

NOVENA OF REPARATION

NOVEMBER 10TH to 18TH

Reparation is a spiritual action taken to amend or repair damage caused by an offense. We see this in the Sacrament of Penance whose three actions are repentance, confession, and penance or reparation. Here are some ways to observe the Novena of Reparation:

- ◆ Offer daily prayer for victims of abuse.
- ◆ Offer prayers for the Church and ministers.
- ◆ Fast (two smaller meals and one regular meal).
- ◆ Pray daily “A Prayer for Our Church” (see reverse side).
- ◆ Acts of penance, mercy and service.
- ◆ Participate in daily Mass.
- ◆ Pray the Rosary individually or as a group.

For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/reponse-to-sex-abuse-scandal.





Prayer for Healing: Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just;
you gave your only Son
to save us by his Blood on the Cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse might find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father,

In every age, you have been our refuge. Yet again and still, we stand before you asking for your protection on your holy Church.

For the victims of abuse and their families, pour out your healing and your peace.

For the Bishops of this country, continue to inspire their decisions, and guide them with your spirit.

For the thousands of good and faithful priests, who have followed your call to serve you and your people in holiness, sustain them by your grace.

For the faithful who are angry, confused, and searching for answers, embrace them with your love, restore their trust, console them with your clear Gospel message, and renew them with your sacraments.

We place our Church in your hands, for without you we can do nothing. May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass, continue to lead her in every thought and action – to be an instrument of justice, a source of consolation, a sacrament of unity, and a manifestation of your faithful covenant,

Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.





ORACION POR LA IGLESIA

Padre Celestial,

Tú has sido nuestro refugio en cada etapa de la vida. Una vez más y como siempre, nos ponemos frente a ti pidiendo tu protección para tu Santa Iglesia.

Te pedimos por las víctimas de abuso y por sus familias, derrama tu sanación y tu paz sobre ellos.

Por los Obispos de este país, para que continúes inspirando sus decisiones, y guiándolos con tu Santo Espíritu.

Por los miles de sacerdotes fieles y buenos que han seguido tu llamado a servirte a ti y a tus fieles en santidad, sostenlos con tu gracia.

Por los fieles que están furiosos, confundidos, y en busca de respuestas, abrázalos con tu amor, restaura su confianza, consuélalos con tu mensaje claro del Evangelio, y renuévalos con tus sacramentos.

Ponemos nuestra Iglesia en tus manos, porque sin ti no hay nada que podamos hacer. Que Jesús, nuestro Sumo Sacerdote y verdadero compás, continúe guiándola en cada pensamiento y acción – a ser una fuente de consuelo, un sacramento de unidad, y una manifestación de tu fiel alianza.

Te pedimos nos concedas todo esto a través del mismo Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amen.