

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America  
into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that

She may present the country to You.

Through Her we wish to thank You for the  
great resources of this land and  
for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the  
Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy  
on our President and on all the officers of our government.  
Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity.

Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation.

Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations.

Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on  
the sick, the tempted, sinners, on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our  
land, we praise You and honor You and give ourselves to  
You. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting  
always according to Your will and the will of Your divine  
Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

*Excerpt from a prayer attributed to  
Archbishop John Carroll, first bishop of the United States*

*Please join us on October 12 at 2pm in front of  
St. Francis Xavier School, 223 Main Street, Acushnet, MA for an outdoor Rosary  
concluding the  
54 Day Novena for the Nation*



**54 Day Novena  
for the Nation**

## Method – How to pray the 54 Day Novena

The 54 Day Novena consists of five decades of the Rosary each day for 54 Days straight. You begin with the first 27 days in petition; then immediately five decades each day for 27 days in thanksgiving, whether or not the request has been granted.

A schedule of the days is below for you to keep record of the 54 days. You may say whichever mysteries you decide. It is hoped that the rosary you say each day is in addition to what you are already committed to saying, this is an arduous novena, but it is a novena of love. If you are sincere, you will not find it difficult to complete.

Look upon each Hail Mary as a rare and beautiful rose which you lay at Mary's feet. These spiritual roses, bound in a wreath with Spiritual Communions, will be a most pleasing and acceptable gift to Her and will bring down upon you special graces.

### In Petition

Day 1 AUG 20	Day 2 AUG 21	Day 3 AUG 22	Day 4 AUG 23	Day 5 AUG 24	Day 6 AUG 25	Day 7 AUG 26	Day 8 AUG 27	Day 9 AUG 28
Day 10 AUG 29	Day 11 AUG 30	Day 12 AUG 31	Day 13 SEP 1	Day 14 SEP 2	Day 15 SEP 3	Day 16 SEP 4	Day 17 SEP 5	Day 18 SEP 6
Day 19 SEP 7	Day 20 SEP 8	Day 21 SEP 9	Day 22 SEP 10	Day 23 SEP 11	Day 24 SEP 12	Day 25 SEP 13	Day 26 SEP 14	Day 27 SEP 15

### In Thanksgiving

Day 28 SEP 16	Day 29 SEP 17	Day 30 SEP 17	Day 31 SEP 18	Day 32 SEP 19	Day 33 SEP 20	Day 34 SEP 22	Day 35 SEP 23	Day 36 SEP 24
Day 37 SEP 25	Day 38 SEP 26	Day 39 SEP 27	Day 40 SEP 28	Day 41 SEP 29	Day 42 SEP 30	Day 43 OCT 1	Day 44 OCT 2	Day 45 OCT 3
Day 46 OCT 4	Day 47 OCT 5	Day 48 OCT 6	Day 49 OCT 7	Day 50 OCT 8	Day 51 OCT 9	Day 52 OCT 10	Day 53 OCT 11	Day 54 OCT 12

**Intentions:** This 54 Day Novena is for our nation. That the leaders and people of the United States of America will turn back to God. That it may promote respect for life at all stages, the sanctity of marriage and the family.

## Prayers before the recitation of the rosary IN PETITION

*(first 27 days)*

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At Thy feet I humbly kneel to offer Thee a Crown of Roses, snow white buds to remind Thee of Thy joys, each bud recalling to Thee a holy mystery, each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy

Queen, Dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke Thee, Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As Thou receivest my gift, so wilt Thou receive my petition; from Thy bounty Thou wilt give me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly seek. I despair of nothing that I ask of Thee. Show thyself my Mother!

## Prayers before the recitation of the rosary IN THANKSGIVING

*(last 27 days)*

Hail, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, my Mother Mary, hail! At Thy feet I gratefully kneel to offer Thee a Crown of Roses snow white buds to remind Thee of Thy joys each bud recalling to Thee a holy mystery; each ten bound together with my petition for a particular grace. O Holy Queen, Dispenser of God's graces, and Mother of all who invoke Thee! Thou canst not look upon my gift and fail to see its binding. As Thou receivest my gift, so wilt Thou receive my thanksgiving; from Thy bounty Thou hast given me the favor I so earnestly and trustingly sought. I despaired not of what I asked of Thee, and Thou hast truly shown Thyself my Mother!

## The Concluding Prayers for after the Holy Rosary

### Prayer

**Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**In the first 27 days of petition pray:** Sweet Mother Mary, I offer Thee this spiritual communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon Thy brow. O my Mother! Look with favor upon my gift, and in Thy love obtain for me (specify the intention). Hail Mary ...

**In the last 27 days of thanksgiving pray:** Sweet Mother Mary, I offer Thee this Spiritual Communion to bind my bouquets in a wreath to place upon Thy brow in thanksgiving for (specify the intention) which Thou in Thy love hast obtained for me. Hail Mary, etc.

*You may conclude with following suggested prayers to be said after the above.*

- 1 – Hail Mary
- 1 – Hail Holy Queen
- 1 – Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
- 1 – Memorare
- 1 – Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- The Sign of the Cross

