

# **NOVENA PRAYERS TO ST. BARNABAS**

*“Without grace there is no hope, but with it, there is no shortage” -St. Barnabas*

## **Opening Hymn**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Leader:** My dear sisters and brothers,/ we are gathered here/ to honor our patron saint, St. Barnabas,/ and seek his intercession/ to obtain graces and blessings from our heavenly Father for our wellbeing. Confident that God hears his prayers,/ let us lift our hearts and minds towards heaven and say:

**All:** Heavenly Father,/ we adore you and we praise you! Holy is your name. Great is your love and mercy for us.

God the Son, Jesus Christ,/ We thank you for your abiding presence in our lives through the Sacraments,/ particularly through the Holy Eucharist.

God the Holy Spirit,/ we invoke your sanctifying grace in our lives. Enlighten us with your sevenfold gifts and twelfefold fruits.

In your holy presence, O Lord,/ we praise you and thank you for the gift of our patron saint, St. Barnabas. We bless you for calling us to be your holy people like him. We thank you for the countless blessings/ lavishly showered upon us through his intercession. As we prepare to celebrate his feast on June 11,/ we ask you to bless us/ that we may continue to imitate his zeal for the Gospel,/ and joyfully bear witness to you in our Parish and in the world. Help us to let our light of faith shine before others,/ and lead them to you,/ just like our patron saint, St. Barnabas did/ in the early Christian communities. And, so we pray:

**All:** Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

**Leader:** Glorious St. Barnabas, our patron saint.

**All:** Pray for us!

**Leader:** Let us pray for the spiritual growth of our parish. May our patron saint, St. Barnabas/ intercede for our parish community/ that we may increase our faith, love, and charity. That our youth and young adult/ may open their hearts more and more to Jesus. That our children/ may joyfully learn and grow in their faith.

**All:** Glorious Saint Barnabas,/ you were a shining example of encouragement, zeal and enthusiasm in the early Christian community. Together with St. Paul,/ you ceaselessly,/ and courageously,/ preached the Christian Faith,/ and promoted the spread of the Gospel./ Filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, you tirelessly walked through the valleys and mountains,/ and journeyed through the sea day and night. You gracefully accepted/ the physical pains of hunger, thirst, ill-treatment, rejection, persecution, and life-threatening situations. You willingly embraced all of these hardships/ for the purpose of evangelizing the people/ about Christ and his Gospel. Because of your unwavering faithfulness,/ our Lord has credited your righteousness,/ and has given you a place in heaven. Today, we pray for your intercession and favor for us. Obtain graces for us/ that we may faithfully live out the Gospel;/ that we may effectively bear witness to Christ;/ that we may joyfully help others in their spiritual journey,/ especially during their difficult and hopeless moments in life;/ that our youth and young adults/ may open their hearts/ to know, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ and his church;/ that our children may joyfully learn our Christian faith,/ and grow in their knowledge and love of God and neighbor;/ that the leaders of our parish ministries /may continue to grow in serving our Lord/ and our brothers and sisters. With confidence in your intercession we pray.

**All:** Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

**Leader:** Glorious St. Barnabas, our patron saint.

**All:** Pray for us!

**Leader:** Let us pray for the wellbeing of our family.

**All:** Glorious Saint Barnabas,/ you were kind in heart,/ gentle in speech,/ and cordial in your approach./ You were an inspiration and admiration to the Christian communities/ who suffered persecution./ Our Lord chose you as his apostle to serve them,/ encourage them,/ and strengthen them in their faith./ As the saint of encouragement,/ we implore you to intercede for us/ that we may become rays of hope,/ strength,/ and support for one another/ within our physical and spiritual families./ Obtain for us the grace to be faithful to our dear Lord/ and graceful to one another./ May you intercede for all the married couples/ that they may continue to affirm their love for each other/ and imitate Christ's love for their happy marital life./ Obtain graces for those who are in a single state of life,/ that they may follow the path that God leads them./ Intercede for the wellbeing of single parents and widows/ that they may continue to trust in God's providence./ Obtain blessings for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren/ that they may grow in their knowledge,

wisdom, and love of God./ We seek your special intercession for those members of our families/ who are not interested in their spiritual life./ We earnestly ask you to pray for their conversion./ May all the members of our families/ be blessed with an increased faith, hope, love, and charity./ Placing our trust in your intercession/ we pray.

