

Our Novena for the Abused

Nine Days of Prayer

September 7-15, 2018

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Kettering, Ohio

Day 1

*Psalm 34:19 • The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed.*

We pray to you Lord, Healer of the broken,
for those who have been sexually abused.
Bind their wounds, comfort their sorrow,
and heal their memories
that they may look forward in hope and
wholeness.

Lord Jesus, heal.

Holy Spirit, comfort.

Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.

Day 2

*Luke 1:52 • He has thrown down the rulers from their
thrones but lifted up the lowly.*

Lord, you put down the proud and the mighty.
You lift up the lowly.
We pray for all abused by those who hold
power over them.
Grant them justice and help us to add our
voices to their cries.

Lord Jesus, heal.

Holy Spirit, comfort.

Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.

Day 3

John 11:25 • Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

Lord Jesus, by your resurrection

you have conquered death.

We remember victims of abuse who have died,
alone in their own pain.

May the Lord raise them to new life eternal.

Lord Jesus, heal.

Holy Spirit, comfort.

Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.

Day 4

Matthew 9:33 • ...and when the demon was driven out the mute person spoke.

We pray to you Lord,

who heals the mute and the deaf.

May the abused, whose voices

have been silenced for so long,

receive strength to speak their pain.

Help us to listen with compassion and mercy.

Lord Jesus, heal.

Holy Spirit, comfort.

Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.

Day 5

Luke 15:4 • “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?”

Lord Jesus, shepherd of the lost,
seek out those who have lost faith
due to the harm of others.
Draw them close to you.
May your true followers be witnesses of
unconditional love.

*Lord Jesus, heal.
Holy Spirit, comfort.
Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.*

Day 6

Matthew 21:12 • Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those engaged in selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

Lord Jesus, with passion for your Father’s house,
you threw the money changers from the temple.
Grant your people the wisdom and courage
to tear out the roots of sin
which entangle our church.

*Lord Jesus, heal.
Holy Spirit, comfort.
Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.*

Day 7

John 11:33 • When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled.

Lord Jesus, who walked with his friends
in their time of grief and pain,
accompany the faithful of the church
— laity, ministers, priests, and religious —
in their sorrow as they share in the wounds
of those who have been abused.

Lord Jesus, heal.

Holy Spirit, comfort.

Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.

Day 8

Micah 6:8 • You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Lord, we pray for those who work tirelessly
to protect the innocent,
those who bring justice to the abused,
who create structures
of transparency and accountability.
Enable them in their tasks
with your wisdom and strength.

Lord Jesus, heal.

Holy Spirit, comfort.

Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.

Day 9

Philippians 4:7 • Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you calmed the waters
in the midst of the storm.
Comfort those who suffer abuse
and fill them with peace only you can give.
May the prayers of this novena
bring healing from pain, resurrection from
death, and protection from evil.

*Lord Jesus, heal.
Holy Spirit, comfort.
Gracious God, grant life again. Amen.*

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

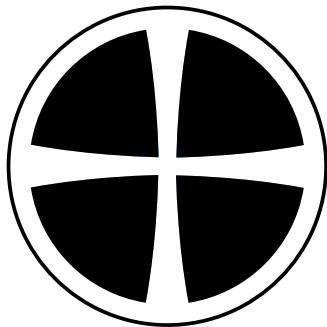
Dates and Times To Be Announced

Evening of Listening

A trained counselor will facilitate an evening for those who have been impacted by sexual abuse and the crisis in the Church. Learn about sources of support and resources for help for yourself and others.

Evening of Response

If you are saddened or angered by the sexual abuse crisis and are wondering how to respond, join us for an open forum to discuss possible actions toward continued healing and reform.



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