

## **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

(Blessing to be recited at the end of the prayer for each day.)

### **Blessing**

May Mary's pilgrimage of faith strengthen us in our vocations. Amen.

May Mary's loving desire that her Son's words are heeded hasten Christian unity. Amen.

May Mary's motherly intercession make us worthy of the promises of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mary is the daughter of God our Creator, spouse of God the Holy Spirit and Mother of God the Son. May the blessing of the Holy Trinity come upon us and remain with us forever. Amen.

**First Day–July 7** – Prayer: Mary, Queen of Peace, we entrust our lives to you. Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression. Teach us to live in peace. Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made. Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our world. (Blessing)

**Second Day–July 8** – O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, through your intercession, we ask God to bless our Carmelite family with love, happiness and peace. We, in turn, share those gifts with others through our work and by doing our share to establish a just world that all may live together in peace and happiness. (Blessing)

**Third Day–July 9** – Holy Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, priestly woman and holy prophetess, who carried in your very body the Gospel of Peace, we greet you and we ask you to be our Mother as well. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. (Blessing)

**Fourth Day–July 10** – May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us and bring us to her Holy Son, Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (Blessing)

**Fifth Day–July 11** – Lord God, you willed that the Order of Carmel should be named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of your Son. Through the prayers of her whom we honor, we come to Jesus believing that the promises made to us will be fulfilled through the prayers of the Mother of God. (Blessing)

**Sixth Day–July 12** – Lord, as we recall the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Carmel, we reverently offer you the gifts with which we have been blessed. As we use them in your service, and ponder your goodness in our prayers as Mary did, may our love become like hers, and so unite us more closely to the mystery of our redemption by our Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Blessing)

**Seventh Day–July 13** – Lord, God, we are nourished by the body and blood of your Son. May the wonders of your love strengthen us and help us to follow more faithfully the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, a model of faith, simplicity, and prayer, to whom we are dedicated by our scapular. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Blessing)

**Eighth Day–July 14** – Lord, grant that those who in devotion have put on the scapular dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, may put on her virtues also, and enjoy her unflinching protection through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Blessing)

**Ninth Day–July 15** – Most Holy Virgin, beauty of Carmel, Virgin Flower forever in bloom, bright ornament of heaven, Virgin Mother of a Man-God, Mother of holy love, Mother of mercy and meekness, Mother honored above all mothers, Star of the sea, look lovingly on your dear children of Carmel, and on all those who have the happiness of wearing your holy scapular. Amen. (Blessing)