



## **SAVE THE DATE – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019** **A school community that prays together... can change the world!**

**In honor of the Diocese of Phoenix's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, all of the Catholic school families are coming together to pray a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

**What is a Novena? Novenas are nine-day prayers for an intention, usually seeking the intercession of a specific saint. Our community is being asked to pray a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe that we might build strong faith-filled, charitable families. This Novena begins on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

**Novenas are short daily prayers. They are not a full rosary. Simply say the following daily prays together with your family beginning on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. As a community, let's lift up our families and entrust them to our Mother and the Lord's infinite wisdom and mercy.**

**Worried you may forget? Download the 'Catholic Novena App' and select the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe and you will receive a reminder each day! Or read more about the app at: <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/>.**

### **Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Intro --** Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions. You promised to hear our supplications, to dry our tears, and to give us consolation and relief.

Never has it been known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Mary, ever-Virgin Mother of the true God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins, we come to prostrate ourselves before you. We fully trust that, standing beneath your shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor do we need to fear illness or misfortune, or any other sorrow.

O Virgin of Guadalupe, you want to remain with us through your admirable Image, you who are our Mother, our health, and our life. Placing ourselves beneath your maternal gaze, and having recourse to you in all our necessities, we need do nothing more. O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

**Day 1 Prayer:** Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my humble prayer offered with heartfelt confidence to beg this favor (mention your intention here).

## **Concluding Prayer**

1 Our Father

1 Hail Mary

1 Glory Be

## **Daily Prayers for Days 2-9**

**Day 2:** O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of Guadalupe. Obtain for me a lively faith to do your Son's holy will always: May His will be done on earth as it is in heaven favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 3:** O Mary, whose Immaculate Heart was pierced by seven swords of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns strewn across my pathway. Obtain for me the strength to be a true imitator of you. This I ask you, my dear Mother favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 4:** Dearest Mother of Guadalupe, I beg you for a fortified will to imitate your divine Son's charity, to always seek the good of others in need. Grant me this, I humbly ask of you favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 5:** O most holy Mother, I beg you to obtain for me pardon of all my sins, abundant graces to serve your Son more faithfully from now on, and lastly, the grace to praise Him with you forever in heaven favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 6:** Mary, Mother of vocations, multiply priestly vocations and fill the earth with religious houses which will be light and warmth for the world, safety in stormy nights. Beg your Son to send us many priests and religious. This we ask of you, O Mother favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 7:** O Lady of Guadalupe, we beg you that parents live a holy life and educate their children in a Christian manner; that children obey and follow the directions of their parents; that all members of the family pray and worship together. This we ask of you, O Mother favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 8:** With my heart full of the most sincere veneration, I prostrate myself before you, O Mother, to ask you to obtain for me the grace to fulfill the duties of my state in life with faithfulness and constancy favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.

**Day 9:** O God, You have been pleased to bestow upon us unceasing favors by having placed us under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us, your humble servants, who rejoice in honoring her today upon earth, the happiness of seeing her face to face in heaven favor (mention your intention here). Say concluding prayers.