

# *Novena* to St. Gerard Majella

## PROTECTOR OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

St. Gerard Majella's intercession is requested for children (and unborn children in particular); childbirth; mothers (and expectant mothers in particular); and motherhood.

Gerard was born as Gerardo Maiella on April 6, 1726 in Muro Lucano, Italy. He was the son of a tailor who died when Gerard was 12, leaving the family in poverty. Gerard tried to join the Capuchin order, but his health prevented it. He was accepted as a Redemptorist lay brother serving his congregation as sacristan, gardener, infirmarian, and tailor.

When falsely accused by a pregnant woman of being the father of her child, he retreated to silence; she later recanted and cleared him, and thus began his association as patron of all aspects of pregnancy. He was reputed to bi-locate and read consciences. His last will consisted of the following small note on the door of his cell: "Here the will of God is done, as God wills, and as long as God wills." Gerard died on October 16, 1755 at Caposele, Italy of tuberculosis. He was 29. His feast day is celebrated on October 16.

### *First day*

St. Gerard, ever full of faith, obtain for me that, believing firmly all that the Church

of God proposes to my belief, I may strive to secure through a holy life, the joys of eternal happiness. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

*Pray for us, O St. Gerard,  
that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Second day*

St. Gerard, most generous saint, who from your tender years did care so little for the goods of earth, grant that I may place all my confidence in Jesus Christ alone, my true treasure, who alone can make me happy in time and eternity. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Third day*

St. Gerard, bright seraph of love, who despising all earthly love, did consecrate your life to the service of God and your neighbor, promoting God's glory in your lowly state, and ever ready to assist the distressed and console the sorrowful, obtain for me, I beseech you, that loving God the only good and my neighbor for his sake, I may be hereafter united to him forever in glory. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Fourth day*

St. Gerard, spotless lily of purity, by your angelic virtue and your wonderful innocence of life you did receive from the Infant Jesus and his Immaculate Mother, sweet pledges of tender love. Grant, I beseech you, that I may ever strive faithfully in my lifelong fight, and therefore win the crown that awaits the brave and the true. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Fifth day*

St. Gerard, model of holy obedience, who through your life did heroically submit your judgment to those who represent Jesus Christ to you, therefore sanctifying your lowliest actions, obtain for me from God cheerful submission to his Holy Will and the virtue of perfect obedience, that I may be made conformable to Jesus, my Model, who was obedient even unto death. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Sixth day*

St. Gerard, most perfect imitator of Jesus, our Redeemer, you whose greatest glory was to be humble and lowly, obtain that I, too, knowing

my littleness in God's sight may be found worthy to enter the Kingdom that is promised to the humble and lowly of heart. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Seventh day*

St. Gerard, unconquered hero, most patient in suffering, you who did glory in infirmity, and under slander and most cruel ignominy did rejoice to suffer with Christ, obtain for me patience and resignation in my sorrows, that I may bravely bear the cross that is to gain for me the crown of everlasting glory. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.*

### *Eighth day*

St. Gerard, true lover of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, you who did kneel long hours before the Tabernacle, and there did taste the joys of paradise, obtain for me an undying love for the Most Holy Sacrament, that receiving frequently the Body and Blood of Jesus, I may daily grow in his holy love and merit the priceless grace of loving him even to the end. Amen.

*(9) Hail Mary*

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the promises of Christ. Amen.*

# NOVENA



SAINT  
**GERARD MAJELLA**  
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### CURRENT NOVENAS AVAILABLE:

#### Prayers to Jesus Christ

- Divine Mercy
- Sacred Heart
- Santo Niño

#### Marian Prayers

- Immaculate Conception
- Our Lady of Fatima
- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- The Virgin of Candelaria

#### Prayers to Saints

- Anne • Lucy
- Anthony of Padua • Benedict
- Augustine of Hippo • Blaise
- Cajetan • Dymphna
- Clare of Assisi • Thomas Aquinas
- Francis of Assisi
- Joseph • Monica
- Jude Thaddeus
- Lorenzo Ruiz • Martin de Porres
- Margaret of Cortona
- Michael • Expeditus
- Mother Teresa
- Padre Pio • Philomena
- Peregrine Laziosi
- Rita of Cascia • Raymund Nonato
- Roque • Paul, the Apostle
- Teresa of Avila
- Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- Vincent Ferrer

#### Other Prayers

- Novena for Our Beloved Dead
- Novena to the Holy Family

MORE NOVENAS TO COME!

## Ninth day

St. Gerard, most favored child of heaven, to whom Mary gave the Infant Jesus in the days of your childhood, to whom she sweetly came before you did close your eyes in death, obtain for me I beseech you, so to seek and love my Blessed Mother during life, that she may be my joy and consolation in this valley of tears, until with you, before the throne of God, I may praise her goodness for all eternity. Amen.

(9) Hail Mary

Pray for us, O St. Gerard, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## Special Prayers

### For Motherhood

Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, wonder-worker of our day, I call upon you and seek your aid. You know that our marriage has not as yet been blessed with a child and how much my husband and I desire this gift. Please present our fervent pleas to the Master of life from whom all parenthood proceeds and beseech him to bless us with a child whom we may raise as his child and heir of heaven. Amen.

### For a Mother with Child

Almighty and Everlasting God, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, you prepared the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary to be a worthy dwelling place of your Divine

Son, and sanctified St. John the Baptist, while still in his mother's womb; listen to my prayer. Through the intercession of St. Gerard, watch over my child and me and protect us at the time of delivery. May my child receive the saving graces of Baptism, lead a Christian life and, together with all the members of our family, attain everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen.

### For a Sick Child

St. Gerard who, like the Savior, loved children so tenderly and by your prayers freed many from disease and even death, look down upon us who are pleading for our sick child. We thank God for the great gift of our son/daughter and ask him to restore him/her to health if such be his holy Will. This favor, we beg of you through your love for all children and mothers. Amen.

### Thanksgiving for a Safe Delivery

Good St. Gerard, "Patron of Mothers," assist me in thanking God for the great gift of motherhood. During the months of my waiting I learned to call upon you and placed the safety of my child and myself under your powerful protection. The great lesson of your trust in God sustained me; your slogan, "God will provide," became my hope and consolation. Thank God for a healthy and normal baby and my own good health. Help me to prize the great treasure of motherhood and obtain for me from God the graces to raise my child as a child of God. In gratitude, I will continue to call upon you and will tell other mothers about their special patron and friend. Amen.



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