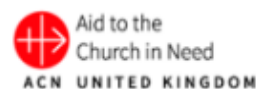




RED WEDNESDAY NOVENA FOR CHILDREN



Notes for Teachers

The novena begins on Friday 12th November 2021 and ends on #RedWednesday 24th November (so it covers nine school days, excluding the weekend). It should take no more than 5 minutes to pray the novena each day. The focus of the novena is the

‘Kingdom of God is for each of us’.

Each of the nine days consists of:

- A short scripture reading
- A short reflection
- A prayer to pray all together

On the final day, you are invited to pray the Our Father
(You could, of course, do this each day, if you would like to.)

Novena Dates 2021:

Day 1 - Fri 12 Nov

Day 2 - Mon 15 Nov

Day 3 - Tue 16 Nov

Day 4 - Wed 17 Nov

Day 5 - Thu 18 Nov

Day 6 - Fri 19 Nov

Day 7 - Mon 22 Nov

Day 8 - Tue 23 Nov

Day 9 - Wed 24 Nov - Red Wednesday

For more information:

#RedWednesday:

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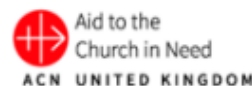
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Thank you so much for joining us to pray this special set of prayers
leading up to **#RedWednesday 2021!**

You might be wondering what a novena is...the word “novena” is actually from the Latin word for nine, or *novem*. Usually a novena consists of nine days of prayer, asking God for a special intention (asking God to help us in a specific way or for a specific thing). There are many different varieties of novena, and people might pray one that already exists, or they might write one of their own for something in particular they’d like to pray for – just like we have!

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FROM THE LATIN
WORD FOR NINE OR
'NOVEM'

Our prayer intention for this **#RedWednesday** Novena is for children and families across the world who are suffering for their faith, and in particular for those people who are experiencing religious persecution because of their belief in Jesus Christ. Sometimes it is difficult to think of what we can do to help when we are far away, but prayer is one of the easiest things we can do to show love and support for boys and girls across the world who are having a difficult time.

This novena starts on Friday, 12th November, which means that the special feast day of Christ the King (Sunday, 21st November) will fall whilst we are praying this set of prayers. For that reason, we have decided to centre our novena on the idea that the Kingdom of God is for each one of us. Jesus tells us in Luke’s Gospel;

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
[Luke 12:32, NRSVCE].

But what does this mean? It means that God gives His kingdom to each of us. No matter who we are, where we live or what our life is like—each of us is equal in the eyes of God, and He loves each of us!

Because we are one family, it means that we have to do what we can to support one another. One of the things we can do to help people who are suffering throughout the world is to pray, just like we are going to do in this Novena!



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***Will you join us in
prayer for nine
days leading up to
#RedWednesday,
and be a
#RedWednesday
champion?***



*Children in the city of Travneve, Ukraine,
pray the Rosary together. ©ACN*

Day One:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:10, NRSVCE]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the people of Syria, especially those who have had to leave their homes behind and those who are suffering enormously because of their Christian faith. We pray, Lord, that you ensure that the people of Syria are able to feel safe, and are able to access help.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Make the sign of the cross.


*Children attending the St. Elie
Kindergarten in Aleppo, Syria.*

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Day Two:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". [Romans 15:13, NRSVCE].*

Reflect: Today we pray for the people of Mozambique. There are some children there who have so sadly been taken from their parents and families – we pray that they can return home safely soon, and please bring hope to their families.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Make the sign of the cross.

*Children at Mass in the Diocese of
Kaduna, Nigeria.
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Day Three:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." [Psalms 91:1-2, NRSVCE]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the people of Nigeria. Many Christians have had their houses and farmland taken from them, and ended up displaced from their homes. We pray that one day they are able to return to their hometowns and villages, and rebuild their lives there.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.


Make the sign of the cross.



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Day Four:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *"Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'" [Deuteronomy 15:11, NRSVCE]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the people of Lebanon. The Christians in this country have opened their hearts to many refugees from Syria, but now they are facing a crisis of their own. Many families don't have enough to eat, and are trying to find food wherever they can. We pray that things may get better for Christians in Lebanon, and we pray for all those who go without food.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Make the sign of the cross.

*Children in the Diocese of
Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, gather together in
front of the statue of Our Lady after Mass.*



Day Five:

**Make the sign of the
cross.**

Read: *"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." [Romans 12:4-5, NRSVCE]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the people of Cuba. Life for Christians in this island nation is quite difficult. There are very few Catholic churches in Cuba, making it hard for people to come together to pray and participate in the Mass. We pray that more people in Cuba discover the love of Christ, and that Church communities there grow deeper in faith and love.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.


Make the sign of the cross.



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*A girl holds lit candles at the start of
a prayer time in Bihar State, India.*

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Day Six:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” [Jeremiah 29:11, NRSVCE]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the people of Iraq. In 2014 life changed drastically for many Christians there. Many people were forced to leave their homes, because they were told they were no longer welcome. People there have faced **many** difficulties. But things there are changing. There is hope for the future of the Christians of Iraq. We pray that the Christian people of Iraq continue to have faith in you, Lord, and we pray for continued kindness and generosity from all those around the world who are helping Iraqi people rebuild their lives.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Make the sign of the cross.

Day Seven:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.” [Isaiah 41:10, NRSVCE]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the Christian people of India. For many years Christians in India have been treated differently and criticized for who they are. The country has been hit very hard by the impact of Covid-19, but the Catholic Church has played a vital role in delivering help, which has helped relationships between Christians and other faith groups. We thank God for something good coming from something so terrible. We pray for all those still suffering from the effects of the pandemic in India.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.


Make the sign of the cross.



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Day Eight:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." [John 3:16, NRSCVE]*

Reflect: In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away. Today we pray for people across the world who have been hurt or killed as a result of war, fighting, persecution or natural disasters. We also remember our loved ones who are no longer here on earth with us. May you grant them eternal peace, Lord.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Make the sign of the cross.

*Children in Brazil, praying the Rosary as part of the
ACN '1 Million children praying the Rosary campaign'*

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Day Nine:

Make the sign of the cross.

Read: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." [2 Corinthians, 3:17]*

Reflect: Today we pray for the work of ACN, and all the people, parishes and schools involved in ACN's mission. Thank you, Jesus, for making sure that their hard work helps to provide safety and freedom for so many Christian people across the world. Thank you, too, for our wonderful school and for listening to our prayers throughout this #RedWednesday Novena.

Pray together: Jesus, help us to build your kingdom. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

***On our final day, let us bring together the special prayers from the last 9 days
of prayer here in school by praying the Our Father together.***

Our Father...

Amen.

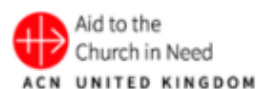
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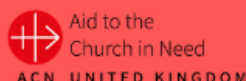
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THANK YOU!



Thank you so much for taking part in our novena to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith around the world. If you share any photos on social media, please tag us in, and use the hashtag #RedWednesday.

Please do join in solidarity on Wednesday November 24th, with all the people around the world who suffer as a result of their Christian faith.

See our website [www.acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/] for more information, and keep an eye on our social media accounts.



Maisy Milk often has lots of Aid to the Church in Need resources to share. Make sure to keep an eye out for her—she has lots to share with children across the UK, about what they can do to help children in other countries around the world.

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