



Bishop Baraga Novena



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Novena for private devotion.

BISHOP FREDERIC BARAGA

BISHOP FREDERIC BARAGA was a great apostle to the Native Americans and other peoples of the Upper Great Lakes. Born in Slovenia in 1797, he came to the USA in 1830 as a missionary priest. For 37 years he poured himself out in love for people, ministering to them over a vast territory of more than 80,000 square miles of wilderness. He regularly risked his life and endured brutal hardships to care for his flock: braving blizzards and sub-zero temperatures in treks on snowshoes that exceeded hundreds of miles, with only the canopy of heaven above him; risking river rapids in a fragile canoe, enduring clouds of mosquitoes through swamps, surviving Great Lake Superior ice drifts and stormy waters. His ardent desire was to make Jesus known to all. His reputation for sanctity spread far and wide, locally and in Europe. He died on January 19, 1868. His remains are interred in his cathedral in Marquette, Michigan. He has been declared Venerable by the Church.

Opening Prayer

To be recited each day.

O God, I adore you with all my heart. I thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Bishop Baraga. In imitation of your Son he poured himself out in your service, bringing your merciful love and saving Gospel to the peoples of the Great Lakes. Through his union with you in powerful intercession, please grant the favor I beseech you, (name intention) so that your glory may be manifested and we shall praise you forever, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FIRST DAY

Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it." John 14:13-14

"Prayer is the principal channel through which the grace of God flows into our hearts." -Bishop Frederic Baraga

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

Jesus, I trust in you. For love of you I forgive everyone who has ever harmed me.

Bishop Baraga, please pray for my intention.

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SECOND DAY

Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.” Matthew 7:7-11

“Truly, God desires much that we be happy, he prizes highly our happiness. He sacrifices his Son to make our souls happy! My children, may you well understand this, so that you too may prize your happiness as

God himself prizes it.” -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Bishop Baraga, please pray for my intention.

Closing prayer ...

THIRD DAY

Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Luke 21:33

“Keep well your religion, my children; strive after eternal happiness in heaven; for the Lord wants you to be happy forever. All that God did in making heaven and earth and

sending his Son on earth, he did all, that thereby his name might be sanctified and men thereby be happy.” -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Closing prayer ...

FOURTH DAY

“Since we have ‘a great priest over the house of God,’ let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that

gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy.” Hebrews 10:21-23

“Jesus said: ‘But one thing is necessary.’ But what is that? It is that we love and serve God well, and so make happy our souls.” -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Bishop Baraga, please pray for my intention.

Closing prayer ...

FIFTH DAY

“A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the tassel on his cloak. She said to herself, ‘If

only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured.’ Jesus turned around and saw her, and said, ‘Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you.’ And from that hour the woman was cured.” Matthew 9:20-22

“Always truly serve God, whilst you are living a short time on earth; act well as the Lord likes; from your whole heart believe all that Jesus taught us when he came to be a short time on earth; do not reject even one single word.” -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Closing prayer ...

SIXTH DAY

“Now as Jesus approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.’ He shouted, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!’ The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, ‘Son of David, have pity on me!’ Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ He replied, ‘Lord, please let me see.’ Jesus told him, ‘Have sight; your faith has saved you.’ He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God.” Luke 18:35-43

“No occupation (work) on earth is so important as that we serve Our Lord God and so go one day to heaven. That is just for what we are on earth.” -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Closing prayer ...

SEVENTH DAY

Jesus said, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’

and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Luke 11:5-8

"Do not be slothful in praying, my children; always pray every day, and at the same time reflect on what you are saying when praying." -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Bishop Baraga, please pray for my intention.

Closing prayer ...

EIGHTH DAY

“Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, ‘Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, ‘Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But the woman came and did him homage, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He said in reply, ‘It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.’ Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for

you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed from that hour.” Matthew 15:21-28

“My children, whom I love, respect God well and always, and glorify him from your whole heart... Make a firm resolution never to forget the presence of God: to look at Him constantly with eyes of faith and to behave in His presence.” -Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Closing prayer ...

NINTH DAY

“As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, ‘Go wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.”

John 9:1-7

“Our Lord God made all things and he owns all things. As he wills, so all things happen.”
-Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Closing prayer ...

Closing Prayer

To be recited each day.

Lord, I thank you for all the graces received through the intercession of Bishop Baraga by this novena. You are the Almighty Lord, who knows all things and who 'does whatever he wills, in heaven, on earth, in the seas' (Ps 135:6). I trust in your care, ever solicitous and full of loving-kindness, and so I commend my petition and myself to you, body, soul, and spirit, without reserve and with boundless confidence, to do with as you will. Amen.



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