

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE IN
AFFLICTION

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, relative of Jesus Christ, glorious martyr, renowned for thy virtues and miracles, faithful and prompt intercessor of all who honour and trust in thee ! Thou art a powerful patron and helper in great afflictions. I come to thee and entreat thee from the depths of my heart ; come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, thou who hast received from God the privilege of assisting with thy manifest help those who almost despair of all hope. Look down upon me ; my life is a life of crosses, my days are days of tribulation, and my heart is filled with bitterness. All my paths are strewn with thorns, and scarcely one moment passes that does not witness my tears and sighs. Withal my soul is enveloped in darkness ; disquietude, discouragement, mistrust, and sometimes even a kind of despair threatens to overwhelm my soul. Divine Providence seems lost to my sight, and Faith seems to falter in my heart. Weighed down by these thoughts, I see myself surrounded by a dark cloud. Thou canst not forsake me in this sad plight. I will not depart from thee until thou hast heard me. Hasten to my aid. I will give thee thanks all my life. I will honour thee as my special patron, I will thank God for the graces He has bestowed upon thee, and will promote thy honour with all my power. Amen.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST. JUDE
THADDEUS

Oh, Glorious Apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, true relative of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I salute thee through the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ! Through this Heart I praise and thank God for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee. Humbly prostrate before thee, I implore thee, through this Heart, to look down upon me with compassion. Despite not my poor prayer ; let not my trust be confounded ! To thee God has granted the privilege of coming to the aid of mankind in the most desperate cases. Oh, come to my aid, that I may praise the mercies of God ! All my life I will be grateful to thee and will be thy faithful client until I can thank thee in Heaven. Amen.

LITANY IN HONOUR OF ST. JUDE
THADDEUS
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Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us !*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us !*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us !*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us !*