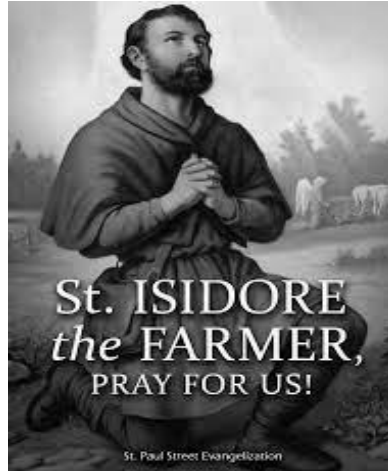


Novena to Saint Isidore the Patron Saint of Farmers and Catholic Rural Life
The Novena begins May 7 and ends on May 15, the Feast of St. Isidore.

Bottles of Holy Water will be available the weekend of May 15/16 for you to take home to bless your fields and gardens.



Intention of the Novena is to pray for Rain

How to Pray the Novena Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse(s) for the appropriate day, and spend a few moments meditating on it. Pray the novena prayer (under the verses) followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore (at the bottom of the page) and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD Genesis 1:25 - And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds, and cattle, and everything that creeps on the earth after its kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 2:15 - And the Lord God took man, and put him into the paradise of pleasure, to dress it, and to keep it. Prayer: Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST Psalm 26:4-5 - I have not sat with the council of vanity: neither will I go in with the doers of unjust things. I have hated the assembly of the malignant; and with the wicked I will not sit. Prayer: We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. **Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THIRD DAY: LOVE OF NEIGHBOR Romans 12:9-12 - Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good, loving one another with the charity of brotherhood: with honor preventing one another. In carefulness not slothful. In spirit fervent. Serving the Lord. Rejoicing in hope. Patient in tribulation. Instant in prayer. Prayer: O God, you who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH DAY: DIGNITY OF WORK 2 Thessalonians 3:8-12 - Neither did we eat any man's bread for nothing: but in labor and in toil we worked night and day, lest we should be chargeable to any of you. Not as if we had not power: but that we might give ourselves a pattern unto you, to imitate us. For also, when we were with you, this we declared to you: that, if any man will not work, neither let him eat. For we have heard there are some among you who walk disorderly: working not at all, but curiously meddling. Now we charge them that are such and beseech them by the Lord Jesus Christ

that, working with silence, they would eat their own bread. Prayer: O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH DAY: WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD 1 Timothy 4:15-16 - Meditate upon these things, be wholly in these things: that your profiting may be manifest to all. Take heed to yourself and to doctrine: be earnest in them. For in doing this you shall both save yourself and them that hear you. Prayer: Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. **Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SIXTH DAY: STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL James 5:7-10 - Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth: patiently bearing till he receive the early and latter rain. Be therefore also patient and strengthen your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Grudge not, brethren, one against another, that you may not be judged. Behold the judge stands before the door. Take, my brethren, for example of suffering evil, of labor and patience, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Prayer: Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY: RURAL WORKS OF MERCY Matthew 6:19-20 - Lay not up to your selves treasures on earth: where the rust, and moth consume, and where thieves break through, and steal. But lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven: where neither the rust nor moth does consume, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal. Prayer: May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY: TRUST IN PRAYER Philippians 4:4-7 - Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

NINTH DAY: SACRIFICE OF PRAISE Hebrews 10:12-14 - But this man, offering one sacrifice for sins, forever sits on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting until his enemies be made his footstool. For by one oblation, he has perfected forever them that are sanctified. Prayer: Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. **Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Intentions of the Holy Father (Repeat three times) Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Prayer for Rain O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.