

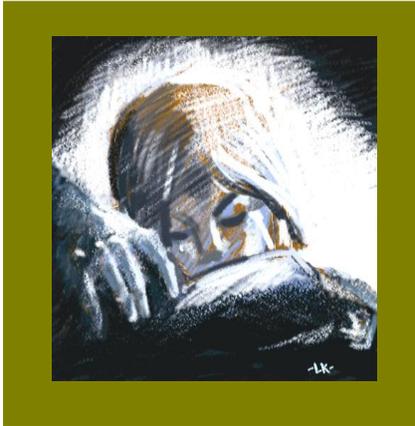
Christmas Novena to the Holy Innocents

Dec.20-28th

For the protection of the innocence of children

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Novena was written as a heartfelt response to the increased exploitation of the innocence and vulnerability of children in North America and around the world. In North America the production and demand of child pornography is on the increase and has become a huge lucrative industry. For a good person, the thought of children as young as newborn, photographed while being sexually abused is difficult to fathom. However, these are real children in desperate situations of helplessness and their only hope is the concern and vigilance of good people. The question remains, "What can I do"? The first and foremost order of defence for these children is prayer. The second order of defence is your vigilance, voice and...



action to aid in the protection of those precious little ones in our midst. Believe that the Lord implores intercessory prayer and action for the protection of the innocence of children in our own country and in remote lands. It is indeed our Christian duty. These are truly effective acts of mercy when we respond with love to a call for prayer and action. Please offer this Novena to the Holy Innocents who were slaughtered en masse by the order of King Herod in his attempt to kill the Messiah. (Matthew 2:16-18) This petition to the Father, through the merits of these little martyrs, combined with your sacrifices and Christian action where possible, will be of great help to children who are being so hideously exploited. Please pray it with great faith and hope in God's redeeming grace.

O Holy Innocents

in the name of Jesus, for whom your blood was shed,
pray for exploited and abused children.

O Holy Innocents

who, for the sake of the Christ Child your sacrifice was offered,
intercede for the captive and suffering children.

O Holy Innocents

whose blood was sanctified by the precious blood of the Savior,
preserve the purity and innocence of children and be their help and comfort.

Heavenly Father, I ask that you look with great mercy upon the peril of innocent children being violated in the world and deliver them from every evil. I beg your mercy through the sacrifice of the Holy Innocents and through the sacrificial love of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Our Father, Three Hail Mary's, Glory Be)

This Novena is to be prayed for nine consecutive days from Dec. 20th to 28th, Feast of the Holy Innocents. (or at anytime)

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May God's blessing be upon you for your prayerful appeal on behalf of suffering children all over the world.