

# PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK



## THE STORY OF KNOCK

At about 8 o'clock on the Thursday evening of the 21st of August, 1879, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the South gable of the Church at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland. Beside them and a little to the right was an altar with a cross and the figure of a lamb, around which angels hovered. There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition – young and old – who watched it for two hours in pouring rain and recited the Rosary. Two Commissions of Enquiry accepted their testimony as trust-worthy and satisfactory in 1879 and 1936.

Today, Knock ranks among the world's major Marian Shrines, having enjoyed the full approval of the Church, for many years. It has received privileges from four Popes and the most recent privilege was the visit of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on the 30th September, 1979.

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

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

*Give praise to the Father Almighty,  
To His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
To the Spirit who lives in our hearts,  
Both now and forever. Amen.*

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find."

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

Grant us peace.

## ST. JOSEPH,

Chosen by God to be  
The Husband of Mary,  
The Protector of the Holy Family,  
The Guardian of the Church.  
Protect all families  
In their work and recreation  
And Guard us on our journey through life  
(Repeat – Lamb of God, etc.)

## ST. JOHN,

Beloved Disciple of the Lord,  
Faithful priest.  
Teacher of the Word of God.  
Help us to hunger for the Word.  
To be loyal to the Mass  
And to love one another  
  
(Repeat – Lamb of God, etc.)

Our Lady of Knock  
Refuge of sinners  
Queen Assumed into Heaven  
Queen of the Rosary  
Mother of Nazareth  
Queen of Virgins

Pray for us  
Pray for us  
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Pray for us

Help of Christians	Pray for us
Health of the Sick	Pray for us
Queen of Peace	Pray for us
Our Lady, Queen and Mother	Pray for us
Our Lady, Mother of the Church	Pray for us

(Here mention your own special intentions)

### **With the Angels and Saints let us pray:**

Give praise to the Father Almighty,  
To His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
To the Spirit who lives in our hearts,  
Both now and forever. Amen.

### **Instruction:**

The Rosary or Mass and Holy Communion is recommended each day.

The National Public Novena takes place each year at Knock Shrine from the 14th to the 22nd of August. Prayer leaflets may be had from the Shrine Office. Two sessions are held daily, namely at 3.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Both sessions commence with Concelebrated Mass in the Basilica which is followed by a Procession to the Apparition Gable. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the afternoon and the beautiful candlelight procession takes place at night. For those who cannot be present the Novena may be made at home or in the local Church. This gives them a share in the Masses and prayers being offered each day at the Shrine.

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