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Prayers to St. Peregrine Patron Against Cancer

 Listen to If I Could Touch His Hand



O God, who gave to St. Peregrine an Angel for his companion, the Mother of God for his Teacher, and Jesus as the Physician of his malady, grant we beseech You through his merits that we may on earth intensely love our Holy Angel, the blessed Virgin Mary, and our Saviour, and in Him bless them forever. Grant that we may receive the favor which we now petition. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(say 7 Our Fathers, 7 Hail Marys and 7 Glory be to the Fathers with the invocation "St. Peregrine, pray for us.")



O God, in St. Peregrine You gave us an outstanding example of faith and patience. We humbly ask You that, by imitating him and by the help of his prayers, we may believe more fully in Your healing help, bear the suffering of this life without wavering, and come with joy to the peace of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Apostle of Emilia and member of the Order of Mary, you spread the Good News by your word, and by your life witnessed to its truth. In union with Jesus crucified, you endured excruciating sufferings so patiently as to be healed miraculously of cancer in the leg. If it is agreeable to God, obtain relief and cure for , and keep us all from the dread cancer of sin. Amen.



Glorious wonder-worker, St. Peregrine, you answered the divine call with a ready spirit, and forsook all the comforts of a life of ease and all the empty honors of the world to dedicate yourself to God in the Order of His holy Mother. You labored manfully for the salvation of souls. In union with Jesus crucified, you endured painful sufferings with such patience as to deserve to be healed miraculously of an incurable cancer in your leg by a touch of His divine Hand. Obtain for me the grace to answer ever call of God and to fulfill His will in all the events of life. Enkindle in my heart a consuming zeal for the salvation of all men. Deliver me from the infirmities that afflict my body, especially (*name your ailments*). Obtain for me also a perfect resignation to the sufferings it may please God to send me, so that, imitating our crucified Saviour and His sorrowful Mother, I may merit eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

St. Peregrine, pray for me and for all who invoke your aid.



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We implore thy powerful aid, St. Peregrine, for all who are living unworthy of their Christian vocation. May they be converted from a sinful, selfish life, as thou wast by the good example of those who are obedient to Christ's counsels.

We invoke thy special help, St. Peregrine, for all in religious life that they may remain faithful as thou didst to their vows, and ever steadfast in their commitment to Christ.

We seek thy merciful aid, St. Peregrine, especially for those afflicted or threatened by cancer, by any ailment of the foot, or by any incurable diseases. Please help us quickly to find a cure for cancer, and a remedy for all our human infirmities of soul, mind, and body. Amen.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Thine Eye,

R. In the shadow of Thy Wings, protect us.



St. Peregrine, we come to thee confidently to implore thy aid with God in our necessity. Thou wast converted instantly from a worldly life by the good example of one holy person. Thou wast also cured instantaneously of cancer by God's grace and unceasing prayer. In thy gracious kindness please ask the Lord to heal us also in body, mind, and soul. May we then also imitate thee in doing His work with renewed vigor and strength. Amen.



For Sick Relatives and Friends

O great St. Peregrine, thou hast been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker" because of the numerous miracles which thou hast obtained from God for those who have had recourse to thee, thou who for so many years didst bear in thine own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the Source of all grace when the power of man could do no more; thou who wast favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal thy affliction, ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of these sick persons whom we entrust to thee. *(Name them)*

Aided in this way by thy powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.



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Novena to St. Peregrine

Begin this Novena by saying this opening prayer, followed by the appropriate day's reflection and prayer. Then end it with the closing prayer that appears at the end. The opening and closing prayers are prayed daily.

Daily Opening Prayer:

O good St. Peregrine, patron of those suffering from foot ailments, cancer, and incurable diseases, grant, we beseech you, relief from suffering to *(name the names of the persons who are ill)*. In your compassion, we beg you to intercede with Our Lord Jesus Christ that mankind may soon find a cure for the dread disease of physical cancer as well as for the moral cancer which grips so much of our world today. Amen.

Day 1:

Reflection: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Mt 3:2)

Prayer: O great St. Peregrine, who were yourself converted from a violent and sinful life, grant that those who have strayed from the way of Christ may, like you, be given the grace to repent and amend their ways. Amen.
St. Peregrine, pray for us.

Day 2:

Reflection: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
(Mt 5:5)

Prayer: Good St. Peregrine, who bore the agonies of cancer patiently for so many years, grant us the courage and faith to stand up under our own sickness or weakness. Amen.
St. Peregrine, pray for our fortitude.

Day 3:

Reflection: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you." (Jn 14:27)

Prayer: St. Peregrine, as His priest, you dwelt for many years in peace in the House of the Lord. Intercede for us with Him, then, that this troubled world, torn by hatred and violence, may at last know the blessedness of peace with justice. Amen.
St. Peregrine, help us bring lasting peace to the world.

