St. Leonard Parish, Brampton ON.

Novena to St. Leonard of Port Maurice

November 17th - November 26th (Feast of Sr. Leonard)

Recite this entire structure on each of the nine consecutive days

I. Opening Prayer:

Glorious St. Leonard, you were filled with a burning zeal for the salvation of souls and a deep love for the Passion of Jesus Christ. Through your powerful preaching, you brought countless sinners back to the path of righteousness and taught the world to find comfort and strength in the Holy Stations of the Cross.

Look down with compassion upon me, who now flies to your powerful intercession. Obtain for me from the Divine Heart of Jesus a spark of that sacred fire which consumed your own heart, so that I may love God above all things and faithfully fulfill His holy will.

II. Personal Intention

Intercede for me in my current necessity, and obtain for me the special grace I now request: (Pause here to quietly state your personal request...)

III. Daily Meditation

Select and read the specific entry for the current day of your novena (found on pages 2-4)

IV. Concluding Prayer

Help me to bear my daily crosses with patience and resignation, always keeping my eyes fixed on Calvary. Guide me safely through the dangers of this life, that I may one day join you in praising the eternal mercies of our Lord in Heaven. Amen.

V. Traditional Closing Prayers

Our Father...Haily Mary...Glory Be

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DAY ONE: Zeal for the Salvation of Souls

Meditation: *St. Leonard left everything to become a Franciscan friar, consumed by a burning desire to save souls from eternal separation from God. He preached in open squares to thousands, weeping for their sins. Today, reflect on your own desire for the spiritual well-being of your family, friends, and the world.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for a true awakening of faith in your community and the conversion of hardened hearts.*

DAY TWO: Deep Devotion to the Stations of the Cross

Meditation: *Known as the great propagator of the Way of the Cross, St. Leonard personally established 572 sets of Stations, including the famous one in the Colosseum. He believed that meditating on Christ's physical and mental suffering is the fastest way to overcome personal sin.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for the grace to meditate on Christ's Passion regularly and find comfort in times of grief.*

DAY THREE: Embracing Everyday Crosses

Meditation: *St. Leonard taught that we should not run away from our daily trials, illnesses, and burdens. Instead, we must carry them with patience, keeping our eyes entirely fixed on Calvary. Suffering, when united to Christ, transforms into a powerful means of grace.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for patience to endure your current personal hardships without complaining or giving into despair.*

DAY FOUR: True Repentance and Confession

Meditation: *As a missionary, St. Leonard spent countless hours sitting in the dark of the confessional, bringing God's mercy to broken sinners. He urged souls to look deeply into the dark recesses of their hearts, acknowledge their nothingness, and detest sin out of pure love for God.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for the courage to make a thorough, honest confession and for a true hatred of sin.*

DAY FIVE: Living in the Holy Presence of God

Meditation: *St. Leonard strongly advised maintaining an active awareness of God's presence throughout the busy workday. He recommended frequently whispering the short prayer, "My Jesus, mercy," before starting any new task to purify your intentions.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for the habit of constant, quiet prayer amidst your daily duties and career obligations.*

DAY SIX: Perfect Adoration at Holy Mass

Meditation: *St. Leonard insisted on celebrating Mass even when he was dying, stating a single Mass is worth more than all the wealth of the world. He taught a four-step method to pray the Mass: Adoration, Atonement, Thanksgiving, and Petition.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for a profound reverence for the Holy Eucharist and the grace to attend Mass with deeper focus.*

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DAY SEVEN: Devotion to the Blessed Virign Mary

Meditation: *When St. Leonard suffered a severe gastric hemorrhage as a young priest, he promised the Blessed Virgin Mary he would dedicate his life to missions if she cured him. He was instantly healed. He fiercely defended her Immaculate Conception and promoted the daily Three Hail Marys.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for a childlike trust in the protection and maternal intercession of the Mother of God.*

DAY EIGHT: Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Meditation*: St. Leonard possessed immense compassion for the suffering souls in Purgatory. He frequently offered the spiritual merits of his rigorous fasting, severe penances, and long walks on missions for their swift release into heaven.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for the forgotten souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of your own family tree.*

DAY NINE: Final Perseverance to the End

Meditation*: St. Leonard ran his spiritual race faithfully until his death in Rome in 1751. He taught that the ultimate goal of the Christian life is final perseverance—staying close to the Cross until our very last breath to enter eternal joy.*

Prayer Intention: *Pray for the supreme grace of a holy death, remaining faithful to God until the very end of your life.*

St. Leonard of Port Maurice, pray for us