



*Cum essem parvula
placui Altissimo*

[Og. B. V. M.]

NOVENA OF VIOLETS

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[Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary]

* In my lowliness, I have pleased the Most High

Nihil obstat

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1st Jour

First Day - Faith



Why should [God] not be everything to the soul that has found Him and has tested His sweetness, since He is the Sovereign Good?

[Letter to Mother de Laroche­négly, March 2, 1866]

The nearer one draws to God and the more one desires to draw near to Him, the more one is united to Him and desirous of being so, because one understands ever more fully that God is the centre of our hearts and that He alone can fill it and make it happy.

[Letter to Mother de Laroche­négly, August 7, 1867]

God always gives more than we ask for.

(Saint Thérèse Couderc)

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Pater - Ave - Gloria

7ème Jour

Second Day - *Surrender to the Divine Will*



I abandon myself generously to His will and good pleasure, and when I have sincerely made this act of abandonment, I am tranquil and experience great peace.

[Letter to Mother de Laroche n gely, Nov. 25, 1875]

[I tell God] that He may do with me all that He wills in time and in eternity.

[Letter to Mother de Laroche n gely, Oct. 19, 1873]

All places are equally pleasing to me, because I hope everywhere to find Him Who is the only object of my desires.

[Letter to Mother de Laroche n gely, June 5, 1865]

Holiness is found in these two words: to do the will of God, nothing else.

(sainte Th r se Couderc)

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Pater - Ave - Gloria

Zeus Jour

Third Day - Humility



I should like to forget entirely [this self of mine], were it possible. I should also like it to be forgotten by all, for it deserves only to be forgotten and despised.

[Letter to Mother de Larocheégly, April 23, 1866]

I ask God that we never do anything out of ostentation, but that we do good in the shadows and always look at ourselves as the smallest in the Church of God .

(sainte Thérèse Couderc)

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Pater - Ave - Gloria -

4^{ème} Jour

Fourth Day - Zeal for the Glory of God



I have but one desire – that God may be glorified [...]. I feel only one pain – to see that He is unacknowledged and outraged; only one fear, that of offending Him and displeasing Him by some infidelity.

[Letter to Mother de Larochenégly, August 7, 1867]

It would be a very great suffering for me, if I no longer found myself drawn to Him and did not experience that great hunger for God and for all that concerns His service and His glory.

[Letter to Mother de Larochenégly, Sept. 7, 1865]

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Pater - Ave - Gloria

5^e Jour

Fifth Day - Zeal for the Salvation of Souls



May the kingdom of God come, may it be glorified by all his plans which he will be pleased to accomplish, may the will of God be done in all souls, and by all souls.

[words reported by Mother de Vibraye to Mother d'Esparbès]

Let us try to profit by these little sacrifices which present themselves daily to increase our merit and prove to our Lord our good will and especially our love.

[Letter to Sr Marguerite Hériquer, April 21, 1867]

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Sixième Jour

Sixth Day - Docility to Grace



Let us ardently desire the Holy Spirit; where the Spirit of God reigns, holiness reigns also.

[Letter to Mother Chartier, Mai 21, 1863]

When the Spirit of God deigns to speak, all creatures should keep silence; they should not interfere with His wholly Divine Action.

[Letter to Mother Bertier, January 24, 1874]

His divine Wisdom rules everything, orders everything; this must be enough for us to commit ourselves to blessing Him for everything.

[Letter to Mother Davin, Feb. 13, 1870]

(sainte Thérèse Couderc)

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Pater - Ave - Gloria

Même Jour

Seventh Day- *Spirit of Sacrifice*



God be praised! This saying should ever be upon our lips when He afflicts us as well as when He consoles us.

[Letter to Mother de Larochenégly, Dec. 11, 1860]

Let us embrace the cross exactly as it is. [...] It sanctifies all that it touches, since it has itself been sanctified by Him Who is the Source of all sanctity; let us love it then, if possible, for the more we love it, the more profitable it will be to us.

[Letter to Mother Adam,

May 29, 1862]

(sainte Thérèse Couderc)

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Pater - Ave - Gloria

8th Day - Love of the Cross

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*Only through [the Cross] may we reach
Divine Union*

[Letter to Mother Dambuent, August 3, 1868]

*May the Cross of our Lord be always with
you, to be your support and your
strength.* [Note to Madame de Pouchelon]

*[S/he] who knows how to suffer knows
how to love.*

*The good Master's Cross is so large that it reaches [...] all countries and
all situations, but [...] everywhere we find the grace to bear it and make
a holy use of it.* [Letter to her nephew Abbé Rouvier, June 1st, 1874]

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of the Cross.*

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Ninth Day- Divine Love



Happiness is only found in [God]. In face of this, all things pass away and are as nothing. He alone is all and is greater than all things.

[Letter to Mother de Larocheégly, Oct. 5, 1864]

Oh, how good God is, to give us even upon this poor earth by such sweet communications a foretaste of the bliss He has reserved for His elect! When one has once tasted these joys, one has no trouble in despising all those which do not proceed from Him, and one is no longer tempted to seek them.

[Letter to Mother de Larocheégly, Jan. 22, 1863]

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Pater - Ave - Gloria —

Thérèse Couderc



On the occasion of the Jubilee of the canonization of Saint Thérèse Couderc, let us ask through her intercession to obtain the gifts from which her soul has been favored.

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