



## **Novena to Saint Thomas More**

### **Day One**

*(Virtues: Prudence, Courage)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a model of prudence.  
He never thrust himself rashly into any serious undertaking;  
instead, he tested the strength of his powers  
and waited on God's will in prayer and penance,  
then boldly carried it out without hesitation.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the virtues of prudence, and courage.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,  
we may obtain the favors we seek in this novena:

*(Pause to bring to mind the spiritual or temporal favor you wish to receive.)*

But if what we ask is not for the glory of God and the good of our souls,  
grant us, we pray, what is more conducive to both.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*V. Pray for us, O Blessed Saint Thomas More.*

*R. That we may faithfully follow you*

*on the hard road that leads to the narrow gate of eternal life.*

## **Day Two**

*(Virtues: Diligence, Persistence)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a model of diligence.

He shunned procrastination, applied himself with fervor to his studies,  
and spared no effort in achieving mastery in any skill.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the virtues of diligence and persistence.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,  
we may obtain the favors we seek in this novena:

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### **Day Three**

*(Virtues: Industry, Pursuit of Excellence)*

Lord God,  
we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a model of industriousness.  
He threw himself wholeheartedly into everything he did,  
and he found enjoyment even in the most serious things.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the virtues of industry, and the pursuit of excellence.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,  
we may obtain the favors we seek in this novena:

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## **Day Four**

*(Virtues: Discretion, Justice, Mercy, Compassion)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,

Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a brilliant lawyer and a just and compassionate judge.

He was unflagging in his pursuit of justice tempered by mercy.

We ask that you grant to us,

through his prayers and intercession,

the grace to overcome every temptation to laxity, arrogance, and rash judgment

and so be granted the virtues of discretion, justice, mercy and compassion.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,

we may obtain the favors we seek in this novena:

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## **Day Five**

*(Virtues: Humility, Wisdom)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a model of humility.

He never allowed pride to lead him into enterprises beyond his abilities.

Even in the midst of earthly wealth and honor, he never forgot  
his total dependence on you, his Heavenly Father.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the grace of an increase in humility  
and the wisdom not to overestimate our own powers.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,  
we may obtain the favors we seek in this novena:

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## **Day Six**

*(Virtues: Faithfulness, Chastity)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a model husband and father.  
He was loving and faithful to both of his wives,  
and an example of virtue for his children.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the grace of a happy home, peace in our families,  
and the strength to persevere in chastity according to our state in life.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,  
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## **Day Seven**

*(Virtues: Christian Fortitude, Patience, Joy)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a model of Christian fortitude.

He suffered bereavement, disgrace, poverty, imprisonment and a violent death;  
yet he bore it all with strength and good cheer .

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the grace to bear all our crosses with Christian fortitude, patience and joy.

We also ask that, through his powerful intercession,  
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## **Day Eight**

*(Virtues: Perseverance, Trust)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was a loyal child of God and a steadfast son of the Church,  
never taking his eyes off the crown for which he strove.

Even in the face of death, he trusted in God to give him the victory, and was  
rewarded with the palm of martyrdom.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the grace of final perseverance and ultimate trust in you  
that we may one day enjoy the Beatific Vision in your glorious company.

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## **Day Nine**

*(Virtues: Faith, Hope, Steadfast Love)*

Lord God,

we honor the memory of our Patron Saint,  
Saint Thomas More.

In his earthly life, he was totally devoted to preparing for the life to come.  
Everything he endured prepared him not only for heavenly glory,  
but for his work as the patron of lawyers, judges and statesmen,  
and as steadfast friend to all who call upon him.

We ask that you grant to us,  
through his prayers and intercession,  
the grace to follow in his footsteps of faith, hope and steadfast love,  
until at last we are safely home in the mansions you have prepared for us in heaven.

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