

Novena of Prayer

May 13 – 21, 2009



Each day of our Novena, let us join together and pray:

- *Come Holy Spirit*
- *Novena Prayer*
- *A Missionary's Prayer*

Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
As members of our Oblate family,
enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Shape us anew that we may respond
with open and grateful hearts,
eager to serve you in union
with one another and all creation. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God of heaven and earth,
your strength is coupled with compassion,
your strong arm is clothed in tender love and justice.
We remember the poor and the dispossessed.
May we be your servants in caring for our sisters and brothers
in our midst and in the Oblate missions around the world.
Breathe forth your spirit of fortitude and strength.
Give us courage to be faithful witnesses.
Inspire within us generosity and gratefulness.
Grant that we may give you honour.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Novena Prayer

Almighty God, source of love and forgiveness,
hear our prayers.

With the help of Mary, our Mother,
may we continue to live in your love.

May we always be open to forgive
for you have forgiven us.

Jesus, source of our vitality,
help us to love as we are loved.

Give us generous hearts
that we are faithful in your service.

Remember our loved ones,
they are in need of your presence.

Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
we place ourselves in your care.

Help us to share your very own
dream, life and commitment.

Stir in us your wholeheartedness in the birth
of your Son and our Brother.

We offer to you our own personal prayers...
(Share your own prayer requests at this time.)

Mary, come to the aid of all
Oblates and Mission Associates
united in this Novena of Prayer.

With you we will be one with your Son.

We ask this all through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Missionary's Prayer

God, our Father, we give you thanks
for calling St. Eugene de Mazenod
to follow Christ the Saviour and Evangelizer.

Impassioned for your Son, Jesus,
and sharing in his compassion for humanity,
he placed himself unconditionally
at the service of your Church
for the evangelization of the poorest peoples.

Grant us by his intercession
the same compassion of Christ,
who calls us to sanctity and mission.

May we build communities
which will be signs of your presence.
May we proclaim the good news of salvation
to all peoples.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



***St. Eugene de Mazenod,
teach us to love Jesus Christ.***

***St. Eugene de Mazenod,
help us to be compassionate.***

***St. Eugene de Mazenod,
be our companion on the journey.***



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Lord, I am grateful that my loved ones have had this day together with the love of one another to lighten the day's burdens and magnify the day's joys.

May we truly forgive one another's failings - the unkind words or forgotten thank you. May we have the courage to discuss the things that are important to us.

I thank you for all the experiences this day has brought. May I remember these pleasant moments for times when I need encouragement.

Help me to grow past my mistakes and to develop strength for future challenges. I ask you to bless and protect my home and all who are dear to me. Amen.

During the Novena, hundreds of Mission Associates and Oblates are praying together as one family. Each day a special Mass will be offered by the missionaries listed below for you and your loved ones:

- WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 13** *Youth Ministry & Parish Mission Teams ~ Oblates Mike Dechant and Alfred Hubenig*
- THURSDAY ~ MAY 14** *Guatemala ~ Oblates Erasmo Vasquez and Gerardo Kapustka*
- FRIDAY ~ MAY 15** *Kenya Mission Team ~ Oblates Mario Azrak, Iyal Daquin Iyo, Alfred Groleau, Joe Jacek, Jim Jordan, Faustin Litanda, Didace Mahuku and Fidele Munkiele*
- SATURDAY ~ MAY 16** *Rome ~ Oblate Jeevendra Paul*
- SUNDAY ~ MAY 17** *Peru ~ Oblates Joseph Devlin and Maurice Schroeder*
- MONDAY ~ MAY 18** *Canada ~ Oblates Ken Forster, Sylvain Lavoie, Tony O'Dell and Bill Stang*
- TUESDAY ~ MAY 19** *Brazil ~ Oblate Paulo Ehle*
- WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 20** *Bolivia ~ Oblates Guillermo Siles and Marco Verberckt*
- THURSDAY ~ MAY 21** *Coordination Team ~ Oblates Vaughan Quinn and Glenn Zimmer*

My personal intentions
for the Novena of Prayer:

*The Oblates wish to pray with you and
for you. Please return your intentions in
the enclosed self-addressed envelope.*