**All:** Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

**Leader:** Glorious St. Barnabas, our patron saint.

**All:** Pray for us!

**Leader:** Let us pray for an increase of our Christian witness and charity.

**All:** Saint Barnabas,/ Son of Encouragement,/ you took to your heart the call of Jesus:/ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,”/ and abandoned all your earthly goods. You cheerfully sold them/ and brought the proceeds to the feet of the Apostles in Jerusalem/ in-order to help the needy. Thus, you earned the name:/ ‘Son of Encouragement.’ You were exceptionally outstanding in your works of mercy. Your charity for the Christians in Jerusalem/ who suffered severe famine/ had produced tremendous fruits for the Church. Intercede for us/ that we may,/ like you,/ imitate the heart of Jesus/ to be compassionate and charitable to the poor and the needy. Obtain for us/ the grace to become cheerful givers of our time, talents, and treasure/ for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of our brothers and sisters in our parish community/ and in the world. Believing in your intercession we pray.

**All:** Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

**Leader:** Glorious St. Barnabas, our patron saint.

**All:** Pray for us!

**Leader:** Let us pray for the persecuted Christians all over the world,/ the growth of the Church,/ and an increase of vocations.

**All:** Glorious Saint Barnabas,/ you suffered terribly for preaching the Gospel,/ and endured all forms of persecutions. You shed your blood and embraced martyrdom on the island of Cyprus/ where you evangelized people with great zeal. We implore you to pray for all Christians/ who are persecuted for their Christian faith,/ that they may remain strong in their faith in these difficult times. May they imitate your life/ as a model for their witnessing to Christ.

We also ask you to intercede for our Holy Mother Church/ that She might stand firm against the social, moral, political and spiritual challenges of our times. May our spiritual leaders/ draw inspiration from you/ to lead the Church in truth and justice.

Glorious saint Barnabas,/ pray that our Lord will bless our local Church/ with more vocations. Inspire the young men and women in our parish/ that they may respond to God's call to priesthood and religious life. Trusting in your powerful intercession we pray.

**All:** Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

**Leader:** Glorious St. Barnabas, our patron saint.

**All:** Pray for us!

**Leader:** Let us pray for our own personal growth and sanctification. May our Patron Saint help us with his prayers/ that we may increase our holiness and sanctity.

**All:** Glorious servant of God, St. Barnabas,/ intercede for me before God my creator/ that I may love Him and serve Him every moment of my life. With your prayers,/ guide me always to our Lord Jesus/ as you guided the early Christian community. Infuse upon me your spirit/ that I may earnestly listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit/ and direct my actions accordingly. Pray for me/ that I might abandon whatever contrary to my Christian name, life, faith, and practices.

O faithful servant of God, St. Barnabas,/ help me to imitate your spiritual life/ in order that I may inspire and transform/ those whom I encounter in my daily life,/ towards a life of holiness and sanctity. May I imbibe the spirit of the early Christian community/ in listening to the Sacred Scripture. May I take every effort/ to nourish my soul with the holy Eucharist. May I nurture a genuine fellowship and communion/ with the members of my parish. May I aspire to do good/ without expecting anything in return. May I promote unity and charity wherever I am. Let me not be consumed into pride, ego, selfishness, and falsehood. Instruct me to be careful of every word/ that comes from my mouth. Help me to be mindful of my tongue/ to avoid speaking ill of others/ and destroy their reputation. Keep me strong in my faith,/ and joyful in my witness to Christ. Make me an instrument of God's grace/ to lead more souls to the arms of our Lord. I firmly believe that you will intercede for me/ to obtain these graces from our Lord. And so, we pray.

**All:** Our Father... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

**Leader:** Glorious St. Barnabas, our patron saint.

**All:** Pray for us!

**Leader:** Let us now pray the prayer in honor of St. Barnabas.

**All:** O God,/ who decreed that Saint Barnabas,/  
a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,/  
should be set apart to convert the nations,/  
grant that the Gospel of Christ,/ which he strenuously preached,/  
may be faithfully proclaimed/ by word and deed by us here in our parish.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.