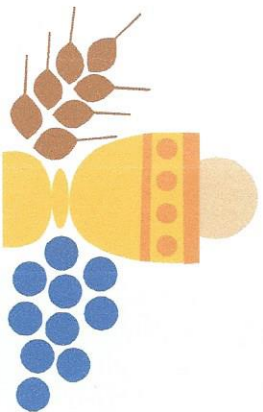


First Communion Novena



Ninth Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, you love (name) very much. You saved (him, her) from sin and death by dying on the cross and rising. Through baptism (he, she) became God's child. In nine days you will come to (name) in communion. Fill (him, her) with thanksgiving for this great gift. Let our prayers help prepare (him, her) to receive you.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

Eighth Day Before

Parents:

Jesus you died for our sins. We remember this in the Eucharist. In eight days (name) will receive the sacred bread and wine of communion. This is your body and blood that you gave for us. Keep (name) free from sin and full of grace.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

Seventh Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, by your death and rising you won everlasting life for us. In seven days (name) will receive you, the risen Lord, in communion. Let (name) always live so that someday (he, she) may be happy with you forever in heaven.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you

Sixth Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, in the Eucharist, you nourish the divine life we received in baptism. In six days, (name) will receive you for the first time in holy communion. Help (him, her) grow in love of you so that (he, she) lives as a true child of God.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

Fifth Day Before:

Parents:

Jesus, in communion you come closer to us than anyone can ever be. As our food and drink you become one with us. In five days, (name) will welcome you in (his, her) heart. May (he, she) come to love you more and more each day.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

Fourth Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, you want all your followers to be united in love. Through the Eucharist you bind us all together in friendship and love. In four days, (name) will be more closely joined to the church through holy communion. Give (him, her) the grace to be an active member of the church.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

Third Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, (name) was initiated into your church at baptism. (He, She) is looking forward to further initiation through the Eucharist. In three days (name) will receive the sacrament of initiation. Make (him, her) a good Catholic Christian, full of faith and love.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

Second Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, in the Eucharist you make us more like you. In two days you will come to (name) in communion. Enable (him, her) to be the person of kindness, compassion, wisdom and courage that you were. Increase (his, her) faith, hope and love.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.

The Day Before

Parents:

Jesus, tomorrow will be a great day of joy. (Name) will receive you in holy communion for the first time. (He, She) will know how much you love us. Bless (name) and make (him, her) a strong, loving Christian. May (name) always long to receive you in the Blessed Sacrament. May (he, she) always appreciate all you have done for us.

Child:

Jesus, help me prepare my heart for you.