

## FIRST DAY

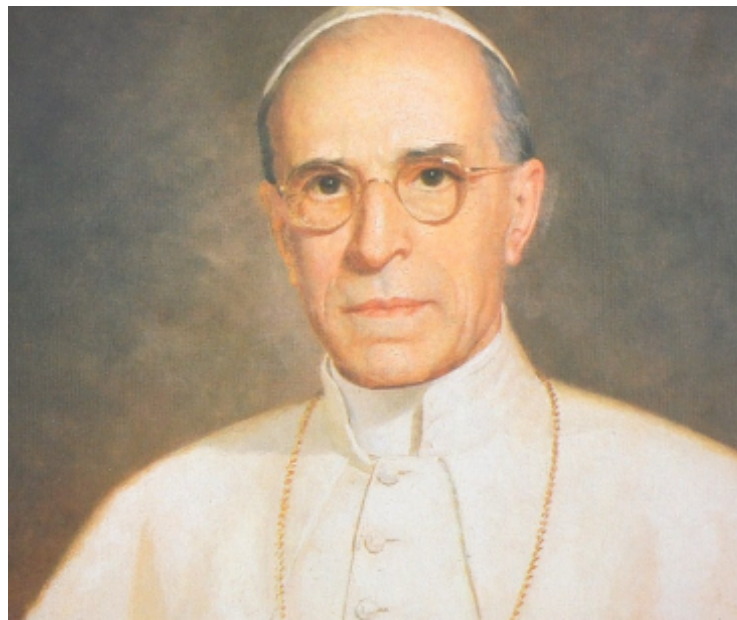
Your fidelity will be your gold, or rather a treasure preferable to all the gold in the world. Gold for its beauty, for its splendor, for its durability, it is the most precious of metals; its value serves as a basis for measuring and other riches. As such, marital fidelity is the basis and measure of all happiness in the home. Gold, to preserve its beauty and splendor, must be pure. In the same way, fidelity between spouses must be intact and untarnished; if this begins to deteriorate, its confidence, peace, happiness all end.

*...conclude every day with the prayer to Pope Pius XII*

## SECOND DAY

Mary has many titles to be regarded as the patron of Christian families, and there are as many reasons to hope in her particular assistance. Mary knew family joys and sufferings, happy and sad events; the fatigue of daily work, the hardships and pains of poverty, the tragedy of separations. Therefore, Mary most holy will have pity through her merciful heart on your family's needs and will be the cause of comfort to those families who feel need of it.

*...prayer to Pope Pius XII...*



## NOVENA FOR NEWLYWEDS

to be recited especially  
in times of crisis and difficulty

Dear newlyweds! If God is – as He must be – the bond of your love, He, in turn, will seal it so firmly that nothing in the world will have the strength to slow it down or weaken it.

*Pius pp. XII*

## THIRD DAY

The *yes*, erupting from your lip for the impulse of your will, the marriage bond, knotted around you, which forever binds together your will: Its effect is irrevocable: the sound, a sensible expression of your

consent, passes; but the consent itself is formally fixed, it does not pass, it is perpetual. Jesus and Mary, with their presence, sanctified the nuptials of Cana: there the Divine Son of the Virgin made the first miracle, so as to prove that his mission in the world began from the sanctification of the conjugal union.

## FOURTH DAY

At Cana began the elevation of marriage, which was to stand in the supernatural world of signs, that produces the sanctifying grace, a symbol of the union of Christ with the Church; indissoluble and inseparable, nourished by absolute and endless love, flowing from the Heart of Christ. How could conjugal love be said to be a symbol of such union, when it was deliberately limited, conditioned, soluble, when it was a flame of love only in time?

## FIFTH DAY

A bond can sometimes be a burden, a form of slavery, like chains holding a prisoner. But it can also be a powerful aid and a safe guarantee, like the rope that binds the mountaineer to his fellow alpinists, or like the ligaments that connect parts of the human body making it agile and sturdy in its movements. This is clearly the case in the unbreakable bond of marriage. In the midst of difficulties, it counters the cupidities that life may sow beneath your feet, the two souls of yours

so inseparably joined you will not find alone or disarmed.

### SIXTH DAY

Who, then, has produced in that love, in that holy union of souls, an invisible and often fatal wound? You do not need to look far. Look near; look in our hearts. There is the enemy; there is the culprit. It is just that love, love of oneself, which is born with man, lives with him and is soon to die with him. We expose it for you, dear newly-weds, as the greatest enemy of your marriage, as the poison of your sacred love. Against this self-love is your victory, beloved sons and daughters, found in sacrifice.

### SEVENTH DAY

Interrogate your heart. If you recall to mind the moment, when in your affection, you heard to fully respond to the love of another. Does it not seem, as if from that moment, it was for you to go forward from hour to hour with steps of anxious hope and fearful expectation to pronounce this response together before the altar? Perhaps now your dream has vanished? No! It was made a reality. Who, in reality, transformed it into union before the altar? Love, which did not disappear but remained, was rendered stronger, firmer, and in its steadfastness made you exclaim: This love must remain unchanged, intact, inviolate, forever!

### EIGHTH DAY

If the conjugal affection knows the dawn and sunrises, it does not have knowledge of sunsets or seasons, nor cloudy and sad days, because love wants to be always young and unwavering in the blowing winds. The pure and true conjugal love is a clear stream that flows through the impetus of nature from the unbreakable cliff of fidelity, it runs quiet among the flowers and thorns of life, until it loses its way in the urn of the grave.

### NINTH DAY

True and profound love should be and show itself stronger than fatigue and boredom, stronger than the daily events and adversities, stronger than the changes of time and of the seasons, stronger than the varying personal moods and the supervening of unforeseen misfortunes. It comes together to know how to draw from the source of reciprocal love, the smile, the thanks, to appreciate the affections and courtesies, giving joy to those who render you suffering.

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### PRAYER TO PIUS XII

*to be recited each day of the Novena after  
the meditation on the Pope's thoughts*

O LORD, JESUS CHRIST,  
WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE CHURCH,  
**POPE PIUS XII**, THE ANGELIC PASTOR  
AND FAITHFUL TEACHER OF YOUR TRUTHS.  
HE HAS FULFILLED THE HIGHEST  
APOSTOLIC MINISTRY AND GUIDED YOUR  
CHURCH THROUGH AN AGITATED  
SEA OF TOTALITARIAN IDEOLOGY;  
HE HAS OPENED THE ARMS OF PETER  
TO ALL VICTIMS OF THE INHUMAN  
TRAGEDY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR  
WITHOUT DISTINCTION,  
ADVISING THAT NOTHING IS LOST WITH PEACE,  
THE WORK OF JUSTICE;  
WITH HUMILITY AND PRUDENCE  
HE GAVE SPLENDOR TO THE SACRED  
LITURGY AND MANIFESTED  
THE GLORY OF THE MOST BLESSED MOTHER  
PROCLAIMING HER ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN.  
O LORD, THROUGH HIS EXAMPLE,  
MAY WE LEARN TO DEFEND THE TRUTH,  
TO OBEY WITH JOY THE CATHOLIC MAGISTERIUM  
AND TO EXPAND  
THE EXTENT OF OUR CHARITY.  
WE BEG YOU, IF IT WOULD BE FOR YOUR  
GREATER GLORY AND FOR THE  
GOOD OF OUR SOULS, TO GLORIFY YOUR  
SERVANT, **POPE PIUS XII**,  
BY GRANTING US THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION  
THE GRACE WE ASK OF YOU.  
AMEN.