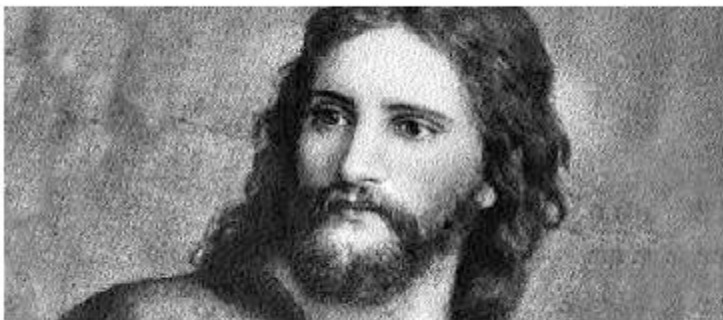


Pray More Novenas

The Original Novena Reminder



The Novena to St. Monica

Saint Monica, also known as **Monica of Hippo**, is mostly known as being the **mother of St. Augustine**. In fact, most of what we know about St. Monica is what was written about her in St. Augustine's books.

She was married to a non-Christian and she lived with him and her mother-in-law for some time before they both converted and were baptized.

She is most well known for fasting & praying for her son's conversion -- which took more than 15 years.

Eventually when her son did convert and was baptized, he was baptized by the bishop, **St. Ambrose** -- who was also Saint Monica's spiritual director.

Shortly after St. Augustine's conversion, St. Monica said to him,

"Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here. All my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became very sick after this, suffered for 9 days, and then passed away.

Saint Monica's feast day is on August 27th, so the novena is traditionally started on August 18th -- but you can pray it anytime.

Saint Monica is the patron saint of:

- * **Mothers**
- * **Wives**
- * **Alcoholics**
- * **Widows**
- * **Difficult marriages**
- * **Victims of adultery**
- * **Victims of abuse**



Saint Monica -- Daily Novena Prayer

Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son St. Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

(Mention your intentions here)

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy

and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.

Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God.

Amen.