day 9: Prayer for Canonization

Prayer leader (or alone): Through the intercession of your saints, O Lord, hear us.

All: Hear us, O Lord.

Prayer:

Dear God, the communion of saints is our goal in life. We ask You to sanctify us, help us to follow our vocation and infuse us with Your holiness so that one day we may behold the fullness of Your holiness.

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From beatification to canonization

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Adolph Kolping



Dear God!

You gave us Blessed Adolph Kolping as an intercessor and a role model. His life found fulfilment in caring for young people in religious and social difficulties.

His concern was to understand work, family and society in the light of our faith. He considered helping one another within the community to be the expression of the Christian love for one's neighbour.

We beseech you: Help us work together in the International Kolping Society to overcome poverty, injustice and hopelessness. Help us to defend human life and protect marriage and family to be the salt of the earth and a light for the world.

Fulfil our hope of being able to honour Adolph Kolping as a Saint throughout the whole Church in all languages and nations. Let us, through faith, hope and love, work towards bringing to perfection Your kingdom in this world.

For this we pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.