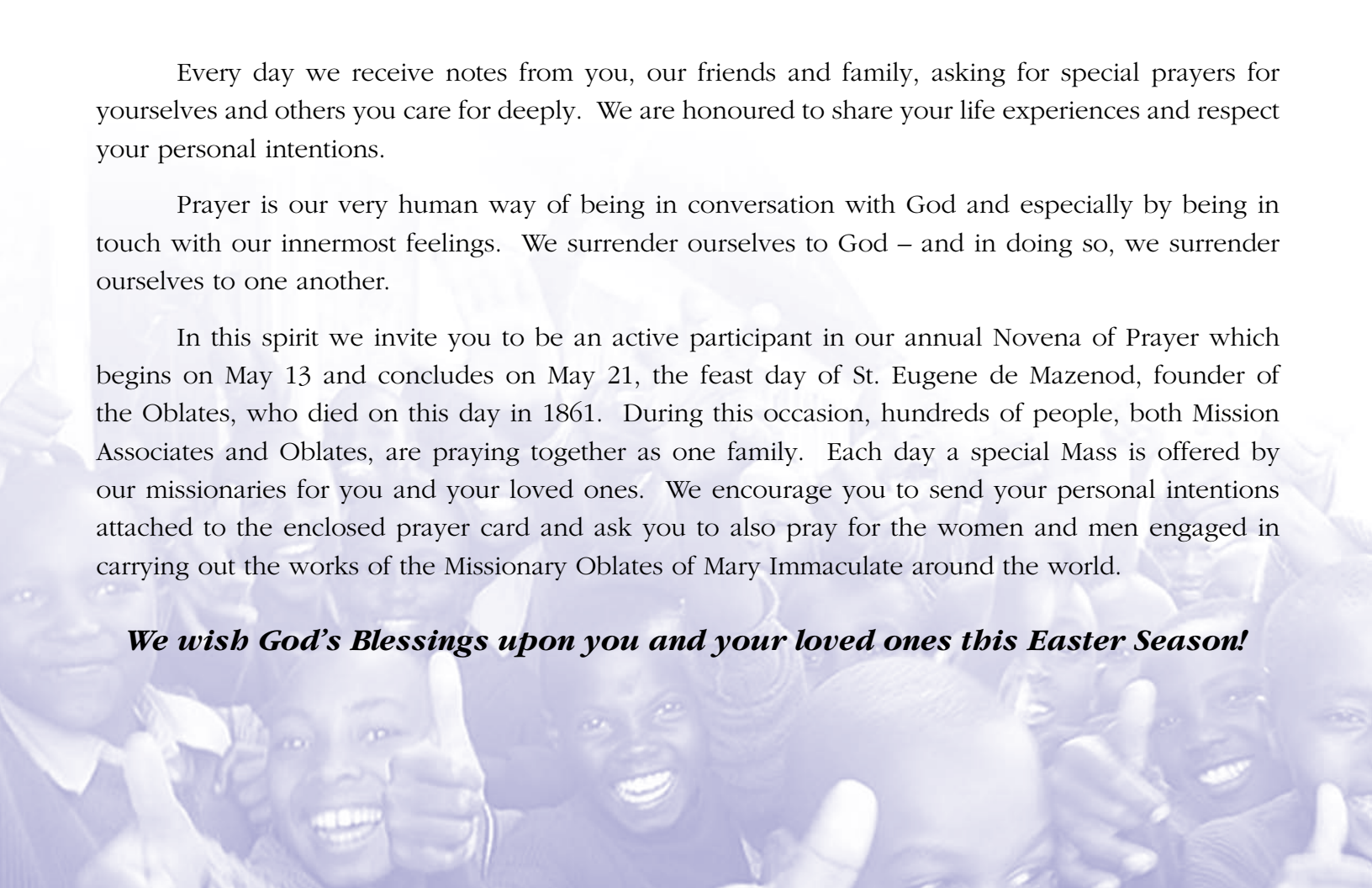


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Every day we receive notes from you, our friends and family, asking for special prayers for yourselves and others you care for deeply. We are honoured to share your life experiences and respect your personal intentions.

Prayer is our very human way of being in conversation with God and especially by being in touch with our innermost feelings. We surrender ourselves to God – and in doing so, we surrender ourselves to one another.

In this spirit we invite you to be an active participant in our annual Novena of Prayer which begins on May 13 and concludes on May 21, the feast day of St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Oblates, who died on this day in 1861. During this occasion, hundreds of people, both Mission Associates and Oblates, are praying together as one family. Each day a special Mass is offered by our missionaries for you and your loved ones. We encourage you to send your personal intentions attached to the enclosed prayer card and ask you to also pray for the women and men engaged in carrying out the works of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate around the world.

We wish God's Blessings upon you and your loved ones this Easter Season!

Yes, I wish to actively participate in the *Novena of Prayer* and have enclosed my personal intentions.

Please provide us with your contact information if you are a new member:

Name:

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Address:

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Province:

Postal Code:

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I am enclosing a gift to assist in the mission and ministry works of the Missionary Oblates:

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Thank You!