

**Jesus is my All in All**  
**A Novena to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Change has never been easy even in the lives of saints. We just happen to be named for a saint “in the making” whose life was a model of the wonderful things that can happen when good people pick up the struggle of change and “run with it” Ponder the words. Say the prayers. Pray for your families and your neighborhood. Pray for our parish in time of change.

**Prayer to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**  
(prayed daily)

**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the heart of Jesus (your request) Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen.**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.**  
**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.**

**Day 1 – Know the Living Jesus.**

“The more we know God, the more we will trust God.”

“We must know God, that God is love, that He loves us, and that He has created us – each one of us -for greater things. He has created us to love and to be loved.”

Thought for the day: Don’t search for Jesus in far lands; He is not there. He is close to you. He is in you.

*Ask for the grace to imitate the knowledge of Jesus. Pray the daily prayer.*

**Day 2 – Jesus Loves You.**

“You are special to God ..He is waiting for your to come to Him in prayer. He wants to honor you by filling you with His Presence.”

“Turn to Jesus with great trust and allow yourself to be loved by Him.”

Thought for the day: Do not be afraid. *Ask for the grace to be convinced of Jesus love for you. Pray the daily prayer.*

**Day 3 – Hear Him Say to You, “I Thirst”**

On the Cross, “It is strange that he used, ‘I thirst’ instead of “give me your love.” “If you listen with your heart you will hear, you will understand ..Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirst for you, you can’t begin to know who Jesus wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him.”

Thought for the day: God needs us because God longs for us – thirst for us. *Ask for the grace to know this thirst. Pray the daily prayer.*

**Day 4 – Our Lady Will Help You**

“If we stand with Our Lady, she will give us her spirit of loving trust, total surrender , and cheerfulness.”

Thought for the day: Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and heard her son say, “I thirst”. *Ask to be more like to be like Mary. Pray the daily prayer.*

### **Day 5 – Trust Jesus Blindly**

“Let us all make one strong resolution that we will be all love to Jesus in the world... that we will be at His disposal to make use of us without consulting us. And I think that is the best way to show our love for Him, to accept Him as He comes. Whatever it be, success, failure, it makes no difference to Him and it should not make a difference to us either.”

Thought: Confidence in God can do all things. *Ask for the grace to trust in all things. Pray the daily prayer.*

### **Day 6 – True Love is Surrender**

“Today I will do whatever Jesus wants.” “I only want to do what God wants. Let us have the courage to do what God wants, even if it is difficult.”

Thought: Allow God to use you without consulting you. *Pray the daily prayer.*

### **Day 7 – God Loves a Cheerful Giver**

“Joy to be fruitful has to be shared.” “Joy shines in the eyes, comes out in the speech and walk... when people see the habitual happiness in your eyes, it will make them realize they are loved children of God.

Thought: We may not be able to give much, but we can give the joy that springs from our hearts in love with God. *Ask for this joy. Pray the daily prayer.*

### **Day 8 – Jesus made himself the Bread of Life and the Hungry One**

“Our life must be woven with the Eucharist. From Jesus in the Eucharist we learn how much God thirst to love us and how he thirst for our love and for the love of souls in return. From Jesus in the Eucharist we receive light and strength to quench His thirst.”

Thought: Believe that Jesus in the Bread and that He is in the hungry, naked, sick, lonely, unloved, homeless, helpless and homeless. *Ask for the grace to see him in ‘the distressing guise of the poor.’ Pray the daily prayer.*

### **Day 9 – Holiness in Jesus is Jesus Living and Acting in Me**

“We must become holy not because we want to feel holy, but because Christ must be able to live His life fully in us.” “Sanctity is the acceptance of the will of God with a big smile.” “Holiness is not in the feelings or in the imagination it is reality. Works of love are works of holiness.”

Thought: Works of charity are the surest ways to holiness. *Ask for the grace to be a saint. Pray the daily prayer.*

**CONCLUSION:** Dear Jesus; Shine through me and so be in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up, and see no longer me, but only Jesus! Stay with me and I will begin to shine as you shine, so to be light for others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; None of it will be mine. Let me praise you in the way you love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but by example, by catching the force, the sympathetic flow of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears for you. Amen.