Day 4:

Reflection: "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt 4:19)

Prayer: St. Peregrine, you became a model priest and eloquent preacher. Grant us more vocations in these troubled times. Amen.
St. Peregrine, inspire more young men and women to follow in the footsteps of Christ just as you did.

Day 5:

Reflection: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You who kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you would not."
(Mt 23:37)

Prayer: O St. Peregrine, just as you were cured from cancer of the body, intercede for us that the cancer of disregard for life may be removed from the world today. Amen.
St. Peregrine, pray that the people of the world may heed the teachings of Christ.

Day 6:

Reflection: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God." (Mk 10:14)

Prayer: St. Peregrine, as a youth you led a life of sin. May our Divine Lord grant that your own conversion may inspire our wayward young people today to change their lives as you did and return to Christ. Amen.
St. Peregrine, pray for our young people.

Day 7:

Reflection: "Cast me not off in my old age; as my strength fails, forsake me not." (Ps 70:9)

Prayer: St. Peregrine, God granted you the grace of a long and fruitful life. Ask Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to lighten the burden of so many of our aged today who are spending their twilight years in pain, sorrow, and loneliness. Amen.
St. Peregrine, bring comfort to our aged in their last days.

Day 8:

Reflection: "They shall neither hunger nor thirst anymore." (Rev 7:16)

Prayer: O St. Peregrine, we ask you to heed the anguished cries of those dying from starvation throughout the world today, especially children and old people. Amen.

St. Peregrine, pray that relief may come to those who are suffering from hunger and thirst in body and soul.

Day 9:

Reflection: "This day you shall be with Me in paradise." (Lk 23:42)

Prayer: Finally, O good St. Peregrine, we ask that you intercede for those whom God sees fit to call home. May they die in happiness and peace, confident that they will be with You forever in the presence of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

St. Peregrine, pray that we may have strength and comfort in the hour of our death.

Daily Closing Prayer

St. Peregrine, inspired by your own example of repentance, patience, and humility, help us remain faithful to our resolution to walk with renewed strength and vigor in the ways of Our Lord. And, if God wills, please obtain a cure of the illness of **(mention names)** through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



**Prayer to the Mother of Sorrows
Through the Intercession of St. Peregrine**

O my dearest Mother Mary, Mother of Sorrows, behold me, thy child, in prayer. I have come to plead for this special favor through the intercession of thy faithful servant, St. Peregrine.

(mention your request)

O Sorrowful Mother, I beg thee to present my petition to thy Divine Son. If thou wilt pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that thou doth want me to seek God's will in all things. Therefore, with childlike trust I abandon myself to God's Holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

Mother of Sorrows, I love thee! I put all my confidence in thee, because thy prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and through the intercession of St. Peregrine, whom thou hast led to sainthood, hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

-- from a holy card by the Servants of Mary



PRAYER FOR THE SICK OF THE WORLD

Graciously hear the prayers which we present O God, to you in honor of St. Peregrine, your beloved servant and patron of those suffering from cancer, AIDS, or other life-threatening disease. Grant that we may receive help in our needs through the intercession of him whose life was so pleasing to you. Hear us in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen



A PRAYER TO SAINT PEREGRINE FOR WORLD PEACE

Saint Peregrine, you spent your early years as a man of violence and intolerance. Your anger and selfishness blinded you to other points of



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view. Then a plea for reconciliation from St. Philip Benizi opened your eyes to God's dream of peace and the command of Jesus that we serve one another. We implore your powerful aid, Saint Peregrine, as we continue to work for peace and understanding in today's world. Help people of violence redirect their energy to building the Kingdom of God. Help the Church be a sign of unity to a divided world. Help each of us make a home for the Prince of Peace in our family and in our Heart. Amen.



PRAYER FOR SICK FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Saint Peregrine, as a humble Servant of Mary, you experienced human weakness and the pain and suffering of sickness. Knowing that medicine and human knowledge have limits, we pray for all those involved with the medical profession that they will be a true source of healing and comfort to all people. Like you, we also turn to God in our suffering. Just as Jesus reached out and touched you with His healing hand, we pray that the following sick person(s) will be strengthened in body and spirit and cured of their illness by Jesus Christ through your intercession.

(Here list the name(s) of your sick relatives and friends.)

In gratitude we pray for all the people of the world that they will come to know you, Saint Peregrine, and the love that God has for each of them. Amen.



NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT PEREGRINE

Saint Peregrine, whom Holy Mother Church has declared patron of those suffering from running sores and cancer, I confidently turn to you for aid in my present need (*Mention your request*). Lest I lose confidence, I beg your kind intercession. Plead with Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, whom you loved so tenderly, and in union with whom you have suffered the pains of cancer, that she may help me with her all-powerful prayers and consolation. Obtain for me the strength to accept my trials from the loving hand of God with patience and resignation. May suffering lead me to a better life and enable me to atone for my own sins and the sins of the world. Amen.



LITANY IN HONOR OF ST. PEREGRINE

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.



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Mother of Sorrows, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.

St. Peregrine, pray for us.
Converted by the prayers of St. Philip, pray for us.
Afflicted with a cancerous growth, pray for us.
Completely cured by the outstretched hand of Jesus Crucified, pray for us.
Who performed many miracles in thy lifetime, pray for us.
Who multiplied food and drink, pray for us.
Who cured the sick by the power of the Name of Jesus, pray for us.
Who converted hardened sinners by prayer and fasting, pray for us.
Who receive every favor thou asked of God, pray for us.
Most confident in prayer, pray for us.
Most austere in penance, pray for us.
Most patient in suffering, pray for us.
Most humble in the holy priesthood, pray for us.
Most zealous for souls, pray for us.
Most kind toward the afflicted, pray for us.
Most devoted to the Passion of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary, pray for us.
Victim with Jesus and Mary for the salvation of souls, pray for us.
Wonder-worker for the sick and diseased, pray for us.
Hope of incurable cases, pray for us.
Universal patron of all who suffer from cancer, pray for us.
Beloved Patron of Spain, Glory of the Order of the Servants of Mary, pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Peregrine,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, be gracious and hear the prayers which we present to Thee in honor of St. Peregrine, Thy beloved servant. May we who do not rely on our own merits receive help in our needs through the intercession of him whose life was so pleasing to Thee. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER TO SAINT PEREGRINE FOR ONE SELF

Saint Peregrine, help me to imitate you in bearing whatever cross God may permit to come to me, uniting myself with Jesus Crucified and the Mother of Sorrows. I offer my sufferings to God with all the love of my heart, for His glory and the salvation of souls, especially my own. Amen.



A PRAYER TO SAINT PEREGRINE FOR ONE SUFFERING FROM CANCER

Dear Saint Peregrine, I need your help, I feel so uncertain of my life right now. This serious illness makes me long for a sign of God's love. Help me to imitate your enduring faith when you faced the ugliness of cancer and surgery. Allow me to trust the Lord the way you did in this moment of distress. I want to be cured, but right now I ask God for the strength to bear the cross in my life. I seek the power to proclaim God's presence in my life despite the hardship, anguish, and fear I now experience. O Glorious Saint Peregrine, be an inspiration to me and

petitioner of these needed graces from our loving Father. Amen.



For Those Who are Suffering with Cancer: St. Peregrine Holy Oil

You can get the blessed St. Peregrine oil by requesting it from the [National Shrine of St. Peregrine](#) in Chicago, Illinois. You can get the oil by writing them, or calling them. This oil is used to bless those who have cancer. They ask for a small donation for a small bottle of the oil.

For more information on devotion to St. Peregrine, or to obtain a prayer-card of St. Peregrine, please email:

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Each week Mass is said for the many intentions that we receive at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine. You can have your petitions remembered in this Mass by writing the Shrine Director in Chicago or by sending an e-mail to National Shrine of St. Peregrine. Please send your petitions to NatiShrine@hotmail.com.



feast day: May 1

Read [St. Peregrine's biography](#)
in the Catholic Online Saints Index.



You may wish to also read prayers to [St. Jude](#),
[St. Raphael](#) the Archangel, [St. Roch](#), [St. Rita](#)
[St. Anthony Mary Claret](#), and other prayers
for the [sick](#) and [dying](#).

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Recommended Reading

Why
Me,
God?

▲ Prayers From
▲ Someone
▲ Living With
▲ Cancer

REV. GERALD BOURESSA

A diagnosis of cancer is devastating. Whether the illness strikes you or someone dear to you, the uncertainty of what lies ahead becomes one of life's biggest challenges.

Gerald Bouressa was no stranger to cancer. After serving many years ministering as a hospital chaplain, the true implications of this serious illness became a reality for him when he was diagnosed with cancer. This pamphlet is a diary of Fr. Bouressa's own heartfelt prayers in response to his experience.

Because he battled cancer firsthand, he offers others a ray of hope--when hope is hard to find. By reciting the prayers, readers will feel less alone in their plight. Best of all, they will be inspired in their own prayer and come to realize that God is present even in--especially in--hard times.

For anyone struggling with cancer, *Why Me, God?* offers an inspiring message of peace, understanding, and hope.